

THIS YEAR'S Beach Sweep will be held Saturday, Sept. 15 at several Cameron Parish beaches. To learn where your help would be appreciated, contact Nathan Griffith at 569-2484. Some of the volunteers from last year's Beach Sweep are shown above.

Beach Sweep to be held Sept. 15th

By CYNDI SELLERS

The annual September Beach Sweep has been set for Saturday, Sept. 15, according to Nathan Griffith, local coordinator. Groups and individuals interested in participating may contact him at 569-2484 for information on which beaches are to be cleaned and where to get bags and data sheets.

Griffith expects more people to show up this year than last year; "upwards of three to four hundred," he said. He is waiting on commitments from some agencies to decide exactly where all volunteers will be

placed. Future news articles will contain that information.

The Beach Sweep is part of an international effort. The third Saturday in September has been set aside for cleanup and documentation of debris on coastal beaches and waterways around the world.

Louisiana is looking for a new statewide sponsor since the La. Department of Environmental Quality was forced to give up that role due to budget constraints, Griffith said. However, he contacted the Ocean Conservation group directly to get bags and data sheets for this year's effort.

8 persons arrested on drug charges

Months of planning resulted in a major drug bust Monday night in Cameron Parish, and Sheriff Theos Duhon says there is "more to come." Deputies had nineteen warrants for drug distribution in hand when the operation began at 4:30 p.m. By 10 p.m. eight suspects were in custody, including one who was not on the list.

Many of the suspects were no longer living at the addresses on the warrants, having moved out of the parish, but the information is now available to all law enforcement authorities. Four of the suspects are from outside Cameron Parish.

Duhon said the investigations leading up to Monday's raid actually began before Hurricane Rita. After the storm, they were put on hold while the parish got reorganized, and then the crime lab had an eight month backlog.

Investigators have been working for the past 6 to 8 months on these warrants, he said, and while most were located on the east side of the parish this time, investigations are on-going in all parts of the parish. Duhon assures the parish that there are more arrests to come.

All nineteen warrants were for distribution of controlled dangerous substances, mostly prescription drugs which Duhon said are becoming the most prevalent problem in the area.

Arrested Monday evening were:

Allen P. Conner, 430 N. Smokey Cove Rd., Singer, - Dist. of CDS Schedule II and III;

Kent A. Duhon, Bobbie's Ln., Cameron - Dist. of CDS Sch. III (2 counts) and (new charge) Possession of CDS Sch. III;

Jeremy Melancon, Cameron - Dist. of CDS Sch. III and IV;

Dennis James Trahan, Cameron; Dist. of CDS Sch. IV;

June Trahan, Eva Ln., Big Lake - Dist of CDS Sch. III (2 counts);

Darren J Haviland, Long Acre TP, Grand Lake - Dist of CDS Sch. I and III;

Lillie D. Andrews, PO Box 49, Cameron - Dist. of CDS Sch II.

Joseph Strickland, of Cameron, was present at one of the arrests and was charged with possession of CDS.



MACY ROSE Willis-Trahan, the three-year-old daughter of Brian Trahan and Dayna Willis of Cameron, recently won the title of "Toddler Miss Tadpole" at the Rayne Frog Festival. She is the granddaughter of David Willis of Sweetlake, D.G. Phillips of Seattle, Wash., and Poochie and Nedra Trahan of Cameron.

Support the Tarpons!



Penelope Richard

Richard's office back in Cameron

Penelope Richard, Cameron attorney, has announced that she is returning her office to Cameron effective Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Her Cameron office will be in the basement of the courthouse in the office formerly occupied by the Registrar of Voters. The Courthouse office is being furnished to her as she had been the parish's Public Defender since 1999.

Mrs. Richard graduated first in her class (magna cum laude) from Southern University Law Center in May of 1998. She clerked for one year under Judge H. Ward Fontenot for the 38th Judicial District Court and established her law office in Cameron on July, 1, 1999. After Hurricane Rita, she temporarily relocated her office to the Grand Lake community. "I am very excited to return to Cameron and to be involved in the recovery of the Parish," she stated.

She is active in the Cameron Lion's Club and currently serves on the board of directors for the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival. She has been married to Darren for 20 years and they have two children, Devon and Braydon. Their home is located in Creole.

Her mailing address will remain Post Office Box 579, Cameron, La. 70631. Her telephone number will be 775-8136.

J. B. Library

Any adults interested in crochet classes, please contact the Johnson Bayou Library at 569-2892 or come by the library to sign up.

Also any children and teens interested in the "Create a Book" program should contact the Johnson Bayou Library. The deadline to sign up for both programs is Sept. 7.



STORMS AND CURRENTS have taken away the cattle guard on the west end of Rutherford Beach, making the road a dead end. This photo was taken Saturday after Hurricane Dean's high tides and heavy surf. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Ground breaking set Friday

Ground breaking for the new K-12 South Cameron High School will be held at 5:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 31 in the front of the school gym followed by the ribbon cutting for Tarpon Stadium at 6 p.m.

There will be a pep rally beginning at 6:15 p.m. with the South Cameron-DeQuincy football game starting at 7 p.m.

This will be the Tarpons' first home game since Hurricane Rita in September, 2005.



Marsha Trahan

Trahan seeks school board position

Marsha Trahan of Johnson Bayou has announced her candidacy for Cameron Parish School Board District 1 seat.

Mrs. Trahan served as Ward 5 Justice of the Peace for 11 years until her resignation to run for School Board.

Originally from Orange Tex., she made Cameron Parish her home when she married her husband of 29 years, Ricky Trahan. They have two daughters, Melissa Dearbonne of Johnson Bayou; and Gaylin, a freshman at Johnson Bayou High School. They also have two grandchildren, Brady and Braleigh Dearbonne, both students at Johnson Bayou High School.

Mrs. Trahan has been involved in many aspects of the school system for 20 years, including substitute teacher, co-organizing and working the annual Fall Festivals, coordinator for the Lil Mr. and Miss JBHS contest, directing the high school play, and cheerleader coach.

As a parent representative of Johnson Bayou, she attended a 2-day Pupil Progression workshop along with members of Cameron Parish Faculty. She is also an active member of the PTO and the Athletic Association.

After Hurricane Rita, she and daughter Gaylin, along with several other residents worked to recover and store, storm damaged trophies and lab equipment from Johnson Bayou High School.

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Jenkins new 4-H agent in Acadia

(Rayne Independent)

Lou Ann Jenkins is the new LSU AgCenter 4-H agent in Acadia Parish. She will work with 4-H agent Sheena Grote.

Originally from Covington, she graduated from the University of Louisiana in Lafayette in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in animal science, and she is continuing her education by pursuing a master's degree from LSU in extension education.

She previously worked as 4-H agent in Cameron Parish.

Festival was big success this year

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Third Annual Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival, held Aug. 3 and 4 in Grand Chenier, was a huge success according to Carl Broussard of the Cameron Lions Club. "The Festival continues to grow, with more fishermen, pageant contestants, and attendees than last year," Broussard said.

This year there were 230 fishermen registered, up 15 from last year. There were 27 more pageant contestants and 300 more attendees at the gate.

The increase in revenue will allow the Lions Club to help local youth organizations, contribute to the Lions Eyeglass Foundation and Crippled Children's Camp, and increase the scholarship fund.

State Fair deadline is Sept. 7th

All livestock exhibitors planning on showing at the 2007 Louisiana State Fair Livestock Show need to send their entry forms to Shreveport by the deadline of Sept. 7.

These forms need to be signed by the 4-H Office before mailing. The forms are available at the office in Grand Lake or the State Fair webpage www.state-fairoflouisiana.com.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact LSU AgCenter office at 905-1318.

Board to meet

The Cameron Council on Aging Board of Directors will meet on Sept. 24 at 12 p.m. for their regular meeting. All board members are invited and urged to attend and the general public is welcome.

Offices closed

The Cameron Council on Aging and Community Action Agency offices will be closed for the Labor Day holiday, Sept. 3.



Dan "Blade" Morrish

Morrish is candidate for Senate

Dan W. "Blade" Morrish of Jennings has announced that he is a candidate for the District 25 Senate seat in the Oct. 20 election. The seat is presently held by Senator Jerry Theunissen of Jennings who cannot seek re-election due to term limits.

Representative "Blade" Morrish is serving his final term in the House of Representatives. The Jennings Republican was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996 and re-elected without opposition in 2000 and 2004.

Representative Morrish is a graduate of Jennings High School and McNeese State University, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture.

His work experience has included marine underwriting with The Insurance Company of North America, sales and operations management with Browning-Ferris Industries, sales manager for 3 Star Sand, Blast and Paint, and owner-operator of Capitol City Hardware and Implement Company of Jennings for 25 years.

He is currently employed by the Lake Charles Pilots as

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Commissioners instructions are scheduled

According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, there will be a course of instructions for anyone wishing to become certified as an election commissioner to work during Cameron Parish Elections. These courses are also for all Commissioners-in-Charge, Commissioners, and Alternate Commissioners who have previously been certified. These courses will be as follows.

Monday, Sept. 10, Hackberry Multipurpose Bldg. 6:30 p.m., Hackberry.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, Klondike Community Center, 6:30 p.m., Klondike.

Wednesday, Sept. 12, Cameron Courthouse Courtroom, 6:30 p.m., Cameron.



SOUTH CAMERON High School Architect Steve Shows, third from left, responds to questions from bidders interested in the South Cameron High School Athletic Field construction project. The pre-bid walkthrough was held Monday, Aug. 24, with representatives from seven primary contractors and four secondary contractors participating. The project includes a permanent press box, concession stand, and restrooms. Temporary arrangements for those buildings have been made for this Friday, Aug. 31, when football returns to Tarpon Stadium for the first time since Hurricane Rita roared across the field. (Photo by Tracy Lannin.)

Funerals



CYRIL ANTHONY PORCHE

Cyril Anthony Porche was born on June 17, 1930 in Morganza. He died Aug. 22, 2007 in Many, from an extended illness.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 37 years, Nealie Mae Sedlock Porche and his second wife of 16 years, Louise Moses.

He is survived by two sons, Tony Porche III and wife, Patsy of Cameron and Alan Porche and wife, Lisa of Baton Rouge; four daughters, Mary Ellen Porche of Cameron, Sybil Higgenbotham and husband, Shane of Houma, Gaylyn Whittle and husband, Donald of Toledo Bend, and Marilyn Voorhies and husband, Mike of Cameron; two brothers, Walter Porche and wife, Patsy of Morganza, and Larry Porche and wife, Linda of Picayune, Miss.; three sisters, Shirley Reggio of Covington, Joy Zullo and husband, Mike of Alhambra, Calif. and Genevieve Ribsamenand husband, Al of Utah; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grand-

children.

Mr. Porche moved to Cameron in the early '50s and was employed by Superior Oil Co.

He is a Korean War Veteran. Cyril became a shrimper in the mid '60s and shrimped until 1991. He moved away to Monroe, for 16 years but kept coming home to shrimp with friends and family.

In 2005 after Hurricane Rita destroyed Cameron, he moved back home to help rebuild his son, Tony Porche's home.

Funeral was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, in Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Burial was in Our Lady Star of the Sea Cemetery. The Rev. Joseph McGrath officiated.

(Paid Memorial)

RICKY LAYNE BEARD SR.

Ricky Layne Beard, 50, died in a Lake Charles hospital, Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007.

Ricky was raised in Grand Lake and graduated from Grand Lake High School in 1976. He served in the Air Force for eight years.

He is survived by his wife, Becky; son, Ricky Layne Beard, Jr. of Houston and daughter, Lori Lynn Beard of Lake Charles; four stepchildren, Brandy Calloura, Lindsey Benglis, Garrett Benglis and Brennan Benglis, all of Lake Charles; his mother, Bonnie G. Beard of Grand Lake; sister, Vicky Langley of Gilliam; brother, David A. Beard of Grand Lake; and six step grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ray Allen Beard

B. Turnbull book orders being taken

Orders for the new Bill Turnbull book "A Place Called Home," are coming in well, according to Janie Turnbull, his widow, whose is publishing the book containing many color photos that Turnbull took over the years in Cameron Parish.

The book, which will be published in the near future, contains pre-Rita scenes of Cameron Parish beaches, marshes, birds, alligators and attractions such as the Sabine Pass Lighthouse.

Instructions on how to order the Turnbull book can be found in the advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot. The books can be mailed or arrangements can be made to pick them up at the Cameron Parish Library. A book signing will be held at a later date.



and sister, Cynthia Marie Beard.

His funeral was held Wednesday, Aug. 29, at Christ the King Catholic Church of Lake Charles. The Rev. Wayne LeBleu officiated. Burial was in Sallier Cemetery.

LORI NELL MARCOTTE

Lori Nell Marcotte, 45, of Ragley, died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007 in her residence.

Mrs. Marcotte was a native of New Orleans and had been a resident of the Topsy-Ragley area for five years. She attended Barbe High School. She was a member of Topsy Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Michael A. Marcotte of Ragley; two daughters, Tamara Maria marcotte of Ragley and Stacy LaVeine of Independence; one son, Greg Allen Trahan of Lake Charles; her mother Maria Trahan of Grand Lake; a sister, Kathy LeBlanc of Lake Charles; a brother, Albert Trahan of Sulphur; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bobby Trahan Sr. and a brother, Bobby Trahan, Jr.

Her funeral will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 29, at Topsy Baptist Church. The Rev. Lloyd Carroll and her father-in-law, the Rev. Raymond Marcotte, will officiate. Burial will be in Bird Nest Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Voting info

If you are registered in Cameron Parish and have been displaced as a result of Hurricane Rita, you are still eligible to vote in your home parish, (if you have not registered in another parish or state.

There are three ways:
1. Absentee by mail ballot request.

2. Early voting (which will be done the week before the election.)

3. In person at the polling place on day of election.

For more information on how to check your current registration status, and find out what is needed for a ballot request, please contact the Registrar's Office at 775-5943.

Election day is Oct. 20. It is very important that those who choose to vote by mail must send a written request for a ballot. This must be done in advance for time reasons and must be done starting now. Request will be stopped four days before the elections (requirements of state law.)

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



GERALD TOUCHET, left, was selected as Knight of the Month for July by F. J. Pavell Knights of Columbus Council 8323 of Johnson Bayou - Holly Beach. **Lance Romero**, right, and wife **Amy** were selected as Family of the Month.



RICKY ROMERO, left, was selected as Knight of the Month for August by F. J. Pavell Knights of Columbus Council 8323 of Johnson Bayou - Holly Beach. **Edmond Trahan**, right, and wife **Alberta** were selected as Family of the Month.

TRAHAN

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She has been active in the community with various activities and events, including community organizer for the Creole Nature Trail, All-American Road Tour and Dedication in 2002. She is also past Cameron Parish Library Board Member.

She is a member of Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, served as Catechism Teacher and past Regent of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. She currently serves as Lay Advocate for St. Peter and Lady of Assumption Churches.

Please call her at 764-1054 or email at mar_tra@yahoo.com.

MORRISH

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Morrish is married to the former Kathy Vidrine of Lake Charles. The Morrishes are the parents of two children, Erin Morrish Boudreaux and Chris Morrish, and have three grandchildren. They are members of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, where he served three terms on the parish council and is actively involved with Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House, having served on the lay advisory board and as a retreat captain.

He is a member of the Rotary Club, a member, past board member and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, a past board member and past president of the Merchants Credits Bureau and hold membership in various trade organizations.

As a state legislator, Representative Morrish sits on the Agriculture Committee, the Insurance Committee and the prestigious Appropriations Committee. He currently serves as Chairman of the House and Senate Task Force on the Working Un-Insured, is a member of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, the Legislative Rural Caucus and the Acadiana Delegation.

District 25 includes all of Jefferson Davis and Cameron Parishes, parts of Acadia Parish and the southeast part of Calcasieu Parish.

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1 jar (6.5 ounces) marinated artichokes, drained slightly
1/2 cup grated Romano or Parmesan cheese
4-5 tablespoons mayonnaise
16 1/3-inch-thick French bread baguette rounds
Place artichokes and cheese in bowl. Mix in mayonnaise to form thick spread. Top bread rounds with spread and arrange on baking sheet. Broil until spread is heated through and brown.

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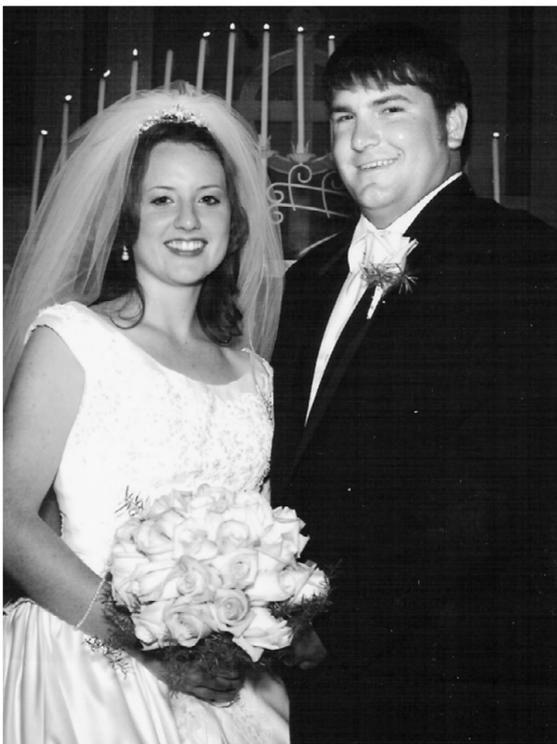


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MR. AND MRS. John Allen Conner of Creole announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sabrina Gail Conner, to Victor Sibille, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Sibille, IV of Holmwood. The wedding is set for Saturday, Sept. 22 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Bell City at 2 p.m. A reception will follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hwy. 90 in Iowa. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Griffith



MR. AND MRS. Robert (Barbara) Portie of Creole announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Mary Jo Ann, to Gregory Paul Broussard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony (Rhonda) Broussard of Elton. The wedding is set for Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Creole Fire Station at 6 p.m. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Propeller Club to meet

The Propeller Club Ports of SW La. will have its regular meeting Tuesday, Sept. 11 p.m. at Pujos St Cafe. Cameron LNG terminal Manager Randy Oakley will give an update on the construction in Hackberry.

Anyone interested in the local maritime community is welcome to attend the \$15 dutch treat lunch by calling 436-1315 or RSVP by 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10.

Propeller Club members can pay at the door or be billed. Cameron LNG has been under construction since Summer 2005 and is owned by Semptra LNG of California.

Griffith - Pitre vows told

Jennifer Ann Pitre and Matthew James Griffith were married June 30, at 5 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in DeRidder. The Rev. Durhl R. Davis officiated the double candlelight ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Craig and Janet Pitre of Merryville and Hallie and Lisa Griffith of Grand Lake.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown by Mon Cheri, featuring a Sabrina neckline embellished with pearls and crystals with a royal length train adorned with roses, lace and pearls. Her elbow length veil was held in place with a pearl and crystal tiara. She carried a bouquet of fresh Anna's roses.

Crystal Hammerschmidt served as the matron of honor and Mary Catherine Pitre served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Mallory Mitchell, Stephanie Clark, Janet Lofton and Brett Wicke.

The flower girls were Natalie Roppolo, Rain Cervera, and Paris Newman.

Ring Bearers were John

Roppolo, Mason Huckabee, and Trey Breaux.

Bestman was Brett Griffith and groomsmen included Barry Reed, Wesley Mitchell, Michael Hollier, Ricky Truax and Marcus Lebeouf.

Ushers were Casey Fruge and James Michiels.

A reception followed in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The bride is a graduate of Merryville High School and McNeese State University. The groom graduated from Grand Lake High School. The bride is employed by McNeese State University and the groom is employed by Grasso Production.

After a wedding trip to Progresso and Cozumel, Mexico, the couple is making their home in Sulphur.

The bride's grandparents are Austin and Grace Hebert of Merryville and Viola Pitre of DeRidder.

The groom's grandparents are Carl and Juanita Hardin of Abbeville and Eula Mae Griffith of Grand Lake.

J. B. Board tells meet

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be holding their monthly Board meeting on Tuesday Sept. 4th, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held on the Recreation Center grounds in the temporary trailer located at, 135 Berwick Road, Johnson Bayou, 70631.

Fiesta Corn Dip

2 cups Mexican corn
1 8-oz. sour cream
12 oz. shredded cheddar cheese
1 small can chopped green chilis
2-3 Tablespoons chopped jalapeno peppers (1 use sliced ones in jar)
3-5 chopped green onions
1 tbs. sugar
1 cup mayonnaise

Blend ingredients and chill at least 2 hours, over night is better. Serve with Frito or Tostitos Scoops.

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Dennis Vanicor @ 337-489-4313
Brian Vanicor @ 337-582-7749

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

A family reunion will be held Sept. 8 at the home of Evelyn B Clark of Monks Corner. S. C. Evelyn Clark, and Monroe Braddock, who is in the Veterans Victory Home in Walterboro, S.C., are sister and brother to Grace Welch. Attending will be Grace Welch and Mary (Coot) McInnis from Hackberry and Patricia Kershaw from Houston, Tex.

ST PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

St Peter's CCD classes will begin in January due to the contractor starting on the hall in a few weeks.

Confirmation Class will begin earlier. Any questions give Tammy Welch a call at 762-3365.

KELSO BRIDGE

On Friday, Aug. 24 the people of Hackberry were faced with a problem. The

Kelso Bridge was disabled for a few hours. About 3:15 p.m. a hydraulic hose busted and needed to be repaired. The bridge finally opened at 4:45 p.m. and was fully operational by 6 p.m. Vehicles were left on the north and south side of the bridge, as pedestrians could walk across the bridge.

On Monday, Aug. 27 around 9:18 a.m., the bridge was down again for approximately 1-2 hours. DOTD had to change out some of these same type hoses.

Kelso Bridge is the only northern access out of Hackberry. This is the route that is used for emergencies as all the local hospitals are located in Calcasieu Parish.

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Ground breaking for the new K-12
South Cameron High School
will be this Friday, August 31 at 5:30 p.m.
in front of the school gym, followed by the
Ribbon Cutting of Tarpon Stadium at 6:00 p.m.

This marks our first home game since
Hurricane Rita

The school has planned a pep rally,
beginning at 6:15 p.m.
The South Cameron Tarpons
kick off at 7:00 p.m.
against the DeQuincy Tigers.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE SPECIAL CELEBRATION!
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HACKBERRY High School FBLA members, from left, Justin East, Kelsey Helmer, Jacob Poole, and South Cameron High School student Michael Savoie are pictured at the Navy Pier on Lake Michigan with the Chicago skyline in the background. The students were attending the National Future Business Leader's annual Leadership Conference. Kelsey and Jacob represented Louisiana in the Computer Concepts contest. Jacob is also the current District IV State FBLA Vice President. He and his local chapter will host the District conference at McNeese in February. Kelsey and Jacob would like to thank the Cameron Parish School Board and the Hackberry Duck Off Committee for helping them with their travel expenses.



United Way meeting in Grand Lake

United Way Drive begins in Cameron Parish

The Cameron Parish Division kicked off their 2008 United Way campaign, Monday morning with a breakfast meeting at the Grand Lake Multi-Purpose building. Currently \$3400 has been raised by the employees of Williams with their fishing rodeo held earlier this month.

United Way Campaign Chair, Bob Chandler, spoke to the group concerning the overall campaign goal of \$4,375,000 and praised the work of the division committee for raising just over \$40,000 last campaign.

Cameron Parish Chair, William Daigle and Vice Chair, Tim Trahan spoke concerning the upcoming William's Golf Tournament and working with other industries to surpass the goal

of \$40,000 this year.

Cameron Council on Aging Director, Dinah Landry told the group of all the assistance that the agency and the people of Cameron Parish received through the United Way's Hurricane Recovery Fund.

Pictured from left to right are: Jennifer Couvillion, the Women's Shelter; Dinah Landry, Cameron Council on Aging; Darryl Farque, President of the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Cameron Council on Aging Board; Bob Chandler, United Way Campaign Chair; Tim Trahan, Cameron Parish Vice Chair; William Daigle, Cameron Parish Chair and employee of the Cameron District Attorney's Office and John LeBlanc, Assistant District Manager of Williams.

Some trunk items essential

When it comes to preparing for the unexpected and preventing roadside trouble, your car trunk should include these items:

- First-Aid Kit - Better to be safe than sorry. A first-aid kit is a must for every car.
- Flashlight - In case problems arise after dark, make sure to have a flashlight with fresh batteries.
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Letters

Creole still home for McEvers

Dear Editor:

There's lots of rumors going around lower Cameron Parish, especially District 5 of how can I rerun for school board member. I'm no different than those who are still not back home because of Hurricane Rita, but still registered to vote in District 5, and the parish.

I'm no different in what insurance I collected, I was turned down by Road Home and have to meet the new state building codes and FEMA's elevation standards. I'm still cleaning my place and was ready for a mobile home, but couldn't get insur-

ance because of name storms. I have applied for my ICC insurance, but have no answer as of this time.

Answer! I have been taking care of my son who is handicapped so I'm behind doing my building as we're trying to fix him a place of his own.

I will keep my mobile home in Sweetlake as many folks have had a storm home for many years. I will be back, but I'm planning to let the peak of hurricane season pass and start in October.

I have been serving as President of the Board going on three years and yes it keeps me busy sometimes 3 or 4 days a week. I took this position that you elected me to, I can say I can hold my

head high, as we've come a long way, thanks to our superintendent and all Cameron Parish School Board Members. I'm dedicated to what I do, I'm not a quitter, I'm not a yes man, and there's lots of unfinished work left that I think I still have to do. So it's up to you folks to decide what you want. Thanks, May God Bless.

/s/ Loston McEvers

Yacht Club tells appreciation

Dear Editor:

The Lake Charles Yacht Club would like to thank Cameron LNG for their generous donation to the Junior Sailing Program for youths of SW Louisiana.

The Lake Charles Yacht Club has a very active Jr. program that allows young sailors to race, representing their club on club provided boats, locally and at other yacht clubs along the Gulf coast.

The Junior program has grown since Hurricane Rita due to a very aggressive ad campaign to get youngsters on the water sailing at an early age. LCYC provides free sailing lessons every summer using club boats.

Anyone interested in joining LCYC can contact Ship to Shore at 474-0730. LCYC junior sailors will be representing SW LA Labor Day weekend in Mobile, Ala. at the prestigious Lipton Cup Regatta.

/s/ Sheron Faulk
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Port suit finally is heard in court

By CYNDI SELLERS

The dispute between the West Cameron Port and the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District has finally made it to court. The case had its first hearing in the 38th Judicial District Court last Thursday, Aug. 23, an earlier request for change of venue by the Lake Charles HTD having been denied. Judge H. Ward Fontenot ruled on four exceptions brought by the Lake Charles HTD, rejecting three of them.

Negotiations regarding the use of land in Cameron Parish near Hackberry for industrial purposes by the Lake Charles HTD had failed and the West Cameron Port Board felt that a lawsuit was the only way to resolve the issue.

Lake Charles HTD attorney Mike Dees attempted to have the case thrown out by claiming no cause of action, no right of action, and prescription. He also claimed that Cameron LNG/Sempra is an indispensable part to the suit and should also be named as defendant. Fontenot agreed to the inclusion of Sempra in the proceedings, and ordered that West Cameron do so within 15 days of the hearing.

In the first exception, Dees claimed that there was no legal cause for the suit,

because the Lake Charles port had not overstepped its authority in granting a lease to Sempra for the construction of the Cameron LNG facility. He cited the port's enabling legislation which gives it authority to "acquire industrial plant sites and land necessary for the business of the port," and claimed that no boundary is set for such acquisition.

Further, he said the Sempra operation is necessary for the port's business, because the revenue is needed to support other operations.

Randy Theunissen, representing the West Cameron Port, countered that the earlier clause in the legislation outlines the boundaries of the Lake Charles Port and gives it authority to act within those boundaries. He said operation outside the district cannot be assumed, it must be expressed by the legislation. Further, he cited a Louisiana Supreme Court decision that all ports have the same powers.

West Cameron is asserting that the lease was illegal because Lake Charles Port only had authority to use land in Cameron Parish for spoil disposition, the original purpose for the land in question. Any industrial use, they say, should be through a cooperative agreement between the two ports.

Fontenot asked Dees if it would be permissible, by his argument, for the Lake Charles Port to operate, for example, a grocery store in Kinder if the money was needed for port operations. Dees said that would be out of line, and Fontenot said "We agree then, that there is a line. We just need to decide where it is." The exception was overruled.

The second exception, that the West Cameron Port had no right of action, was also overruled. Fontenot ruled that whether or not the West Cameron Port was the exclusive port authority in west Cameron Parish didn't matter. As a legal district with taxing authority over the property, it or any other such district (waterworks, fire, etc.) would have a right to file suit if they felt their interests were threatened.

The third exception, prescription, claimed that the time limit to object to the lease had passed. West

Cameron replied that there is no time limit on an illegal action, and so prescription does not apply. Fontenot agreed.

As to the fourth exception, that Cameron LNG/Sempra is an indispensable party to the suit, Theunissen cited other cases where a lease or contract was declared invalid, leaving the lessee out of the process. However, he agreed that West Cameron would not be harmed by including Sempra, but only wanted to spare them the expense and time of a trial. Saying the conservative approach would be to include them, Fontenot agreed to the exception and ordered that Cameron LNG/Sempra be notified.

Following the hearing, Lake Charles Port Director Adam McBride said his agency would continue to "go through the process and work these things out, respond to the court actions, and move to the next step to get all this resolved."

The West Cameron Port Commission has adopted a resolution restating its case and directing its law firm, Allen and Gooch, to include Sempra/Cameron LNG as a defendant, as ordered by the court; to continue to pursue a negotiated settlement between the two ports; to continue, in absence of a settlement, to go through the trial and, if necessary, the appeal process; and to take actions, possibly including a motion for summary judgment, for final adjudication of the matter.

Further the West Cameron Port asks the Lake Charles HTD to allow the Federal Maritime Commission's dismissal of the Lake Charles Port's complaint to become a final ruling to spare both parties and the public from the expenses of further litigation "with absolutely no apparent benefit to either port or to economic development with respect to the Southwest Louisiana region."

Sabine Pass Reimbursement plan is announced by FEMA

The Jefferson County Historical Commission announces the annual celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of Sabine Pass to be held Saturday, Sept. 8, in the Sabine Pass Battleground State Park and Historic Site, Sabine Pass, Texas. The celebration will begin at 1:30 p.m. and is the first scheduled event to take place in the park since Hurricane Rita.

Featured will be the dedication of a Union Memorial Monument. The grey granite monument, weighing six thousand pounds, honors the Union soldiers and sailors that were killed or missing in the Battle of Sabine Pass on the afternoon of Sept. 8, 1863. Listed on the monument are the names of the Union soldiers and sailors and also the ships on which these men served.

This meaningful service will be conducted by Camp Commander Stephen Schulze and members of the Edward Lea Camp #2, Sons of Union Veterans, based in Houston. Civil War uniforms will be worn by camp members and period weapons will be fired.

To complete the celebration program, the Jefferson County Historical Commission will dedicate two Texas State Historical Markers.

Houstonian Edward T. Cotham, Jr., well-known author and lecturer of Civil War history, will give the dedicatory address for the "Commodore Leon Smith" historical marker. Leon Smith, recognized for his military expertise and bravery, played a dramatic roll in the successful recapture of Galveston and the Battle of Sabine Pass.

The second marker is enti-

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced a reimbursement program that will provide relocation assistance to disaster victims displaced by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The damage and destruction caused by the hurricanes resulted in temporary relocation of many of Louisiana's residents to various locations within and outside the state of Louisiana.

If returning to Louisiana, applicants must relocate to housing that is not provided by FEMA and is not a hotel or motel. For those families that are already living in Louisiana in FEMA travel trailers or mobile homes, FEMA will pay moving expenses to a FEMA-funded rental resource anywhere in the continental United States.

The program will reimburse eligible applicants for relocation expenses up to \$4,000 that were incurred between Feb. 1, 2006 and Feb. 29, 2008. Relocation

tled "Capture of the USS Morning Light and USS Velocity." Dr. Ralph A. Wooster, Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus, Lamar University, Beaumont, Tex. will deliver the dedicatory address. This marker describes the capture in the Gulf of two heavily armed Union blockaders by two Confederate "cottonclad" riverboats.

The public is invited to attend this annual celebration program which commemorates the 144th anniversary of the Battle of Sabine Pass. Lawn chairs are suggested. If a rainout occurs, an abbreviated program will take place in the Sabine Pass School auditorium.

expenses may not exceed the FEMA Individuals and Households Program (IHP) cap and the applicant must not have received funds from any other state, federal, or voluntary agency subsidized travel home program.

To be eligible for the program, the applicant must have been displaced from their primary residence in a disaster-declared area as a result of hurricanes Katrina and Rita and have incurred or will incur relocation travel expenses within the defined period.

Relocation Assistance will be limited to travel costs including airfare, train, bus and/or a rental vehicle. Furniture transportation expenses also are eligible, including commercially rented equipment for hauling and commercially purchased moving materials or moving services. Mileage, gas and other travel-related expenses such as food, incurred while using a privately owned vehicle are not eligible costs. Moving costs for recreational or large luxury items such as boats or recreational vehicles are not eligible expenses under this program either.

For more information on FEMA's Relocation Assistance program or to request reimbursement of relocation expenses, call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) (TTY: 1-800-462-7585). To prevent duplication of benefits, an applicant is only eligible to receive relocation assistance under either Hurricane Katrina (DR-1603-LA) or Hurricane Rita (DR-1607-LA.) not both.



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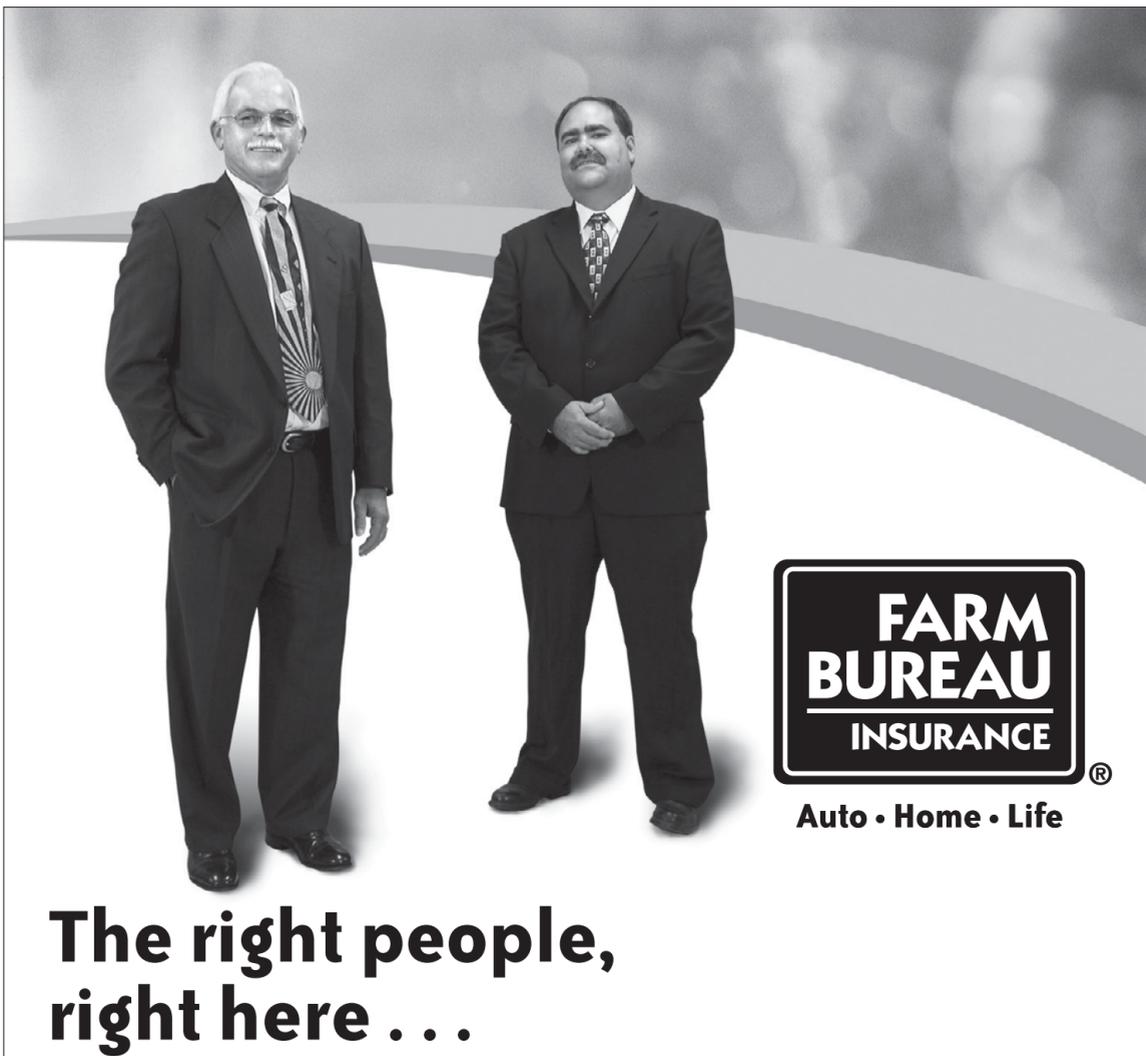
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It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



Cameron Pilot, Aug. 29, 1974 SCHOOL BOARD CONSIDERS REAPPORTIONMENT
The Cameron Parish School Board has begun looking into the possibility of reapportioning the board and procedures were outlined to the board at a special meeting Monday evening by Assistant District Attorney J. B. Jones.
At a recent hearing in the suit to reapportion the Cameron Parish Police Jury, Federal Judge Edwin Hunter indicated that he would also order reapportionment for the school board should a similar suit be filed against the board.
A reapportionment plan has since been approved for the police jury, involving four new voting districts with six jurors.

LEGION INSTALLATION
Jules Dronet was installed as commander of Richard Bros. Post No. 176 American Legion at an installation service recently at the Post home in Creole.
Elected to serve with Dronet for the coming year are: Floyd Baccigalopi, 1st. vice commander; Charles W. Bertrand, 2nd vice president;

Edras Nunez, 3rd vice president; Lee O. Boudoin, Adjutant; Ellis McWhirter, finance officer; J. Berton Daigle, historian; Clifton "Pete" Duhon, chaplain; Roland U. Primeaux, service officer; Phirma LeBoeuf, Sgt. at Arms; Lynex J. Richard, Judge advocate; and Murphy J. Theriot and Clarence LaBove, color bearers.
Installed as officers of the Ladies unit of the Richard Post were Mrs. Woodrow Bertrand, president; Mrs. Sam Mier, 1st vice president; Mrs. Clifton Duhon, 2nd vice president; Mrs. J. Berton Daigle, secretary; Mrs. Floyd Baccigalopi, treasurer; Mrs. Ellis McWhirter, historian; Mrs. Murphy Theriot, chaplain; and Mrs. Jules Dronet, Sgt. at Arms. It was reported that Stella Abrahamson represented the unit at Girls' State in Baton Rouge.

CANCER SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS
Mrs. Braxton Blake was elected president of the Cameron Parish Cancer Society at a dinner meeting of the officers and board members at Fred's Restaurant in Cameron Tuesday.
Other officers are: Mrs. Harold Carter, 1st vice presi-

dent; Dr. Cecil Clark, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Guthrie Perry, secretary; and Mrs. Robert Ortego, treasurer.
Board members: Dr. Clark, Dr. G. W. Dix; Mesdames Helen Colligan, Clifford Myers, Geneva Griffith, Dupre Herbert, Jr., Claude V. McCall, Guy Murphy, Jr., Freddie Richard, John Prescott, Alcia Trahan, Edna Bertrand, Braxton Blake, Mervin Chesson, Lyle Crain, J. Berton Daigle, James L. DeRouen, J. D. Fruge, Conway LeBleu, Wendell Murphy, Robert Ortego, Carlos Ratcliff, Charles Rogers, John M. Theriot, Terry Willis and Wasey Granger.

FESTIVAL CONTEST SET
Mrs. Guthrie Perry of Grand Chenier has been named chairman of Little Miss and Mr. Cameron contest of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival by J. B. Jones, Jr., festival president.
Mrs. Perry has named the following ladies to head the community contests: Mrs. Gilbert Mudd, Cameron; Mrs. William O. Morris, Creole; Mrs. Evans Mhire, Grand Chenier; Mrs. Raymond Poole, Hackberry; Mrs. Albert Guidry and Mrs. Mervin Chesson, Grand Lake-Sweetlake; Mrs. John Prescott, Johnson Bayou; and Mrs. Ronald David, Klondike-Lowery.

JOHNSTON OFFERS SHRIMPING BILLS
In a report issued by Sen. Bennett Johnston, Democrat of Louisiana, attention was called to the current crisis in the shrimp industry.
The statement outlined the problem by saying that a severe oversupply of shrimp has driven down dockside prices for most shrimp to less than half of 1973 levels. Johnston also noted that in the first six months of 1974, imported shrimp rose to 113 million pounds from 89 million pounds in 1973.
To combat the problem in the most direct way, Sen. Johnston announced that he has: Introduced legislation to require that imported shrimp be labeled by country origin.

CAMERON FOLKWAYS BY BERNICE STEWART
A folkway is a custom common to a particular social group. It arises when any of its members repeat the same act or courtesy over and over. Individuals tend to forget the reason behind the folkway, and the act becomes automatic. Folkways to not remain constant. They change to meet new conditions.
Let us consider a particular Cameron folkway. In the earliest days of the settlements people walked, traveled in wagons, or rode horseback. Since they seldom went far or often, they paused as they came abreast of each home in order to exchange greetings. Naturally, it came to be regarded as thoughtless and rude to gallop past anyone's residence. The horse was always slowed to a walk.
The populace increased; houses were built closer to one another. For the sake of expediency in making time, the walk became a trot or canter. Still more houses were built between the older homes. Gradually the custom of galloping past without slackening speed came to be accepted.

PRESCOTT CITED
Leslie Prescott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Prescott, of Johnson Bayou, was cited for his part in saving the life of a camper and given an award of merit at Camp Fern near Marshall, Tex.
Prescott was working as a swimming instructor and counselor at the summer camp when 9-year-old Scott Jones of Houston, Tex., slipped on a diving board, hit

Big Lake dispute is partially resolved

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Parish Police Jury heard citizen concerns Monday night at its regular agenda meeting. A dispute between neighbors in the Big Lake Old Settlement received some resolution when it was determined that Manning Street is not a parish road but is a dedicated parish right of way.
This will allow a water line to be run along the edge of the right of way to a residence at the end of the road. Details are to be left to the local water board. Also, a bulkhead and pier were determined to be attached to private property and not the parish right of way, so no further objection was raised. The issue of people parking in the middle of the right of way was deferred to the parties to settle.

POST OFFICE SUPPORT NEEDED
Jay Rutherford and Dot Theriot asked for a resolution from the Jury to the U. S. Post Office asking for the return of the Creole and Grand Chenier Post Offices. Theriot said she is working with postal officials to secure the replacement post offices, but needs much more public support. She said she will be happy to use her connections to help Grand Lake get a post office, but the replacements need to come first, since they already have zip codes. The Grand Chenier Post Office was established in 1875, she said.
Meetings on the issue are planned for the near future, and jurors were asked to attend in support of the post offices.

PERMIT ISSUES
Holly Beach property owner Austin Hebert returned to the Jury to ask for a resolution to his request
his head and was knocked unconscious as he fell in the swimming pool. Prescott revived him and gave him artificial respiration to revive him.
Prescott is a leader in the 4-H program in the Johnson Bayou Sr. 4-H Club.

for an electrical permit for an agricultural building on his property. It had been denied because there is running water on the property and a recreational vehicle has been attached to the water supply.
Hebert said other similar requests were granted after his permit was denied. Parish Administrator Tina Horn said this is true, but those were mistakes made by inexperienced staff and efforts are being made to address them. Hebert got into a shouting match with a staffer and was called down by Jury President Darryl Farque, who had directed that all comments be addressed to the Jury only.
Juror Sonny McGee asked if the people of Holly Beach were being discriminated against, since such permits are possible in the rest of the parish. Horn said the issue is with the state health department and the special conditions which exist for Holly Beach.
With the issue likely to go to court, according to Horn, Assistant District Attorney Tom Barrett was given the packet of information to study and bring back a recommendation by next month.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
A group of Ebenezer Baptist Church members, along with their pastor Rev. Lannis Joseph, came forward to ask for help with rebuilding their Trosclair Road church, which was totally washed away by Hurricane Rita. Spokesperson Viola Ball said the new height restrictions will make it difficult if not impossible for them to rebuild in such a way that their elderly members can attend.
Juror Scott Trahan asked if there was any way the church could get a variance, and instructions on how to apply for one were given. However, Juror Steve Trahan said one church in his district has already had to rebuild to the new height requirements and he would expect everyone to be treated the same.

STAFF REPORTS
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OEP Director Clifton Hebert reported that the end of the FEMA emergency period is Aug. 29. After that date further clean up from hurricane damage will be up to the parish. Of concern is the closing of the Rita dump sites left in lower Cameron Parish. Any future demolitions will have to be landfilled elsewhere, at greater cost to the parish.
Hebert also reported that the credential issue has been a problem. The re-entry cards for Tier 1 re-entry, which would allow a business to send in a small assessment team immediately after a disaster, have been requested in much larger numbers, up to 40 badges per business.
Also, the parish re-entry cards might not be accepted by state troopers or other parishes' law enforcement, so Cameron is joining other parishes in adopting the state credentialing system. The new cards will be honored by all enforcement agencies.
Under this system, re-entry will be phased in several tiers. Tier 1 includes emergency workers, utilities, industry assessment teams, etc., who would enter first and identify and clear any hazards. This is what has always been done, he said, but it only took six hours or so before the evacuations were lifted in the past. Hebert said the state plan does not give a timeline for re-entry, only sets the tiers, which are mainly common sense. The parish sets the time when the next tier can enter.
Road Supervisor Lee Faulk suggested that the parish look into setting up a parking area with diesel tanks near the parish barn in Grand Lake for parking and refueling vehicles when they have to be evacuated from the lower part of the parish. He also asked for locking, ventilated storage for herbicide spray on each side of the river for the spray trucks. It was suggested he ask Mosquito Control if they have room in their storage areas.



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Legal Notices

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids on or before the hour of 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at the Cameron Parish School Board Temporary Office, 1027 Hwy 384 Grand Lake, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70607 (physical address), P.O. Box 1548 Cameron Louisiana 70631 (mailing address) for the delivery and installation of athletic lockers to South Cameron High School gym complex at 753 Oak Grove Hwy, Grand Chenier, Louisiana 70643.

All bids arriving after this date and hour will be returned to bidder unopened.

Bid envelope must be clearly marked on the outside "Bid on SCHS athletic lockers" and must include Louisiana Contractor's License Number. Vendor will be required to provide timeline for delivery and installation upon acceptance of bid.

Specifications and bid sheet may be obtained at the temporary School Board Office site in Grand Lake, LA from 8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. on regular workdays. Contact: Doug Welch, Supervisor, phone: 337 905-5784 Ext. 105.

The Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.

Cameron Parish School Board
By Stephanie Rodrigue,
Superintendent
Run: Aug. 16, 23, & 30 AU 34

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury on Friday, September 7, 2007 until 2:00 p.m. at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex, 122A Recreation Ln., Cameron, LA. (337-775-5719)

Project number: 2007-14
Post Rita Restoration of the Muria Fire Station

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

I Building Construction
VIII Plumbing
VI Mechanical Work
V Electrical Work

Bids must be submitted on the prescribed form. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, using ink and in both words and figures, with the unit price for the item or the lump sum for which the bid is made. The bidder shall provide all information indicated on the attached forms. Failure to provide the information indicated constitutes an informality in the proposal, rendering it subject to rejection by the owner.

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing on the outside the name of the project on which the proposal is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal and marked as directed above, must be enclosed in another envelope addressed as specified in the proposal form, and preferably sent by registered mail.

For the purpose of award, the product of the approximate quantities of each item shown in the proposal by their respective unit and/or lump sum prices will be considered the amount of the bid on each item. The correct summation of these products will be the amount bid on the entire work.

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

Full information and Proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper and Associates, Inc., Post Office Box 229, Grand Chenier, Louisiana 70643-0229, (337) 905-1079. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. The Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities.

Cameron Parish Police Jury
/s/ Darryl Farque
DARRYL FARQUE
PRESIDENT
Run: Aug. 23, 30 & Sept. 6 (Au 45)

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH WATER AND WASTEWATER DISTRICT NO. 1

JULY 26, 2007
The Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. 1 Board met in regular session on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the water district office located at 125 Carter Street in the town of Cameron, Louisiana.

Members present were: J. C. Murphy, Bobby Doxey, James Boudreaux, Tammy Peshoff and Angie Brown.

Absent: Paul Duhon, Tony Porche
President J. C. Murphy called the meeting to order.

On a motion by James Boudreaux, seconded by Angie Brown and carried to approve and dispense from reading of the May minutes.

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

On a motion by Bobby Doxey, seconded by Angie Brown and carried that the bills for the month be paid.

On a motion by James Boudreaux, seconded by Angie Brown to approve the 2006 audit.

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

/s/ J.C. Murphy

J.C. MURPHY
PRESIDENT
Cameron Parish Water & Wastewater District No. 1

/s/ Kathryn Guilbeau
KATHRYN GUILBEAU
SECRETARY
Run: Aug. 30 (Au 52)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Auction of surplus vehicles by Cameron Parish Sheriff Dept. will be on September 15, 2007, Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. location 3800 Mallard Cove Drive, Lake Charles, LA. 70615. Auction will be conducted by Pederson and Pederson, Inc.

Item Description:
(1) 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe, (1) 2003 Ford Crown Victoria, (1) 2004 Ford Crown Victoria.

Preview/Inspection Dates: Friday, September 14, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

/s/ Theos Duhon,
THEOS DUHON
SHERIFF
Run: Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13 (Au 54)

LEGAL NOTICE

SOUTH BLACK BAYOU FIELD
07-1104
STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE
OF CONSERVATION, BATON
ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007, upon the application of ORX RESOURCES, INC.

At such hearing the commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the **Hackberry Zone, Reservoir B**, in the South Black Bayou Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Hackberry Zone, Reservoir B.

2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the said unit.

3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

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

The Hackberry Zone, Reservoir B is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 13,237' and 13,930' (electrical log measurements) (-12,797' - 13,490' TVD) in the Samuel Gary Jr. and Associates-Bonne Terre 29 No. 1 Well, located in Section 29, Township 12 South Range 12 West, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge and Lafayette, Louisiana**.
www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:
JAMES H. WELSH
COMMISSIONER OF
CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, La
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IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION-ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P. O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.
Run: Aug. 30 (Au 55)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cameron Parish Police Jury announces that a public hearing has been called for the purpose of obtaining citizen's comments and opinions along with responding to questions relative to the Parish's performance on the Fiscal Year 2006 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program which provided working capital funds to the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District to assist with operating the South Cameron Memorial Hospital. The meeting is set for Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Administrative Office Building located adjacent to the Cameron Parish Courthouse.

Information regarding the amount of funds expended, a breakdown of the expended funds by activities, and the percentage of funds which benefitted low-to-moderate income persons will be discussed. All citizens, particularly low-to-moderate income persons and residents of slum and blighted areas in the Parish are urged to attend this public hearing to express their views towards this recently completed project. Accommodations will be made for handicapped and non-English speaking individuals provided a three day notice is received. Furthermore, citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views to the Parish addressed to Mr. Darryl Farque, President, Cameron Parish Police Jury, P.O. Box 1280, Cameron, Louisiana 70631, within fifteen days of the hearing.
RUN: Aug. 30 (Au 56)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to Section 21(D) of Article IV of the Louisiana Constitution for 1974 that AT&T Louisiana filed a tariff on August 14, 2007, with the Louisiana Public Service Commission. The filing increases the Line Change Charge-First

AgCenter meetings conclude: progress is a work in process

Members of the LSU AgCenter's task forces aimed at helping coastal Louisiana recover from the 2005 hurricanes met recently to discuss the progress made over the past two years, but they also agreed their mission still is an on-going project.

Dr. Paul Coreil, LSU AgCenter vice chancellor for extension, said the work to the task forces - one for Southwest Louisiana and one for Southeast Louisiana - will continue for at least the next two years.

He said the work by LSU AgCenter personnel was enough to convince the Orleans Parish government to restore \$50,000 in funding for the AgCenter - the first time that parish's government has provided money for AgCenter employees in the parish over the past 20 years. In addition, St. Bernard Parish government increased its funding for the AgCenter, he said.

"People want to invest in improving their lives," Coreil said while urging the task forces to persevere in their efforts to help people rebuild and recover. "It's that day-to-day commitment that makes us strong."

Coreil said an initiative brought to the LSU AgCenter administration by Mark Schexnayder, LSU AgCenter hurricane recovery coordinator for southeastern Louisiana, will start this year with a school to train incoming members of boards and commissions with levee oversight on details of levee construction and maintenance.

Schexnayder said the meeting of the two task forces with the various experts was encouraging.

"We've built a really good team with a variety of disciplines," he said. "Because of the storms, we've brought on several new employees, and I'm really impressed with their expertise."



By
JIM
MILLER

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you tell me about sleep apnea and what can be done to treat it? My 59-year-old husband snores like a chain saw and wakes himself up so frequently he keeps me up too.

Sleep Deprived Susan

Dear Susan,

Sleep apnea is a common and potentially serious condition that affects more than 12 million Americans. But the problem is that most cases (up to 90 percent) go undiagnosed and untreated. Here's what you should know.

APNEA

Sleep apnea is a disorder that causes a person to stop breathing during sleep, dozens and even hundreds of times during the night for up to 30 seconds at a time. If that sounds dangerous, it is. Untreated, sleep apnea can cause high blood pressure and can sharply increase the risk for stroke and heart attack. It can also cause morning headaches, memory problems, mood swings or feelings of depression, impotence, and excessive daytime sleepiness which is a major cause of car accidents. But the good news is that sleep apnea is treatable and most insurance companies, including Medicare, cover it.

SYMPTOMS TO KNOW

There are two different types of sleep apnea: central apnea, the least common form that occurs when the muscles you use to breathe don't get the signal from your brain. And obstructive apnea (nine out of 10 people with apnea have this type), which occurs when the throat muscles relax during sleep blocking the airway. Some people may have a combination of both. Symptoms of obstructive apnea include loud snoring (however not everyone who snores has apnea), long pauses of breathing, gasping or choking during sleep and daytime drowsiness. But because most of these symptoms happen during sleep, many people

Schexnayder said it was encouraging to see Cameron Parish residents rebuilding. He also said the recovery will require years of work, but the end result will be worth the effort. "We'll be a much better state when it's all said and done," he said.

But both he and Coreil said the LSU AgCenter administration has made the state's recovery a top priority.

In other news during the meeting, Maurice Wolcott, a research associate with the LSU AgCenter and the Louisiana Sea Grant College Program skilled in geo-spatial systems, told the two groups that forecasting the effects of storm surge is difficult.

Water rose from Hurricane Rita several hours after the storm hit land, he said. In fact, Gary Wickes, LSU AgCenter county agent in Cameron Parish, watched the water rise 10 hours after the storm had passed, Wolcott said.

But a new computer modeling system developed by Dr. Hassan Mashriki, LSU AgCenter coastal engineer, projects storm surge levels for varying hurricane strengths, Wolcott said.

Mashriki said the model will allow the public to see where flooding will occur. It will also help governmental agencies make logistical decisions, he said.

The task forces also heard from Dr. Claudette Reichel, LSU AgCenter housing specialist, who said videos, including several that show best building practices, will be online soon at www.louisianahouse.org - a website within LSUAgCenter.com

A model home, known as LaHouse, that incorporates recommended materials and construction methods is being constructed by the LSU AgCenter near the LSU campus in Baton Rouge.

ple don't recognize them. They're usually noticed first by the person they sleep with.

WHO'S AT RISK?

While anyone, even children, can have obstructive apnea, it's typically more common in men. Other factors that can increase the risks are being overweight, smoking, drinking alcohol, having high blood pressure, being over the age of 60, and having a family history of the condition. African-Americans, Pacific-Islanders and Hispanics are also more prone to having apnea.

Seek Help

If you're husband has any of the listed symptoms, he should talk to his doctor or a sleep specialist who may recommend an overnight study at a sleep center (see www.sleepcenters.org) to determine if he's suffering from apnea or another problem.

TREATMENT OPTIONS

If he is diagnosed with apnea, the most commonly prescribed treatment is a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) device. This involves sleeping with a snorkel-like mask that's hooked up to a machine that blows air up your nose to keep the passages open. As unpleasant as it sounds, CPAP is the most effective treatment for apnea. However many find the mask uncomfortable and difficult to adjust to. Others simply can't tolerate it at all and opt for dental appliances or surgery to keep the throat open and prevent blockages.

In milder cases of obstructive apnea there are various lifestyle changes that may help relieve the problem including:

- Losing weight. Excess body weight, especially around the neck, puts pressure on the airway, causing it to partially collapse. Even a slight weight loss may help relieve symptoms.
- Avoiding alcohol and sleeping pills. These can relax the muscles in the back of your throat, interfering with breathing.
- Stop smoking. Smoking can increase the swelling in the upper airway, making apnea and snoring worse.
- Sleeping on your side or stomach. Sleeping on your



By
JIM
MILLER

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you tell me about assisted living facilities and how to go about choosing one for my 83-year-old mother? Need Assistance

Dear Need,

Assisted living facilities have become a popular option for elderly people who are no longer able to live independently but who don't need nursing home care either. Here's what you should know.

ASSISTED LIVING

Currently, there are more than 1 million residents living in around 36,000 assisted living facilities nationwide. While there's no standard blueprint for how these facilities are constructed, the services they typically provide are 24-hour staffing, assistance with personal care (bathing, dressing, eating, going to the bathroom), meals, housekeeping, laundry, transportation, social activities and medication management. A growing number of facilities also offer special care units for residents with dementia.

FINDING GOOD CARE

When it comes to choosing an assisted living facility, many people make uninformed and rushed decisions. After you determine your mother's physical needs and financial resources, here are some steps that can help you find a good assisted living facility and avoid a bad one:

- Make a list: Contact your Area Agency on Aging for a list of assisted living facilities. Get a list of five or six facilities that are preferably close to family and friends who can visit often. The national Eldercare Locator (800-677-1116, or www.eldercare.gov) can direct you to your local agency.
- Call your local ombudsman: This is a government official who investigates long-term care facility complaints. Ask whether there have been complaints with the facilities on your list and how to obtain inspection reports, if there are any. To find your local ombudsman, call your area aging agency or see www.ltombudsman.org.
- Call the facilities: Once you have a list of facilities and checked them out with the ombudsman, give them a call. Find out if they are licensed by the state, if they provide the kind of services to meet your mother's needs, what they charge and if they have any vacancies. Then, if you're still interested, ask them to send you more information including brochures, pricing details, levels of care,

and

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Prepare for any possibility

(NAPSA)-With hurricane season as a reminder, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) encourages business owners to prepare for the possibility of any major disaster.

The SBA has rebuilt its disaster response process to better serve survivors, and offers the following disaster preparedness tips:

- Identify what your operation needs to do to protect itself in the face of a natural disaster. Even if you don't own the building where you do business, take steps to protect your assets.
- Determine what production machinery, computers and other essential equipment is needed to keep your business open. Store extra supplies off-site, and make a plan for a temporary location if your company is forced to relocate after the disaster.
- Find escape routes from the business and establish meeting places. Make sure

back can cause your tongue and soft palate to rest against the back of your throat and block your airway. (Tip: To prevent sleeping on your back, sew a tennis ball in the back of your pajama top.)

- Keep your nasal passages open when you sleep. Nasal strips such as 'Breathe Right' might provide some relief or talk to your doctor about using nasal decongestants or antihistamines.

Savvy Resource: For more information, the American Sleep Apnea Association offers a wide variety of free publications that are very helpful and a national directory of apnea support groups. See www.sleepapnea.org or call 202-293-3650.

resident's rights, medication policies, discharge criteria and the contract or residential agreement. Once you receive the materials, read them carefully and write down any questions you have so you can remember to ask them when you go in for a visit.

- Tour your top choices: It's wise to visit at least two or three facilities so you can adequately compare them. If possible, bring your mother along too. While you're there, notice the cleanliness and smell of the facility. Is it homey and inviting? Does the staff seem friendly and knowledgeable? Also be sure to taste the food, and check-out their monthly activity schedule to see what kinds of stimulation they're providing.
- Evaluate the staff: Ask to meet the administrator. Find out about staff screening and training procedures and what the staff turnover rate is. Also ask how many residents each staff member has to care for (the smaller the number, the better).
- Talk to the residents: Ask how they like living there. Do they like the food, the staff, and the activities?
- Visit unannounced: An unannounced visit on a weekend or in the evening might be very helpful in making your decision.

Savvy Tips: If you need help finding a good facility, call in a geriatric care manager (see www.caremanager.org). These are professionals who can assess your mother's needs and recommend some good facilities to meet them. The cost for an initial assessment is around \$300 to \$600.

Another good resource is the Consumer Consortium on Assisted Living (www.ccal.org or 703-533-8121), which offers a consumers video and guide (for a small fee) on choosing a facility. Also see www.ncal.org and www.alfa.org.

Most people pay for assisted living themselves, some with the help of long-term care insurance. Monthly costs can range from \$1,750 to \$6,000 or more, depending on where you live, the facility you choose and the services provided (the national average is nearly \$3,000/month). Shared rooms, if available, cost less.

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everyone understands the emergency plan before the storm hits. Designate a contact person to communicate with other employees, customers and vendors.

- Prepare for utility disruptions that are vital to your company's daily operations, and identify backup options, such as portable generators.
- Review your insurance coverage to make sure you understand what is not covered. Most policies don't cover flood damage.
- Purchase flood insurance. The National Flood Insurance Program provides coverage to property owners. Go to the NFIP Web site at www.floodsmart.gov.
- Consider business interruption insurance. It covers operating expenses, such as utilities, and compensates you for the income lost after a temporary closure.
- Make backup copies of all tax, accounting, payroll and production records, and customer data on computer hard drives, and store the records at an off-site location.
- Protect your property from wind damage. Install impact-resistant windows and door systems, or plywood shutters. Hire a professional to evaluate your roof to make sure it can weather a major storm.
- Develop a post-disaster communications strategy. Keep current phone numbers for your suppliers, employees, customers, utility companies, local media and emergency agencies.
- More preparedness tips for businesses, homeowners and renters are available on the SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov; then click on "Disaster Preparedness."

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WANTED: BABY sitter for three year old girl, five days a week in Creole or Grand Chenier area. Phone 337-912-3063 if interested. 8/8-30p.

WANTED: BABY sitter for one year old girl, five days a week in Grand Lake. References required. Call (337) 598-5179. Please leave messag. 8/29 - 9/5p.

HELP WANTED

CAMERON MOTEL is hiring a front desk clerk for the afternoon shift. For more information call 337-775-5442. Applications may be picked up at front desk. 8/9-16, 27 & 9/5c.

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 - One round ham slice for each individual
 - One box of muffin mix
 - Cupcake liners
 - Salt and pepper

- GET SET...**
- Bowl, spatula, spoon
 - Some instructions may require adult help.
 - Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
 - Line six cups with cupcake liners. (Note: This way you will use up all the muffin batter, even if cooking for only three. Save extra muffins for later.)

• Following directions on package, blend muffin-mix ingredients together.

GO!
Spoon muffin batter into lined cups until 2/3 full. Line remaining muffin tins with a slice of ham (about the thickness of a slice of bologna), depending on how many are to be served. Break an egg over each ham slice. Salt and pepper eggs to taste. Place muffin tin into oven and bake 15 to 20 minutes or until eggs are firm and muffins are golden brown. Remove tin from oven. Remove ham and eggs from tin with spatula.

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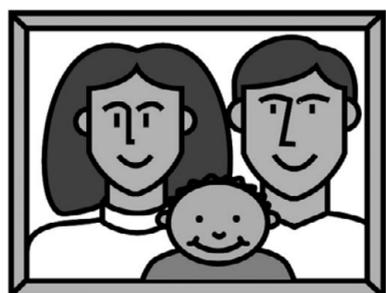
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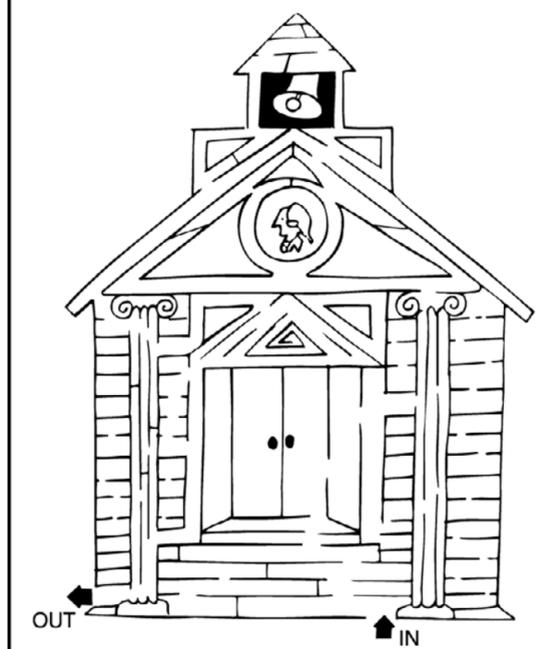
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Les parents ont un bébé.



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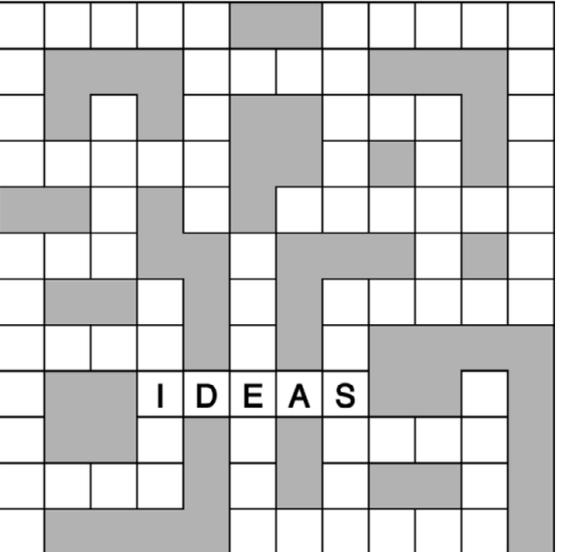
What is an epic?
An epic is a long poem that tells about the adventures of a great hero.



— NOTICE —
The Cameron Parish School Board will have available for public inspection a proposed budget for the 2007-08 Fiscal Year on August 30 through September 10, 2007 during office hours at its temporary Administrative Office located at 1027 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, LA. A public hearing will be held on the proposed budget of the Cameron Parish School Board on September 10, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at Creole Fire Station, 184 East Creole Highway, Creole, LA 70632.
RUN: Aug. 30 & Sept. 6 (AU-53)

— JOB AD —
The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for:
(2) Instructional/Child Specific Aides at Grand Lake High School
A high school diploma is preferred.
To make application contact: Mr. David Duhon, Grand Lake High School; Phone: 337-905-2231.
(1) Spanish Language Interpreter at South Cameron High School
A high school diploma is preferred.
To make application contact: Mr. Zeke Wainwright, South Cameron High School; Phone: 337-542-4682.
(1) Spanish Language Interpreter at Johnson Bayou High School
A high school diploma is preferred.
To make application contact: Mr. Gene Reynolds, Johnson Bayou High School; Phone: 337-563-2773.
The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, September 7, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.
RUN: Aug. 30 & Sept. 6 (AU-60)

— NOTICE —
Cameron Parish to hold Election October 20, 2007
If you are registered in Cameron Parish and have been displaced as a result of Hurricane Rita, you are still eligible to vote in your home parish (if you have not registered in another parish or state.)
There are (3) ways:
1) Absentee by mail ballot request
2) Early voting (which will be done the week before the election)
3) In person at the polling place on day of Election
For more information on how to check your current registration status, and find out what is needed for a ballot request, please contact the Registrar's Office @ 1-337-775-5943.
Election Day is October 20, 2007. It is very important that those who choose to vote by mail must send a written request for a ballot. This must be done in advance for time reasons and must be done starting now. Request will be stopped 4 days before the elections (requirements of State law.)
Our mailing address is:
Registrar of Voters Office
P. O. Box 1
Cameron, LA 70631
Thank you,
Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar
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SECRET CODE

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According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, and in accordance with R.S. 18:431 A. (1) (a), there will be a General Course of Instructions for ANYONE WISHING TO BECOME CERTIFIED AS AN ELECTION COMMISSIONER to work during Cameron Parish Elections. These General Courses of Instructions are also for all Commissioners-in-Charge, Commissioners, and Alternate Commissioners who have previously been certified. These courses will be held on the following dates, times and at the locations listed below:
Monday, September 10, 2007
Hackberry Multi-purpose Bldg. - 6:30 p.m.
Hackberry, La.
Tuesday, September 11, 2007
Klondike Community Center - 6:30 p.m.
Klondike, La.
Wednesday, September 12, 2007
Cameron Courthouse Courtroom - 6:30 p.m.
Cameron, La.
RUN: Aug. 30 & Sept 6 (AU-57)

— JOB AD —
The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for:
(2) Instructional/Child Specific Aides at South Cameron High School
(1) Spanish Language Interpreter at South Cameron High School
A high school diploma is preferred.
To make application contact: Mr. Zeke Wainwright, South Cameron High School; Phone: 337-542-4682.
(1) Spanish Language Interpreter at Johnson Bayou High School
A high school diploma is preferred.
To make application contact: Mr. Gene Reynolds, Johnson Bayou High School; Phone: 337-563-2773.
The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, August 27, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.
RUN: Aug. 16 & 30 (AU-41)

— NOTICE —
According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, qualifying for the Saturday, October 20, 2007 Gubernatorial Primary Election will be on the following dates and times listed below, at the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court's Office, located in the basement of the Courthouse:
Tuesday, September 4th and Wednesday, September 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Thursday, September 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Candidates can qualify for the following Cameron Parish Offices:
Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Assessor, Coroner, Police Jurors (all districts) and School Board (all districts).
Also, persons seeking to qualify to become a candidate for State Senator, District 25 and State Representative, District 47 can do so at the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court's Office on the dates and times listed above.
Candidates seeking the above offices can contact the Clerk of Court's Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at (337) 775-5316 for information on qualifications and qualifying fees.
RUN: Aug. 23 & 30 (AU-30)

Volunteers help in clean up of Wetland Walkway

After being stuck by Hurricane Rita on Sept. 24, 2005, the southwestern corner of Louisiana received a tremendous amount of support from volunteers across the country. While volunteers came to help residents remove debris and repair homes, they found a community with a wealth of Cajun food, culture and ecotourism opportunities. Lake Charles, has rebounded quickly since the storm. Thirty miles south of Lake Charles, lower Cameron Parish is still dealing with the effects of the tropical occurrence.

The Southeast Tourism Society is taking advantage of the "voluntourism" opportunities in the area while they are in Lake Charles for their

annual fall conference in Sept.

Earlier this year, STS met in Biloxi for their spring conference. Instead of the usual area tours during the conference, the group gathered for a work day to repair Beauvoir. The event was so successful that STS wanted to hold another work day in Southwest Louisiana this fall.

Tourism industry convention attendees will clear the underbrush on Sabine National Wildlife Refuge's famed Wetland Walkway on Sept. 5. The Wetland Walkway, a 1.5 mile boardwalk into the marsh, is located along the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road and saw over 300,000 visitors annually. Natural environments heal themselves, but tourism officials decided to help speed the healing process. As the underbrush is cleared, plants will grow, and birds will once again be able to build nests. The Wetland Walkway will reopen to the public in late 2007 after repairs are complete.

"The Creole Nature Trail Board of Commissioners has worked diligently to reestablish the Wetland Walkway and restroom facilities at Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. The Wetland Walkway is a vital experience for visitors along the trail," said Monte Hurley, chairman of the Creole Nature Trail District Board of Commissioners.

"We have seen such compassion for Southwest Louisiana from the volunteers that have frequented the Creole Nature Trail. I think this generation takes pride in being socially responsible and enjoys seeing social and environmental change. It makes people feel good knowing their improving the lives and well being of others," said Shelley Johnson, executive director of the Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Stine, a family-run lumber business in Southwest Louisiana, has donated the necessary tools and equipment for the work day project at Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. Their donation includes work gloves for all participants, pitch forks, pruning shears, pruning saws, garden rakes, whip cut-

ters, wheel barrows, grass rakes, and shin guards. Once the Wetland Walkway project is complete, Stine will give the tools and equipment to the Friends of the Southwest Louisiana Refuge Complex for future projects.

Voluntourism has skyrocketed since Hurricane Rita with church groups, organizations and other gatherings participating in the rebuilding efforts of Cameron Parish. In fact, First Presbyterian Church in Lake Charles is currently renovating a wing of their church to house future volunteers. They see Southwest Louisiana as a mission field.

"This is the hour of need for our own area, and we're glad to enable other work groups who want to come in and help us," said Pastor Fred Seay.

Brandi Russell, director of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church Disaster Relief Station, has been helping volunteer groups find work sites to fit their abilities since October 2005. To date, she's worked with 4,355 people who have worked a total of 122,139.5 man hours.

Progress in Cameron Parish has been slow but steady, and more work is still ahead for the residents of Southwest Louisiana. If you would like to get involved, call the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church Disaster Relief Station at 436-6122.

For more information on Southwest Louisiana as a voluntourism destination, please contact the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-456-7952 or visit www.visit-lakecharles.org.



THE ABOVE photo was taken many years ago in the Sweetlake area and was sent to the Pilot by Eva Jane Blanchard Newell of Lake Charles. There apparently was no limit on the number of ducks and geese that could be shot at the time. Note the old car in the background -- Model T or A?

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



DUCK FESTIVAL

It's been several years since I attended the Gueydan Duck Festival. Last weekend, when I decided to make a trip, I was surprised to see the changes made. Dog trials in one area, skeet shooting in another, festivals are in between and then go to town for pageants at the civic center. Driving back, I decide to visit two old friends, Mr. Gary and his wife Wilda Mae at Gary's Landing, where I had a camp a few years ago.

Anglers last week, all said they caught fish, redbass, bass and white perch as well as catfish. They are fishing the Streeter Canals, Lake Misere area and the Mermentau River and Grand Lake area.

Anglers are still catching redbass in the Big Burns and a few bass in the far east side of the Big Burns towards Lake Misere.

Lacassine Refuge is producing small fish, but some up to 2 pounds being reported. Lots of grass and shallow spots, kind of makes it hard to get around some areas.

Offshore anglers are doing well catching red snapper out of Cameron and Grand Chenier, some up to 15 pounds. Big Lake is still great fishing, but lots of saltwater from the Hurricane Dean and before the tropical storm Erin. Lots more trout being caught to the north of Big Lake, up to the I-210 area. I enjoy fishing the Turner Bay area and now it's holding trout.

MORELAND RETIRING

Dave Moreland of the wildlife division is retiring and has really left a great track record, especially for our deer populations throughout the state. Jimmy Anthony will be his replacement.

TRIPLETAIL

Good catches of Tripletail are reported in the shallow Gulf waters. The fish give you a good fight, but they're also great eating fish.

HUNTING SEASON

The first of our hunting season is doves, which opens Saturday, Sept. 1. I didn't see too many doves around Creole

area, but the Sweetlake Rice field are beginning to show good numbers, as well as the Conlee Jack areas where I saw the best numbers.

DEER TAGGING

Remember this was the year we would have to have tags on our bagged deer. This was to get data on deer killed and it was mandatory tagging and reporting your kill. It seems the system that was chosen by the contractor by the Louisiana Wildlife Commission is not ready.

Dave Moreland sees the problems and is recommending the rules that requires hunter tag and report their kill be suspended for this year. The Commission will make a decision on Sept. 6. Hunters can still participate on a voluntary basis if it is suspended and report their kill.

There were lots of hunters who got their tags without any problems, but for some senior hunters and lifetime licenses holders, they did not receive their tags because of a flaw in the system. I know I decided to get tags with my senior licenses.

PADDLEFISH

The La. Dept. of Wildlife of Fisheries announced that the recreational harvest of Paddlefish (spoonbill catfish) will once again be legal in many Louisiana waters. It's been closed since 1992. The daily take and possession is two per person.

ALLIGATOR SEASON

George Melancon advised me that the alligator season will start on Wednesday, Sept. 5 and that there will be a closure of all Rockefeller Refuge lands starting on that date, until 10 a.m. each day of the season, or until alligator hunters have tagged out on the refuge.

He also informed me that fishing could take place after 10 a.m., but fisherman are advised to stay away from the alligator lines and no tampering with those lines.

Remember, anyone breaking the rules will have action taken by Game Agents for the Refuge.

Africanized honeybees found at Pecan Island

Africanized honeybees continue their eastward trek across Louisiana with new confirmations near Turkey Creek in Evangeline Parish and Pecan Island in Vermilion Parish, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom reported recently.

"We received word that samples submitted from a trap five miles east of Pecan Island along La. Highway 82 and another trap north of Turkey Creek along U.S. Highway 167 are positive for Africanized honeybees," Odom said. "We'll follow the same protocol as when we found colonies before. South of Alexandria, the trap line will be moved about 30 to 40 miles east of the finds.

"Again, our number one priority at this time is to notify the public and beekeepers in the area that Africanized bees have been confirmed. We're not trying to frighten anyone or cause panic, but people who spend time outside need to be aware," Odom said.

Africanized honeybees are smaller, more aggressive bees

than the European honeybees commonly raised for honey production. The venom in Africanized bees is the same as that in European bees, but Africanized bees will sting in greater masses leading to a toxic reaction in some cases. Seeking cover immediately helps to reduce the number of stings in a confrontation with Africanized bees.

Africanized honeybees were first discovered in Louisiana in July 2005 when LDAF received notification from USDA that samples sent to the bee lab in Tucson, Ariz., were confirmed as the Africanized variety. The samples were taken in June 2005 from a swarm of bees found in a trap near the town of Rodessa in north Caddo Parish. It was the first case of Africanized bees moving into the state through natural range expansion.

LDAF maintains a line of traps running north and south through the state in order to detect the progression of the Africanized honeybees. The traps are placed roughly two miles apart and contain an attractant that attracts swarms of bees.

21 cases of Equine Encephalitis found

To date there have been 21 confirmed cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in horses in Louisiana. It is suspected in many more, as not all cases get diagnosed or reported. There is no cure for Eastern Equine Encephalitis and 90% of horses that get the disease die from it. The disease causes encephalitis, or swelling of the brain, in both horses and people. The virus is harbored in birds and transmitted by mosquitoes.

Humans and horses can become infected with the virus but cannot transmit it, and so are not contagious to other horses and humans. Infected horses become depressed and uncoordinated, develop a sleepy appearance, walk in circles and eventually collapse to the ground and die.

Although the mortality rate is very high with EEE, it is also very preventable through vaccination if done in time. Horses that have not been vaccinated should have two doses administered about two weeks apart. Once the initial vaccination has been given, an annual booster is sufficient to maintain immunity. It takes time for immunity to develop and for the vaccine to be protective, so waiting for cases to occur in the area is not wise.

Once animals are vaccinated, spring is the best time to give a booster, which will then protect the horse for the mosquito season. There are other viruses, such as West Nile, that cause similar problems but that also have effective vaccines. Some of the vaccines should be given multiple times per year in Louisiana. Horse owners should consult their veterinarian about proper vaccination of their horses so they are protected.

Because this virus is a danger to people, reporting cases in horses helps public health officials know the virus is circulating so they can inform the public of the danger and make recommendations to mosquito control officers. Horse owners are urged to consult a veterinarian if their horses are displaying any symptoms of this disease or have died suddenly so the true extent of this disease can be determined.

Any suspected horse encephalitis case should be reported even if blood is not pulled. Eastern Equine Encephalitis, West Nile virus, Western Equine Encephalitis and Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis are all reportable on suspicion of disease symptoms, not just diagnosis.

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2007 South Cameron High School Tarpons football team

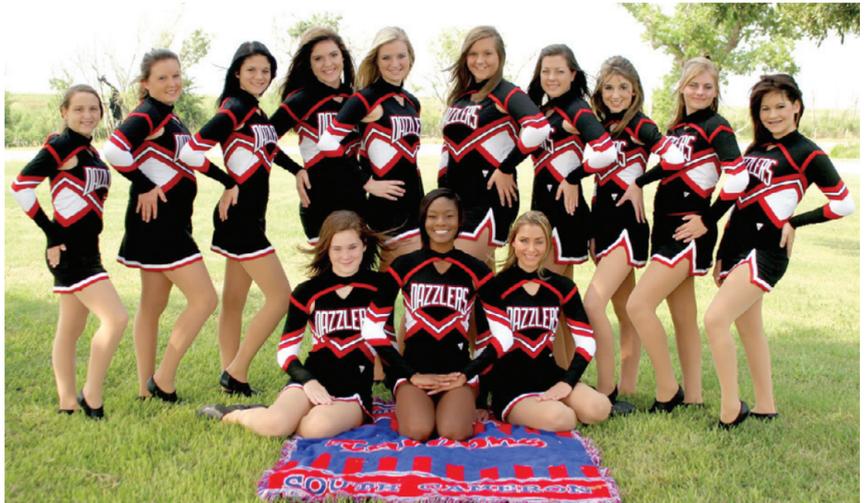
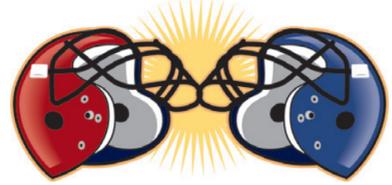


CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS PR Coordinator, Trina Johnson presented a check for \$200 to Lake Charles Little League All-Stars (11-12 year old) team. The team became State Champions in Shreveport and placed third at the Regional Tournament held in San Antonio, Tex.



THE 2007 TARPON Cheerleaders are shown above (front row, from left) Kristyn Dupue, Erika Pickett, Ashley Thibodeaux, Kami Savoie; (middle row) Sara Dupre, Kelsey Mudd, Shelby Willis, Haley McCall, Melanie Hardy, Mikalee Mooney; (back row) Jadah Primeaux, Kathryn Reina, and Laikin Canik and Bailey Richard (not pictured McKayla Fountain). Their sponsor is Oralie Benoit.

Go Tarpons!



THE 2007 TARPON Dazzlers are shown above (front row, from left) Blair Belanger, Rachael Fountain, Victoria Wilkerson; (back row) Hallie Whittington, Jerica Boudreaux, Jerrica Mock, Kristen Broussard, Molly Alexander, Lakin LaBove, Devon Richard, Katelyn Horn, Megan Wigley, and Falon Welch. Their sponsor is Sharon Picou.

Tarpons back home after two years

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

Well, football fans. It's here! The 2007 football season begins this week all over the state. The South Cameron Tarpons will find themselves back on familiar ground after playing their entire season last year on the road. The Tarpons open the regular season at home Friday night against familiar foe, DeQuincy.

The game was originally scheduled to be in DeQuincy due to Tarpon Stadium not being ready from damages

from Hurricane Rita, but apparently it's okay as the game has been moved back to Creole.

All that aside, the game will be won or lost on the field and one thing is for sure both teams have lost a lot of talent from last year's squads. The Tarpons return only 5 starters from last years 6-5 playoff team. Another reason for the lower numbers is due to Hurricane Rita.

One thing that is a fixture is head coach Parry Lalande, who will be entering his 26th year as head football coach with a overall record of 196-

89-1, and as long as he's roaming the sidelines opposing teams know they are in for a battle.

On the other side of the field the Tigers will have rookie head coach Brad Kellogg leading his troops. The Tigers suffered heavy losses from last years 5-5 squad including, their entire offensive backfield. The strength of the Tigers is supposed to be the veteran offensive line and Kellogg has switched to a more conservative offense from last season's spread.

The Tarpons have beat the Tigers 12 of the past 17 years. DeQuincy won 2 years ago 50-14 and the Tarpons won last year 21-13.

Tarpons are winners at Jamboree

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

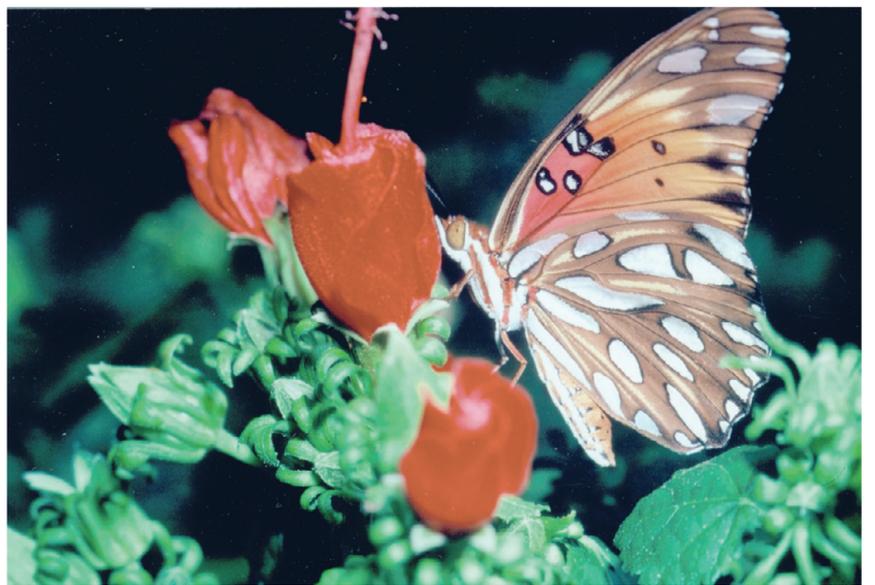
The South Cameron tarpons scored on their first play of the Jeff Davis Jamboree and then held on for a 7-6 victory over the class 2A East Beauregard Trojans last Thursday.

Sophomore quarterback Kyle Little hit Jaylon Ball for a 50 yard touchdown pass and the extra point was all the points the Tarpons would need to beat the Trojans.

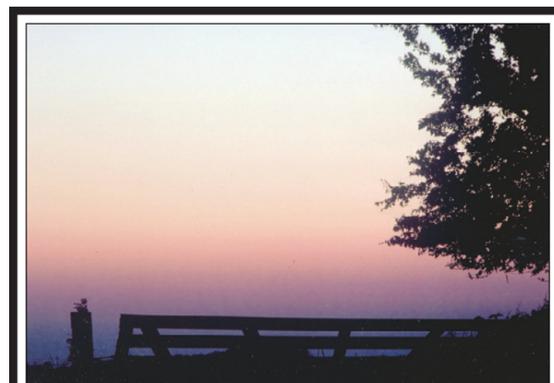
After the Tarpons scored, the Trojans threatened moving to the Tarpon 14 before turning the ball over on downs.

A Tarpon mistake led to the Trojans only score of the contest as an East Beauregard defender attempted to sack Little causing him to lose the ball. The Trojans' Gary Dockery picked up the loose ball and raced 41 yards for the score. East Beauregard went for the 2 point conversion but was unsuccessful on the run making the final score 7-6.

Little finished the night 2 of 3 passing for 74 yards. Ball caught both balls giving him 74 yards receiving on the night.



THIS PHOTO of a Gulf fritillary butterfly on Drummond's Turk's Cap flower is one of the more than 100 pre-Rita photos that will be included in a new book, "A Place Called Home," that is being published by Janie Turnbull. The pictures were taken by her late husband, Bill Turnbull, in Cameron Parish. Ordering information can be found in an ad in this issue.



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Chris' Picks

By CHRIS MUELLER

Football season is here, so it's time to break out the crystal ball and attempt to make some picks. This weeks picks:

- South Cameron over DeQuincy
- Oberlin over East Beauregard
- Kinder over Elton
- Oakdale over Many Mamou over Pickering
- Avoyelles over Rosepine
- South Beauregard over Merryville
- LSU over Mississippi St.
- McNeese over Portland State
- Northwestern over Henderson St.



South Cameron High School News

CELEBRATE TRADITION

South Cameron High School moves forward with its rebuilding. On Friday, Aug. 31, at 5:30 p.m. a Ground Breaking ceremony will take place in front of the school gym, followed by the Ribbon Cutting of Tarpon Stadium at 6 p.m. This marks the first home game since Hurricane Rita.

The Cheerleaders and Danceline have planned a pep rally to begin at 6:15 p.m. The South Cameron Tarpons kick off at 7 p.m. against the DeQuincy Tigers. Please bring your noise makers and wear your red and blue to this special celebration.

LICENSE PLATE SALE

Do you like riding in style? If so, purchase your newly designed Tarpon license plate for \$15 from the South Cameron High Athletic Department. The design consist of a white background with red and blue lettering. Please show your Tarpon Pride with a license plate you won't want to hide.

T-SHIRT SALE
 South Cameron High

School spirit t-shirts will be on sale this week.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Driver's Education classes will be held on Mondays from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

School lunch menus told

Cameron Parish School lunches are as follows:

- Friday, Aug. 31 - Baked ham, lettuce cup, sweet peas, yellow cake, pineapple topping, wheat sliced bread, milk
- Tuesday, Sept. 4 - Hamburger, oven fries, lettuce cup, chocolate chip cookies, hamburger bun, catsup, milk
- Wednesday, Sept. 5 - Enchilada casserole, tossed salad, baked potato, chilled peach slices, wheat sliced bread, milk
- Thursday, Sept. 6 - Chili Dog, chili sauce, whole kernel corn, pickle wedges, apple crisp, hot dog bun, milk

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