

CHENIERE LNG HAS agreed to fund a new Department of Economic Development and Planning within Cameron Parish. The first installment of \$300,000 was presented to the Police Jury Monday night. Shown above, from left, are: Jurors Scott Trahan, Charles Precht, Sonny McGee, President Douaine Conner, James Doxey, Cheniere representative James Ducote, Darryl Farque, and Steve Trahan. The department is funded for three years, with Ernie Broussard having been hired as Director.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Jury gets new planning dept.; gets funding

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Strategic planning and the development of an overall parish master plan are just two of the responsibilities delegated by the Cameron Parish Police Jury to its newly created Department of Economic Development and Planning.

Ernie Broussard was named director of the department at its creation during Monday night's Police Jury meeting.

The department will be funded through a cooperative

endeavor agreement between the parish and Cheniere Energy. Cheniere has agreed to provide \$300,000 per year for three years to fund the department. The first installment was delivered in the form of a check Monday night. The next two years will be funded through a separate agreement for payment in lieu of taxes and/or outright donations.

The duties of the department are to include, but are not limited to, economic development, capital improvements, disaster recovery

and implementation planning, land use administration and zoning, housing and community development, code enforcement and compliance, homeland security, grant writing and state and federal programs, technical assistance to the port authorities and other districts, development of overall parish master plan, and advanced strategic plan

New disaster relief program told here

Disaster relief in Cameron Parish is moving away from mass distribution and into case management mode.

Dinah Landry, Executive Director of the Cameron Council on Aging and Cameron Community Action Agency, and Rev. Wayne Taylor, pastor of Sweetlake United Methodist Church and director of FaithShare Ministry in Grand Lake have joined forces to organize most or all of the various entities providing disaster relief.

The plan is for residents needing any kind of help - from repairs to food, furniture, clothing, or counseling - to fill out an application with UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, at the Council on Aging Office in Grand Lake. A caseworker will assess needs with the family and create a plan of action.

Working with FaithShare, the caseworker will search out all available resources to meet those needs. FaithShare is acting as UMCOR's "unmet needs" committee to tap into many resources such as Americorps, the Catholic

Diocese, Volunteers of America, Family and Youth Counseling, and church based relief efforts.

"We believe this method will keep relief more manageable, cleaner and smoother, and will meet needs better," said Taylor. Landry added, "Until you're in the UMCOR system, nobody is out there looking for your needs."

Both leaders stress that everyone who needs help, of any kind, should call 337-905-6000 and make an appointment to meet with a caseworker. They expect this system to streamline efforts and reduce duplication, thereby providing the best help for Cameron Parish residents.

Creole site hours told

The Creole distribution site will be closed on Friday, Mar. 10 to receive supplies. Hours will be 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 11, and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 12, according to Julie Burrell of the Cameron Parish EOC.

Ferry to be out of service

The Calcasieu Ship Channel Ferry, Cameron II, will close at 9 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 9 for mandatory hull inspection. It is expected to remain closed until 5 a.m. Friday, Mar. 17.

According to Jerry Racca, Marine Operations Supt., the reason the closure was postponed from two weeks ago was that the dive company scheduled to perform the inspection was not finished with another project.

"We're right up to the deadline. If we don't do this right now, we'll have to shut down," Racca said.

4-Hers selling strawberries

Cameron Parish 4-H will be offering strawberry flats again this year. The cost is still \$12 per flat. Ticket sales will begin Mar. 13 and run through Mar. 31. Please contact any Cameron 4-H club member or your local 4-H Club for ticket orders.

Delivery will be Apr. 12. Pick up sites for all strawberry orders will be at Cameron 4-H Office and Hackberry High School. For more information, contact the Cameron 4-H Office at 562-8900.



FRANKIE HENRY SURVEYS what is left of the building he had leased to the Cameron Post Office, prior to clean-up. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



STUDENTS FROM Owens State Community College in Toledo, Ohio delivered this bookmobile filled with books, donated by the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library, to the Grand Lake Library on Monday. It will be used as a temporary library in Cameron as soon as the books in it can be cataloged. Pictured are: (kneeling, from left) Dan Reyes-Cairo and alum Samuel Mallette; (standing) William Ash, faculty advisor Andrew Timothy, Librarian Charlotte Trosclair, Suzanne Bickford, Rosemarie Racca, Lily Ingraham, Becky Primeaux, and Library Board Vice-president John Calzada. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Ohio college sends books, bookmobile to Cameron

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

For the people returning to lower Cameron Parish almost daily now, there is not much to do after work. Children and adults, cooped up in campers on rainy days will soon have more options thanks to a huge donation from caring people in Ohio.

On Monday, a caravan of students from the Owens State Community College in Toledo, Ohio delivered a large bookmobile filled with books to the Grand Lake Library. The bookmobile and its contents were donated by the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library.

Library Director Charlotte

Trosclair said the staff can hardly wait to begin cataloging all the new books into the system. As soon as that is done, the bookmobile will be sent to Cameron to serve as a temporary library until a new main branch can be built.

The students who drove the bookmobile all the way from Ohio were members of the Students in Free Enterprise and Rotoract Club organizations.

The students, Dan Reyes-Cairo, William Ash, Suzanne Bickford, and Lily Ingraham, were accompanied by faculty advisor Andrew Timothy and alumnus Samuel Mallette.

All are on Spring Break, a time usually associated with

college students partying on the beaches of Florida or Texas.

In fact, one student, William Ash, gave up a cruise to come on this trip. When asked why he did it, Ash said there would be other cruises, but this was more important.

The students will be working for the rest of the week to rebuild an abused children's shelter in Slidell. They also delivered an ambulance to New Orleans to be sent to a hospital in Honduras and a van for senior citizens in Slidell.

Marathon Oil Company provided \$1,000 to help pay for the gas for the trip.



Judge Ward Fontenot

Judge's office to reopen soon

The offices of District Judge H. Ward Fontenot will formally re-open at the Cameron Courthouse on Monday, Apr. 3. All court and chamber sessions will be held at the Cameron Courtroom in Cameron from that date forward.

However, please note that food services in Cameron are very limited. If you must make a court appearance, you may consider bringing your own food and beverages.

Also, automobile fuel is not readily available. Your fuel tank level should be adequate for a return trip before you enter the southern part of the parish.

Please exercise caution in driving because the road surface and shoulders have not been totally restored from hurricane damages.

No permits Mar. 11 - 17

The Cameron Parish Permitting Dept located in Cameron will not be issuing permits the week of Friday, Mar. 11 through Friday, Mar. 17, due to Ferry Closure.

All permits will be done out of the Grand Lake and Hackberry permit offices.

Grand Lake Permit Office - Tammy Trahan or Myles Hebert, 111 Dennis Lane, Sweet Lake, LA 70630, (337) 905-1911, (337) 598-3300 Fax.

Hackberry Permit Office - Terri Menard, 975 Main St., Hackberry, LA 70645, (337) 762-3357 or 762-3703, (337) 762-3374 Fax.

Police Jury settles OES controversy

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Police Jurors took action Monday night to settle the controversy which has been brewing for over a month concerning the part-time staff of the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

At issue was whether or not the staff had resigned their positions during an executive session held during a Jan. 18 special Police Jury meeting.

Several people said the staff and all the volunteers were insulted by the way the matter was handled.

After considerable discussion, Juror Sonny McGee said, "I wasn't at the meeting, but if we in any way offended or insulted anyone, we apologize and we want to make it right."

Saying "We have big issues in this parish," Juror Charles Precht asked Freddie

Richard, the supposedly resigned OEP Director, "If we have hurt your feelings, what do we have to do to get over this?"

Richard agreed that rehiring the staff would "send a signal" that the OEP's efforts during the storm were appreciated, and would "let them have their dignity back."

The Jury voted to re-hire Richard and Assistant Director Eddie Benoit. The other Assistant Director, John LeBlanc declined to be rehired, saying the whole matter was too political.

Kisha Killmer, State Regional Recovery Manager, offered a clarification of the

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Baptists to plan for rebuilding

The First Baptist Church of Cameron will hold a fellowship and informational meeting for its members this Sunday, Mar. 12, at 3 p.m., at the Boulevard Baptist Church in Lake Charles.

Plans for the rebuilding of the church will be discussed. Boulevard Baptist church is located one block north of Interstate 210 on Enterprise Blvd.

Meetings set

The Cameron Parish School Board will hold two meetings at the Grand Lake Community Center Monday, March 13.

A special meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. to discuss insurance and regular meeting will be held at 3 p.m.



WILLIAMS EXPLORATION Sr. Field Administrator Bobbie Jo LeBlanc, left, and Asst. District Manager John LeBlanc, right, present a check for \$10,000 to Johnson Bayou Principal Gene Reynolds, center. The money was donated by the Williams Foundation through its Grass Roots Giving program for use by the school's athletic department, which lost nearly \$50,000 worth of equipment in Hurricane Rita. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Funeral

BEULAH TITTLE

Beulah "Bea" Marie Tittle, 80, died Saturday, Mar. 4, 2006, in Lake Charles.

She was a native of Big Lake and had lived in Lake Charles for many years. She was a member of the Lake Area Worship Center and was a store manager at Gordon's Jewelry Store.

Survivors include her husband, Clifford Tittle; one son, Wayne Kelly Devall and wife, Kay of Big Lake; one daughter, Gail LeJeune Devall and husband, Arnold of Moss Bluff; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Jo Ann Lavergne and Belinda Devall.

Her funeral was held Tuesday, Mar. 7, in Hixson Funeral Home Chapel of Lake Charles. The Revs. Kevin Polk and W. H. Yarbrough officiated. Burial was in Pujoe Cemetery in Big Lake.



VOLUNTEER READERS at last Wednesday's visit by the Cat in the Hat are shown above: Grand Lake High School Readers: Marsha Smith, NEA Executive Committee Member; Bruce Hunt, LAE Executive Director; Senator Gerald J. Theunissen (R-District 25); Representative Mickey Frith (D-District 47); Louisiana Department of Education Region V Education Service Center: Angie Bech, School Improvement Coordinator; Stacy Dellafosse, LA4 Coordinator; Karen Guidry, LINC'S Coordinator; Pauline Hal, Reading Specialist; Stephanie Rogers, School Improvement Coordinator; Rhonda Kitchens, KPLC Anchor/Reporter; Cameron Parish Public Library: Charlotte Troclair, Director; Cameron Parish Clerk of Court: Carl Broussard; Cameron Parish School Board: Willyne Kestel, Special Education Supervisor; Eva January, Cameron Elementary School Librarian; Sharon Constance, Grand Lake High School Librarian; Kathy Helmer, Hackberry High School Librarian; Tanya Trahan, Johnson Bayou High School Librarian; Becky Vidrine, South Cameron Elementary Librarian; Katie Trahan, South Cameron High School Librarian; Cameron Parish Twelfth Grade Student of the Year - Mandy Michalko (Hackberry High School); Cameron Parish Eighth Grade Student of the Year - Heather Girlinghouse (Grand Lake High School). (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



NICKI WILLIS received her white coat at LSU on Feb. 3 after three years of veterinary school. She now starts Clinical Rotations which will last until May 2007, when she will earn her DVM degree. She is the daughter of Butch and Mary Willis of Cameron and is a graduate of South Cameron High School.

Do you have COPD?

Americans between the ages of 45 and 64 increasingly suffer from COPD, or Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. People with COPD often experience shortness of breath, frequent coughing and increased mucus production, making it difficult to breathe and perform simple daily activities like climbing stairs. COPD, which includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the fourth-leading killer in the U.S. behind heart disease, cancer and stroke. It is primarily caused by smoking. For more information on COPD and a free COPD assessment test, go to www.healthywomen.org.

Cat in the Hat pays visit to Grand Lake High

The National Education Association's Read Across America program--along with Dr. Seuss's Cat in the Hat and NEA's Books Across America program--made stops in Lake Charles on Wednesday to deliver a much needed supply of new books to nearly a thousand students from schools throughout Lake Charles. The visit is part of a weeklong Reading Relief Tour for Gulf Coast public school libraries and students affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and

Wilma. During the tour, a host of local celebrities, athletes and notable public figures will be reading to students and conducting book "drop-offs" at more than 40 public schools in more than 26 Gulf Coast cities.

Wednesday's leg of the tour included:

Grand Lake High School where students from all six elementary schools gathered for the event.

"Gulf Coast public school libraries are still in desperate need of new books and supplies, six months after the devastating hurricanes," said NEA President Reg Weaver. Bringing books back to these schools and students who have lost so much is a top priority for NEA. We are engaging our 2.7 million members and people nationwide to do everything they can to help rebuild Gulf Coast public school libraries.

For more information about the Reading Relief Tour, Books Across America

Reburial assistance is offered for bodies

As the public is aware, 348 bodies in Cameron Parish were disinterred in Hurricane Rita. Of this number 318 have been recovered, but only about two-thirds have been positively identified.

FEMA has been working with Zeb Johnson of the Calcasieu Parish Coroner's Office to rebury these unidentified individuals. Through GPS information Mr. Johnson has determined how many bodies came from each of the Parish cemeteries.

FEMA will pay for the cost of reburying these bodies, but only if they are buried in public cemeteries. The only public cemetery in Cameron Parish is the Head of the Hollow Cemetery in Johnson Bayou.

However, FEMA has agreed to rebury the unidentified bodies in the private cemeteries from which they came, provided the private cemeteries donate a sufficient number of plots to the Parish. These donated plots would then be considered public property.

The private cemeteries in Cameron Parish from which donated plots would be needed include: Rutherford Cemetery, Cheniere Perdue Cemetery, Doxey Cemetery, Happy Ridge Cemetery, Peshoff Cemetery, Smith Ridge Cemetery, First Baptist Cemetery, Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery, St. Martin de Porres Cemetery, St. Rose of Lima Cemetery, Our Lady Star of the Sea Cemetery, Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery, Immaculate Conception Cemetery, and St. Eugene Cemetery.

The Parish needs information on a contact person from each cemetery who would be willing to make the necessary donation to the Parish. The Parish has already contacted the representatives for the Catholic cemeteries, the Doxey Cemetery, the Happy Ridge Cemetery, and the Cheniere Perdue Cemetery. Representatives from each

of the other cemeteries should contact Jennifer Jones at 494-5563 to make arrangements to have these bodies reburied as soon as possible.

There is some grant money available to defray the cost of reburying identified bodies. Anyone interested in applying for these funds should contact Dinah Landry at the Council on Aging.



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Plans for three refuges to be told

To learn more about what is happening on any of the Southwest National Wildlife Refuges, Cameron Prairie, Lacassine, or Sabine, the public is invited to a public meeting to be held Thursday, Mar. 9 from 6-9 p.m. at the Contraband Room of the Lake Charles Civic Center to discuss the current status of the refuges, and the path to the future.

* Sabine National Wildlife Refuge and Cameron Prairie Refuge's East Cove unit will remain closed to the public.

* Cameron Prairie Refuge's Visitor Center and Pintail Drive will re-open Wednesday, Mar. 15.

* Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge will open for fishing Wednesday, Mar. 15.

and NEA's Red Across America Day activities and events, visit Read Across America at www.nea.org/readacross and Books Across America at www.nea.org/booksacross.



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HOUSES WHICH were gutted by the storm near Creole are being repaired. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THE SITE OF the Cameron Food Mart appears ready for re-building, having a new layer of fill dirt. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Where are they now?

By Nell Colligan

The Debris Clean-Up Crew reached Henry Street in Cameron last week. I knew it eventually would. Sam and Emma LeBoeuf's house (which was owned by James Doxey when the storm hit) is gone, as are the tall pines and Robert and Barbara Doxey's house next door. Removing the broken houses and debris so the rebuilding can begin is a good thing—but oh, so sad.

Saturday, we visited with some of our friends in the old neighborhood, just two blocks from the Cameron Courthouse. They were on the Doxey property, cleaning up.

Kathy and Tom Roland, Debbie Jo and Barbara Doxey, and Chad Mudd were gathered as James cleared away some of the yard debris with a tractor. Barbara was enjoying her family and "supervising" the operation from her big white rocking chair, in the middle of what used to be Mrs. Emma's back yard.

The chair (which survived the storm) rocked bumpily (is that a word?) on the ground which is layered with big squares of cracked, "Rita mud," now dry and hard.

"We couldn't stand to watch when they came to tear the houses down," Barbara said. "First, Darilyn drove away in tears with Kathy not far behind her. Finally the equipment operator told us, 'I'm not going to do it until you all leave.' We left so he could do his work." (I wouldn't be surprised if even the demolition equipment opera-

tor was in tears.)

Across the street from the Doxeys, at the home we formerly owned, we visited with Frances "Giz" Guilbeau, who was our next-door neighbor. He is the new owner of "our house." The house has a foundation of 32 pilings and was not badly damaged.

Also, the building was somewhat sheltered during the storm by other buildings since it was on the third street back from the main street. It, in turn, sheltered some of the houses behind it.

We were so happy to see Giz working to restore the house. It will take a lot of hard work, but the flood waters did not reach the main living area on the second floor. Giz and Kathy and Kathy's mom, Betty Savoy, will eventually have a Cameron home again when it's safe to return.

Next door, Eldie Cheramie's house has had the interior "gutted out" by members of a native Indian tribe who came to Cameron to do volunteer work. They did a really fine job. This house, which is constructed of cement blocks, can be restored by sanitizing and rebuilding the interior walls, wiring and plumbing.

Down the street, Mary Richard's home has been demolished and all the debris removed. Other houses in the neighborhood are scheduled to be removed soon. Very few will remain when all is said and done.

It was something of a shock to see that big, empty

lot where Dyson's Lumber used to be, further toward the courthouse. I know Cameron had to go through this phase before the rebuilding can begin, but it is sobering to see it happening.

It's very much like seeing the demolition Mother Nature did in Holly Beach and Johnson Bayou and along the highway east of Cameron, all the way to Pecan Island. Miles of slabs and cement pillars where homes once stood.

Just before leaving the neighborhood, I had visited with Cyndi and Paul Sellers. Cyndi has kept all of us informed of the news of the parish since she started writing for the Pilot a few years ago. It has become increasingly important since the hurricane scattered everyone to the far winds. Thank you, Cyndi, for providing this valuable service to your readers.

CORRECTION

Please note that Clair (Hebert) Tomson's name does not have a "p" in it. Hence, her correct e-mail address is: clairtomson@hotmail.com. Clair has heard from some of her old friends since her touching letter was printed in the column last week.

THE DOSHERS

This week I heard from Adriane "Tootsie" Doshier. She and Charles "Punchy" have located their new double-wide mobile home on the property of their son Ronald and his wife, Cheryl, in Gillis. Ronald and Cheryl's property includes ten acres with their own private fishing pond. Tootsie said they had a fish fry on the deck Saturday night, "just like old times."

Tootsie gave us news of all the family. Both her son and her grandson are in Iraq. Christopher is due home on leave in April. He will be eligible for retirement from the Marines in two years. Her grandson, Brenda Mooney's son, Tony, is working for the Brown & Root Company in Iraq. He and wife, Christine, had purchased Larry Taylor's home before the storm. They have obtained a permit to rebuild on the site, as the house was totally lost.

Christine's grandparents, Bonnie and Fletcher Miller, were living with her and Tony before the storm. They have since moved into a retirement home in New Iberia. Maybe someone can give us an address for them so they can get some mail.

Adriane and Charles Doshier's address is: 5129 Nattie Reed Road; Lake Charles, La. 70611. Phone: 337-855-3113.

In spite of the horror and destruction of Hurricane Rita, many have expressed their faith and strength in beautiful ways. The following poem was written by Loreleen Guthrie.

A PLACE

12-29-05
By LORELEEN GUTHRIE

I have seen a place swept away by Mother Nature's hand,

Bordered with mossy oaks, snowy egrets, rosy spoonbills and swooping cranes.

She took away children's treasures of the past,

where they are and how they are doing.

I really enjoy Mrs. Nell's column. It brings tears to my eyes and makes me lonely and happy for Cameron.

I miss my ladies and gentlemen not only for doing their hair, but for being so friendly and kind. I miss all of my family, friends, and Father Nonis at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Thank you,
/s/ Margarita Frederick

Letters to the Editor

Mediation is in progress

Dear Editor:

By the time you read this, we will have mediated the first claims against the homeowner's insurance companies. We currently have about 200 mediations scheduled and more are being set every day. If you have notified us of your mediation date, we will be contacting you to meet the weekend before your mediation is to be held. We frequently have more than one mediation scheduled for each time slot.

Tom Barrett, Assistant District Attorney, and Penelope Richard, Public Defender, have volunteered their time to assist you at mediation when I cannot be available. We will be presenting legal authorities and weather information to the mediator.

If you have not yet requested mediation and would like to do so, please call our office and we will get you a form. Next week I will give you a report of the progress made at mediation. We are optimistic.

Now that the mediations have started, I will be in mediations from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you need to speak with me personally, I would ask that you make an appointment on Monday or Friday. I am sorry to have to make this request, but the volume of questions is just too great. I do not like to keep anyone waiting.

With regard to the ICC claims - I am supposed to be receiving some information from the National Flood Insurance Plan this week. As some of you know, insurance companies are rejecting letters from the Parish stating that your home was substantially damaged in Hurricane Rita, and insisting on letters which state that your home was substantially damaged by flood.

The purpose of the request is to gain further information

Grandfather's decoys and grandmother's silver.

But even she cannot destroy the promise of a future

In a place forgotten not by God.

Loreleen's home was on Henry Street, near the courthouse. Her mailing address is: P.O. Box 281; Cameron, La. 70631. Her present home is at Marie Trailer Park; Lake Charles, La. 70607. (Loreleen, your faith in the future is certainly an encouragement to all of us... Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us.)

Please send your news to: 302 Trailwood Lane; Lafayette, La. 70508. Phone: 337-988-5395. nncdc67@aol.com

to use in denying your homeowner's claim. You have two years to file an ICC claim. I would suggest that you wait for now. We may be able to resolve the homeowner's claims in mediation, or I may find another way to get around the insurer's request for a statement that your damage was caused by flood.

Finally, if you have a relative whose grave was disturbed in Hurricane Rita, please see the article elsewhere in the Pilot about reburial.

/s/ Jennifer Jones
Asst. District Attorney

Margarita misses folks

Dear Editor:

Thank you for mailing my Cameron Pilot over here in San Antonio, Tex. I am staying with my son, Carlos Frederick.

I have enjoyed reading about family and friends,





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He talked about the area and all of the people he met every day. We know he would have wanted you all to remember his great smile, his wonderful laugh, his good humor and great love for life.

He was one of a kind and we will miss him dearly. So, thank you again, to you who are now our new friends, for taking such good care of us and supporting us in our time of loss.

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extended Family and Friends

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REP. MICKEY FRITH energetically read "The Cat in the Hat" to elementary students during the Read Across America program held last week in Grand Lake. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



CONDEMNATION NOTICES went out Tuesday for houses designated for demolition by the Corps of Engineers. Only structures which have Right of Demolition forms signed by the owners have been slated for demolition at this time. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



TAX NOTICES have gone out, and taxpayers were lined up at the tax collection office to pay up on Tuesday. Notices were delayed by several months due to Rita, and parish bodies that depend on the taxes to operate are in need of the funds. (Photos by Cyndi Sellers.)

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Cameron Pilot, March 8, 1973.) PARISH TO BUY TWO COMPUTERS

The Cameron Parish treasurer's office and tax assessor office will be computerized in the near future.

The police jury Tuesday authorized the purchase of a \$19,000 Burrough L500 computer for the treasurer's office and a \$14,000 Burrough L400 computer for the assessor's office.

Treasurer Garner Nunez explained that the parish bookkeeping load has become so heavy in recent years that the machines are needed.

WISCONSIN FARMERS CAME TO CAMERON IN 1911

By Geneva Griffith

In the year 1911, a group of farmers from Eau Claire, Wis., had a dream. They envisioned draining the vast marshland in the southwestern end of Cameron Parish and turning it into fertile farmland.

There were several factors that made their vision seem feasible. The Louisiana Legislature had passed a bill to pay 75% of the cost of draining marshland. However, even though the bill was passed, no money was ever appropriated for it.

It was later found to be unconstitutional, but that was after it has spurred the imagination of these early pioneers of agriculture, and 18,500 acres of the vast floating turf

marsh on Johnson Bayou were purchased by a group for \$2.50 an acre.

Two of the founders were involved with farmland in the Dakotas and when they saw the flatlands of Johnson Bayou and the lush green marsh grass, it reminded them of the flatlands and meadows of the Dakotas, so they named their company "Cameron Meadows."

The land extended from the Gulf of Mexico on the south to the Sabine River on the West, the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge on the North, and its eastern boundary reached halfway to the Calcasieu River.

Even though the land did not pay off because it could not be used for what it was originally intended, the landowners hung on because they had faith in the land.

During the Depression years, the income from the land was not even enough to pay the taxes. One of the landowners even lost his home in Eau Claire so he could hang on to his Cameron land.

DRAFT OFFICE MAY CLOSE

The price of peace to Cameron Parish probably will be the loss of the parish's draft board office. A news release from Brig. Gen. Thomas Bonner, state director of Selective Service, states that the number of Selective Service employees in Louisiana will be reduced

from 133 to 76 and the number of local board sites will be reduced from 65 to 21.

It is understood that this probably will mean the closing of the Cameron office some time this year. Possibly the local office will be consolidated with the one in Lake Charles.

BIG FERRY OUT

Beginning Sunday, March 10, 1973, Cameron Ferry No. 11, the ferry serving traffic crossing the ship channel on La. 27 at Cameron, will be taken out of service for routine dry docking as required by marine regulations.

This ferry will be replaced by a tug and barge combination during the estimated three week period that it will be out of service.

COOKING AND HEATING THE OLD STYLE By ELORA MONTIE

Cooking and heating with an old-time wood stove is something not seen much anymore, but it still is being done at the Montie home place on Grand Chenier.

Mrs. Josephine (O'Neal) Montie, who will be 91 in May, and her son, were cooking dinner on the stove at the old home. The Monties have been spending several weeks at the home place.

Mrs. Montie spends two weeks with each of her children and grandson in pecan Island d.

During the recent sleet and snow storm, when the power was off, the Monties were warm and snug by their wood stove.

NEW RECREATIONAL DISTRICT

An organizational meeting of Cameron Recreational District No. 3 was held Wednesday, Feb. 14 in the home of Norman McCall, Ward 3 Police Juror.

Jerry Jones, secretary of the Police Jury, explained the duties to the members.

Ruben Morales was elected chairman of the Board of Commissioners and Robert Landry, vice-chairman. Eddie J. Conner was elected executive secretary and Yvonne Mhire, treasurer.

Other board members and their term of office are: Linford Miller, 1 year; Mrs. Charles Rogers, 3 years; and Raphael Bargemen, 5 years.

GAS MEETING CALLED

The Cameron Parish Police Jury will hold a special meeting Tuesday, March 13, in the Police Jury building for the purpose of considering the purchase and expansion of the United Gas Co. distribution system in the parish.

Police Jury Lyle Crain said the public is invited to attend the meeting and urged all interested persons to attend.

ROUNDOABOUT THE PARISH

Connie Vincent and Charlene Jinks were crowned the senior and elementary sweethearts of the annual sweetheart program sponsored by the junior class at Johnson Bayou High School.

The Cameron Extension Homemakers Club met Monday, Feb. 23 in the Calcasieu Marine National

Wednesday is FEMA deadline

Cameron Parish residents who want to have their hurricane-damaged homes torn down must have right-of-demolition paperwork completed by Mar. 15, according to the Emergency Operation Center.

Forms are available at the EOC behind the courthouse. Updated information needed to complete the demolition packages has been mailed out, the EOC stated.

People who receive the information are urged to return completed forms to the Emergency Operation Center via mail, fax or in person.

Private-property debris removal is scheduled to be complete by Mar. 15, except for the Holly Beach area. Debris pickup will be cut back as the deadline approaches.

The Emergency Operation Center is working with FEMA to begin property clean-up in the Holly Beach area.

People with questions about right of entry or right of demolition may call 775-7048.

Medicare workshop set at J. B.

INFORMED and Johnson Bayou First Baptist Church are partnering to offer a Medicare Part D Seminar on Tuesday, Mar. 14 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. The seminar will be held at Johnson Bayou First Baptist Church, 6300 Gulf Beach Hwy., Cameron, and refreshments will be served.

The Seminar will cover the following topics: 1.) an overview of the enrollment process, 2.) how to apply for extra help benefits through Social Security, 3.) information on how to select a drug plan, and where to go for face to face benefits counseling.

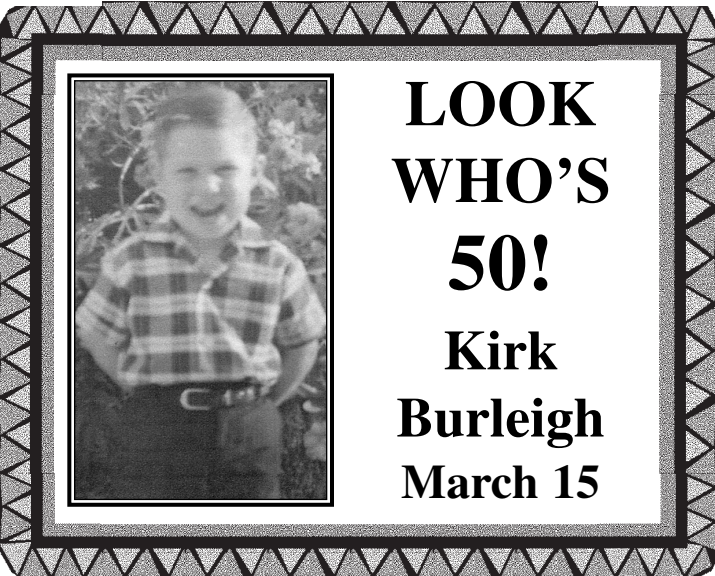
INFORMED is a program of the Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center (SWLAHEC) with support from Louisiana State University Health Science Center/Health Resources Services Administration.

For more information, contact Gail Wolf at 497-0127, Ext. 14 or email informed@swlahec.com.

Bank. A film was shown by Mrs. Alcía Trahan. Hostesses were Mesdames Burton Blake, John Portie and Burl LaBove.



LOOK WHO'S 50! Kirk Burleigh March 15



Ward 1 voting set

Early voting for the April 1 Ward 1 Justice of the Peace election will be held March 20-25 at the Cameron Parish Registrar of Voters temporary office in the Grand Lake Multi-Purpose building next to the fire station.

Registrar of Voters Suzanne Sturlese said voting may be done from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday.

Be sure to bring a picture ID such as a driver's license.

The election is to name a replacement for Willie Mae Gary who has resigned from

the position. Regular Ward 1 voting precincts are:

- No. 8--Lowry.
- No. 9--Klondike.
- No. 17--East end of Grand Chenier.

Ms. Sturlese said she is presently working out of a temporary office in Cecil Sanner's office at 4380 Lake St. in Lake Charles but will move to a new location in Grand Lake in the near future.

For more information on early voting call Ms. Sturlese at 478-5208, 794-2618 or 405-9284.

\$25,000 grant made for Creole Nature Trail

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Representative Charles Boustany, Jr. has announced a grant of \$25,000 from the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund improvements to the Creole Nature Trail in Southwest Louisiana.

The grant, funded through the National Scenic Byways Program and awarded to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, will continue the implementation of the Creole Nature Trail's Corridor Management Plan.

"The Creole Nature Trail provides an up-close view to the unique resources and

environment of Southwest Louisiana," said Boustany. "This new funding is especially critical as we recover from the effects of Hurricane Rita."

Corridor Management Plans are the central tool used by byway leaders to organize activities, investments, and planning goals for the communities and partners supporting the byway. This particular project will fund a coordinator to help manage the Creole Nature Trail's byway activities and projects, including coordination of volunteer activities and byway events, and the completion of ongoing byway projects.

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Help from the far North came to SW Louisiana

By Brandon (Bucky) Rapp

I am a student from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota. In January a group of nine students plus our pastor, Fr. Kevin Anderson were given an opportunity to spend our winter break helping the citizens of Lake Charles clean up some of the debris caused by Hurricane Rita. We traveled 24 hours each way to make the journey. We arrived in Lake Charles late at night on Wednesday night January 11 so we were unable to see any of the damage until morning. The Catholic Retreat Center we were fortunate enough to stay at was an excellent home away from home.

The first morning we got up early and drove to Sacred Heart Church in Lake Charles. On the way we were given a taste of what the hurricane had done. We noticed entire neighborhoods lined with blue tarps and there was not a single fence that remained intact. It seemed as though some houses suffered tremendous amounts of water damage and were

missing roofs while neighboring houses seemed to be left unscathed. We later learned that the houses seemingly untouched by the disaster actually experienced large amounts of water damage on the inside. As we drove further we noticed the fallen trees and debris that covered residents' yards and in some cases entire forests had been blown over by the hurricane's powerful winds.

For us, being able to actually see the devastation suffered by this community was humbling, and in lower Cameron Parish, overwhelming. The images that the media portrayed on television became real to us and we realized how much work and money will be needed to get the community back on its feet. We hope and pray that our efforts have brought hope to the Lake Charles community and surrounding areas that they are not in this alone.

The residents of Lake Charles, despite the damage and loss they experienced, were very hospitable. We learned the true meaning of

Southern Hospitality while we were in the community and it seemed as though we were given much more than we were able to give. Father Henry Mancuso was gracious enough to tend to our injuries and bring two of us to the doctor. We were fine but also grateful for his kindness. Harold and Sheryl Nixon, along with Elizabeth, Zack and Jake, were wonderful people and were very kind to us. A special thanks to Miss Nettie Fontenot who cooked us some excellent Cajun food.

It was simply amazing and inspiring to see that all of those who have lost so much have kept such a strong relationship with God. Hurricane Rita seems to have brought a renewed and stronger sense of community for the Lake Charles area and faith in God will only strengthen that bond. No matter who we talked to, even those in lower Cameron Parish, who came home to a hole in the sand, would say that they are blessed to be alive and healthy. Everything in life can be taken away in a sin-

gle moment but God remains with us through the worst of times and the best of times. He called each of us who went on the service trip to act as His hands and

feet, and to bring hope to the people who have lost so much by letting them know that they are not alone in their struggle. We are all in this together through Christ.

We can only hope and pray that our efforts to help those people in need will have made a difference, and that God remains in each of their hearts.



Students from St. Cloud (Minn.) University are shown with Fr. Kevin Anderson, left, at Sacred Heart of Jesus/Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School. The group of nine young people from the Newman Club at St. Cloud, Ruth Knowles, Becca Nieters, Joey Jackson, Amy Imdieke, Jackie St. Aubin, Amber Kerstein, Kevin Justin, Kelly Kramer, and Bucky Rapp, visited the Diocese in January to aid in the cleanup from Hurricane Rita. They worked in Lake Charles as well as in lower Cameron Parish.

Catholic Service Center

Jettie Greene named Social Outreach Manager

LAKE CHARLES - Jettie Greene has been named Manager of Social Outreach for the Catholic Service Center of the Diocese of Lake Charles. Mrs. Greene takes over the position from Ruth Simien, who retired after more than 20 years of service to the Diocese.

Greene, a native of Houston, Texas, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Texas

Southern University in 1981, and a Masters Degree in Behavioral Science from the University of Houston-Clear Lake in 1998. She also holds a Vocational Office Education Certificate, a School Administration Certificate and a Criminal Justice Certificate (Education). She was a member of the Psi Chi National Honor Society (Psychology) while in college and is a member of the Alpha

Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Greene taught five years at Lee High School in Houston and a year at Angleton High School. She served as a Small Learning Community Coordinator and Title I Coordinator while being honored as the 2002-2003 Teacher of the Year at Lee High School. In 2004 she took part in the Houston Teachers Institute in the Criminal Justice Curriculum having

her work published.

She worked as a Project Reintegration of Offenders Specialist for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as well as a Parole Officer and has five years of experience with the Texas Employment Commission as an Employment Interviewer and Tax Auditor.

Greene and her husband, Calvin, have one son, Calvin II.

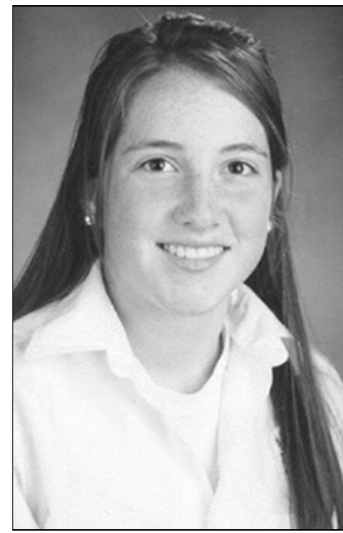
Nonpublic School Students of the Year named for SW Louisiana

LAKE CHARLES - The results of the 2006 Students of the Year in the Southwest Louisiana district competition for nonpublic schools have been announced by Reverend Mr. Michael Mathews, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Lake Charles. Students-of-the-Year in the Southwest Louisiana District Competition were Julia Marie Falgoust, Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic School, Lake Charles, Fifth Grade; Jillian Elizabeth Duhon, Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School, Jennings, Eighth Grade; and Lindsey Chretien, St. Louis Catholic High School, Twelfth Grade.

Deacon Mathews said, "The nonpublic schools' of Southwest Louisiana select their Students of the Year at this time each year. The Southwest regional competition includes all state approved nonpublic schools in a geographic region which corresponds to the boundaries of the Diocese of Lake Charles, including Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis civil parishes. For many years the State Department of Education has requested that the



Lindsey Chretien



Jillian Duhon



Julia Falgoust

Louisiana Catholic dioceses conduct the nonpublic schools competitions in their regions of the state.

"Each year the competition is a delightfully invigorating event. The adults involved as organizers and judges get to meet these exceptionally gifted and accomplished young ladies and gentlemen who were chosen by their respective schools as Students of the Year and represent their schools at this local competition." Deacon Mathews explained that every state

approved nonpublic school in the Southwest Louisiana district is eligible to enter students in the competition. Schools may enter students for the Students of the Year competition at three grade levels: fifth grade, eighth grade, and twelfth grade.

"We are very proud of these children and their accomplishments in academics, leadership, and service," Deacon Mathews said, "The judges were particularly challenged when it came to making their final choices because all of the young peo-

ple who represented their schools in the competition were such exemplary students. We are extremely honored to have these three magnificent young people represent our region in the nonpublic schools competition in Harahan on March 10."

Deacon Mathews also recognized the other students who represented their schools at the district competition held in Lake Charles, Louisiana: Fifth Grade Students of the Year in their schools: Destinee Delahoussaye, Sacred Heart of Jesus/Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School; Maggie Mott, Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School; Jacqueline Denise Perry, Our Lady's Catholic School; Mason Vaughn Sarver, Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School; Kimberly Soileau, Saint Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School; and Russ Kyle Sonnier, Bethel Christian School. Eighth Grade Students of the Year in their schools: Ariel Sacole Deville, Sacred Heart of Jesus/Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic School; Claire Renee Mosley, Our Lady's Catholic School; Julie Catherine Vaughan, Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School; and Hannah Aileen Vidrine, Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic School.



Msgr. Harry D. Greig, Diocesan Administrator, received Catechumens and Candidates in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults from parishes of the Diocese on Sunday, March 5, at the annual Rite of Election celebrated in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles.

(This page paid for by the Diocese of Lake Charles.)



Jettie Greene at work in the offices of the Catholic Service Center of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

God is Love

By Fr. Frank Pavone
National Director, Priests for Life

On Christmas Day of 2005, Pope Benedict XVI issued his first encyclical letter, "God is Love." The letter clarifies the Christian meaning of the word "love," stressing that it is not a mere sentiment, but rather has a content and a specific shape, found in Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of God. Love, furthermore, constitutes a concrete program of action on the part of the whole Church, and is as essential to the Church as are the Word and Sacraments.

What implications does a teaching like this encyclical have for the pro-life movement?

The encyclical implies that the pro-life movement is at the heart of the response that the Christian and the whole Church make to God himself. The Pope points out that "to say that we love God becomes a lie if we are closed to our neighbor" (n. 16). The pro-life movement is all about love for our neighbor in the womb. This love, furthermore, is self-sacrificing. The encyclical notes, "Love now becomes concern and care for the other. No longer is it self-seeking, a sinking in the intoxication of happiness; instead it seeks the good of the beloved: it becomes renunciation and it is ready, and even willing, for sacrifice" (n. 6).

In the best sense of the word, every pregnancy is a "crisis pregnancy," that is, a moment in which we must choose to grow, with all the pain which that entails. The mother with child must be "stretched" physically, psy-

chologically, and spiritually. The encyclical says, "Purification and growth in maturity are called for; and these also pass through the path of renunciation" (n. 5). The child changes the mother forever, and in giving herself to her child she finds her more mature self.

Our pro-life commitment is also Eucharistic, because union with Christ means union with all our brothers and sisters, including the unborn. The Pope states: "Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own" (n. 14). Notice that the Pope refers to union not only with "those who have become" the Lord's, but with all "who will become his own." This includes the unborn, who share the same humanity that we and Christ share.

The Pope also points out that while their roles are distinct, the Church must work alongside the State in bringing about a just society. The Church "cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice. She has to play her part through rational argument and she has to reawaken the spiritual energy without which justice, which always demands sacrifice, cannot prevail and prosper" (n.28).

In short, "God is Love" reinforces "The Gospel of Life," because "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel" (EV, n.2).



AMERICORPS TEAMS were working in Hackberry on Monday helping residents clean up storm debris. This team was at the home of Gerald and Joe Ann LaBove where they took down a shed, cleaned out a barn, and picked up debris from a fence line. Joe Ann said she didn't know how it would have gotten done without the team's help, since Gerald has health problems and the debris was too heavy for her and her children. For help with clean-up of storm damage, call Julie Burleigh at the Cameron EOC, 775-7770, or Dinah Landry at the Council on Aging, 905-5000. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



SHOULDER REPAIR IS nearly complete along Hwy. 27 between Creole and Cameron. Repairs have allowed the School Board to resume a bus route from Cameron to Grand Lake. The bus leaves the Court House at 6:50 am. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

POLICE JURY

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input given to the Jury by FEMA prior to the executive session. "Neither Lee Champagne or I ever said the parish would lose money if the OEP staff did not resign. There has been some miscommunication."

A statement from FEMA's Mark Calambro outlined their version of the conversation at their Jan. 13 meeting with Cameron officials.

"During the proceedings, Kisha Killmer proposed that the part-time Cameron Parish OEP Director and Assistants either get actively involved on a full time basis to manage the parish recovery effort or step down. This request was to get the parish on-track to full recovery. The recovery effort in Cameron is a tremendous effort and requires qualified, full-time OEP staff that can dedicate themselves to preparing and managing the parish's Recovery Plan as well as working with their State and Federal partners. This is not the case now in Cameron."

Jurors have received 11 applications for the full-time OEP director position. Interviews are to be held at the end of the month. Richard has said he will stay on until a new director is hired and assist in the transition.

HAZARD MITIGATION

Kenny Darbonne and Matt Parker of the Shaw Group presented a proposal to manage the parish's hazard mitigation grant proposal. The federal funds, at least \$2.2 million, that have been set aside for Cameron Parish could be used for re-building, elevating, or buying out homes in the damaged area. The group proposes to help residents apply for the funds, which are a 75%-25% match. Their fee would be 8% of the total grant money received.

Jurors will issue a Request for Qualifications and then choose a company to manage the program. The Parish's request package is due by Apr. 1.

HEALTH CARE

Jennifer Jones reported that the US Public Health Service clinic in lower Cameron Parish is only seeing 5-7 patients per day, and wants to pull out of the area. She said the South Cameron Hospital is months away from setting up an

emergency room and hospital beds, and hiring a full staff for the clinic at this time would be cost-prohibitive, considering the patient load.

All agreed that the continuation of health care is essential to the recovery of the area, especially for companies which are considering locating there. A meeting will be set within the next two weeks to discuss the issue.

OTHER MATTERS

In other matters, the jury voted 4-3 to support a resolution by Rep. Mickey Frith to keep the speckled trout limit at 25 per day, instead of reducing to 15.

OEP director Freddie Richard received permission to spend the remaining Homeland Security grant funds from 2004 and 2005. The purchase list had been approved before the storm.

The polling place for Precinct 17 in Grand Chenier was moved from the fire station to St. Eugene Church for the upcoming Justice of the Peace election.

Jurors enacted an ordinance adopting the State Uniform Construction Code. All parishes are required to adopt the code. Parish Administrator Tina Horn said the parish will have to contract with another parish for inspectors until qualified persons can be hired locally.

Wind loads south of Little Chenier will be 120 mph, north of that line 110 mph.

Jurors voted to pay invoices totalling \$360,000 for the Grand Chenier Water District. The district expects FEMA reimbursement for the expenses, and will repay the parish at that time.

Bids will be advertised for rebuilding all parish barns damaged by the storm and for the court house elevator.

APPOINTMENTS

The following were re-appointed to parish boards:

Ambulance Dist. #1 - Chris Mooney

Ambulance Dist. #2 - Gwen Constance

Beachfront Development Dist. #2 - Douglas "Mac" Haynie

Fire Dist. #15 - Roy Broussard, Leo Thevis, Bryan Weekly, Scott Weekly,

Waterworks Dist. #2 - Donald Broussard

Waterworks Dist. #11 - Gerald Richard.

Cam. Elem. honor lists

Shown below is the Cameron Elementary Honor and Banner Roll for the first semester 2006.

Grade 1 - Banner roll: Baleigh Conner, Marissa Dupont, and Tori Smith

Honor roll: Olivia Hebert
Grade 2 - Banner roll: Zachery Bignall, J'Nae Nunez, and Morgan Primeaux

Honor roll: Damon Pugh, Erin Hill, Tony Robledo, Blake Theriot, and Breydon Trahan

Grade 3 - Banner roll: Madison Bonsall, Jose Castillo, Alec January, Sheridan Smith, Hunter Sorrells.

Honor roll: Sadie DeBarge, Ariel Mathis, Micheal Sedlock, Abigail Vargas, Joshua Trahan and Kayleigh Fuselier.

Grade 4 - Honor roll: Jade Nunez, Laney Primeaux, Cody Morvant and Jeffery Racca

Grade 4 - Banner roll: Kent Doxey and Karlee Primeaux

Grade 6 - Banner roll: Breann DeBarge

Honor roll: Dina Mendez, Paige Trahan, Sadie Trahan and Sabrina Peshoff

Grade 7 - Honor roll: Taylor Rhodes and Jadah Primeaux

School lunch menus told

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week beginning Mar. 9 are as follows:

Thursday, Mar. 9 - Oven fried chicken, seasoned rice, green beans, fruit cocktail, wheat biscuits, milk.

Friday, Mar. 10 - Fish strips, macaroni and cheese, sweet peas, orange wedges, cornbread, catsup, milk.

Monday, Mar. 13 - Chicken Alfredo, tossed salad, orange wedges, salad dressing, wheat biscuits, Jello w/fruit, milk.

Tuesday, Mar. 14 - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit cup, yellow cake, chocolate glaze, wheat sliced bread, white sauce, milk.

Wednesday, Mar. 15 - Beef nachoes, tomato cup, Ranch beans, steamed broccoli, cinnamon rolls, tortilla chips, milk.

South Cameron Elem. honor & banner rolls

South Cameron Elementary Honor Roll and Banner Roll for the first semester are as follows:

1st GRADE

Banner Roll: Niklas Bailey, Madison Huffman, Abby LeBoeuf, Cadi Manuel, Jakin Morales, Madeline Mudd, Briley Richard, Gatlin Welch.

Honor Roll: Jevan Ball, Allie Bonsall, Christopher Broussard, Hunter LeBoeuf, Angelica LeJeune, Brant Styron, Hunter Theriot.

2nd GRADE

Banner Roll: Ross Dahlen, Seaira Duplechian, Brooklyn Frerks, Tristin Guidry, James Hebert, Ty Little, Sydnee McCall, Kelsi Moon, Garen Romero.

Honor Roll: Kinlee Boudreaux, Kelby Comeaux, Jeremiah Dockins, Clarisa Gary, Adam Manuel, Jacee Miltenberger, Megan Nunez, Catherine Portie, Austin Swire.

3rd GRADE

Banner Roll: Tianna Dunaway, Kerrigan Meaux,

S. Cameron High tells honor lists

South Cameron High School students who made Honor Roll/Banner Roll for the 3rd six weeks are as follows:

*Denotes Banner Roll.

8th GRADE

Alex Bonsall, Devon Richard*, Jolie Boudreaux, Johnathon Richards*, Iliana Campos, Ross Rowland, Katelyn Horn*, Ty Savoie, Klaire Kingrey, Hallie Whittington, Mikalee Mooney*, Meagan Wigley*, Bailey E. Richard*, Danica Mhire.

9th GRADE

Tony Baccigalopi, Kaylyn Shaw, Kimily Bourriaque*, Amanda Wicke, Gabe LaLande*, Kyle Little, Haley McCall, Jade Miller*, Brett Richard*, Kobi Richard*.

10th GRADE

Blair Belanger*, Chynna Little, Amanda Benoit, Colby Nunez, Kaley Boudoin*, Erika Pickett*, Amy Bourriaque*, Whitney Richard, Jami Bourriaque*.

Daniel Roberson*, James Cormier, Daniel Dupre*, Jill Rutherford, Kristyn Dupuie, Kami Savoie*, Rachael Fountain*, Matthew Ross Theriot*, Barrett Hebert*, Thomas Troclair*, Daniel Kelley, Lyndi Vincent.

11th GRADE

B.J. Abshire, Deil LaLande*, Samantha Bailey, Brittany LeBlanc, Voneata Benson, Chandler LeBoeuf, Barrett Bercier*, Rose Martel, Alex Broussard*, Kaysha Miller, Aaron Doxey*.

Shylyn Nunez*, Amanda Hackler, Mary Jo Portie*, Jaelyn Higgins, Katelyn Reina*, Jordan Istre, Michael Savoie, Patience January, Cami Vincent, Chelsi King*, Haley Willis.

12th GRADE

Eula Aguirre, Lauren Theriot, Theresa Baccigalopi*, Scott Theriot, Heather Benoit*, Meagan Trahan*, Sarah Boudreaux, Bart Vidrine, D'Nae Desonier*, Bethany Vincent, Kayla Hay*, Melaina Welch*, Kelsi Kiffe, Callie Willis, Shayla LaBove*, Dainty Little,

Christian McCall*, Ashley Menard, Hope Morvant*, Paul Nguyen*, Brittany Nunez, Melissa Nunez*, Tamara Nunez, Justin Payne*, Chelsea Phillips*, Jamie Primeaux, Byron Quinn, Chance Richard, Kelli Styron*, Matthew Styron*, Kaitlin Theriot.

Hackberry honor roll

The Hackberry High School honor roll for the third six weeks period has been announced as follows:

*Denotes all As.

Grade 2 - Brianne Beard*, Abbie Delcambre*, Jaci Granger*, Cody Fountain, Bailey LaBove, KayeLeigh LaBove, Kelsey LeBoeuf*, Dakota LeJeune, Maygan Raffield*, Kadie Reon*, Lexie Stine*, Alexis Swire, Logan Tingle*

Grade 3 - Sydney Broussard; Hunter Frey; Justin Reon*; Clint Welch.

Grade 4 - Kennedy Darbonne*; Anais LaFleur; Tiffanie Raymond; Codie Reon; Destiny Simon; Laci Stansel; Mattie Stine*; Jolie Trahan*; Luke Whelchel.

Grade 5 - Khoury Raffield; Madison Shove*

Grade 6 - Thomas Ducote; Meagan Johnson; Lesley Sanner; Aaron Whelchel.

Grade 7 - Erica Duhon; Jenna Granger*; Devan LaBove; Kayla Vincent.

Grade 8 - Garrett Guidry; Sean Hicks; Meghan Shipp; Megan Spicer.

Grade 9 - Kevin Alford; Lauren Broussard*; Clinton Granger; Kelsey Helmer*; Kaitlyn Hicks; Lauren Johnson*; Jacob Poole*; Dakota Rose*; LoriBeth Shove*; Megan Swire; Chandelle Toups.

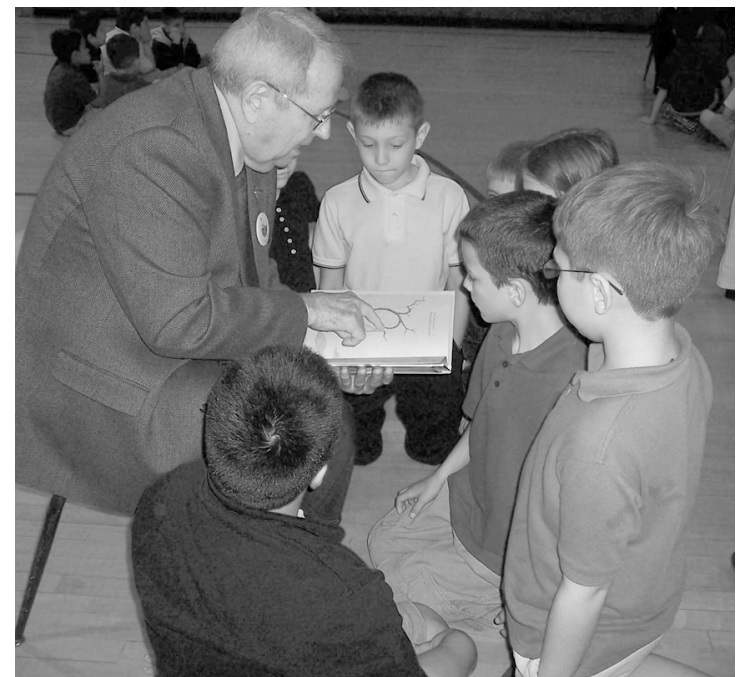
Grade 10 - Judd Addison; Joseph LeJuine*; Steven Miller; Kayla Sanner; C. J. Swier.

Grade 11 - Tabitha Deville; Carly Fountain; Natasha Hicks*; Kevin Orgeron*; Carolyn Rose; George Spell; Brittany Thomas; Nicholas Wolfe*.

Grade 12 - Joshua Christy; Morgan Hicks*; Brett LaBauve; Timothy Lyons; Mandy Michalko*; Amanda Miller; Jena Sanner*; Sarah White.



MRS. CHERIE MYERS' kindergarten class at Grand Lake celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday recently. They read many Dr. Seuss books, made hats, made and ate Cat in the Hat snacks, and practiced rhyming. It was a fabulous day.



SEN. JERRY THEUNISSEN kept youngsters enthralled as he read Dr. Seuss' "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" during the Read Across America program held last week in Grand Lake. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



A LARGE group of children were on hand at Grand Lake to read with the Cat in the Hat and celebrity volunteer readers. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)