

TWO VERY rare visitors to Cameron Parish are these two flamingoes who have apparently taken up residence at a site in the parish. One is an escapee from a zoo in Wichita, Kansas.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Two rare flamingoes take up residence in parish

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Two recently arrived visitors to Cameron Parish have created quite a stir in the birding (birdwatching) community. For at least three weeks a pair of flamingoes have been seen in the lower Calcasieu Lake area. This is the same area where the pink dolphin is regularly seen.

Brian DeBarge, who reported the flamingoes to the Pilot, says he has also seen another pink dolphin, an adult, in the same area. Pink seems to be a theme for Cameron Parish, especially when you add the Roseate Spoonbills common in the marshes.

Both flamingoes are banded, and consultation among ornithologists and birders has

identified them. One, a mostly white adult with band #492, is a known escapee from a zoo in Wichita, Kan. It is the Old World (Mediterranean-Africa) subspecies of Greater Flamingo.

The more colorful bird banded with the letters HDNT is a wild Caribbean Greater Flamingo which was banded in 2005 in a refuge in the Yucatan, Mexico. Dr. Rodrigo Montoya, who works with the Ria Lagartos flamingo colony, has been contacted and says he is happy to hear of the sighting of the bird, since it has not been seen since January of 2007.

Montoya believes the bird, previously seen in the Aransas NWR, was blown to the U. S. by Hurricane Rita. It is possible that Hurricane

Humberto blew both birds to Cameron.

Since 1999, Montoya's team has banded 2700 flamingoes, each with a unique four letter code. Only two have been seen outside the Yucatan, HDNT and BJJV which were seen in Florida in 2003.

Local birders are very excited about the prospect of seeing a wild flamingo in Louisiana. A team was in Cameron on Wednesday to confirm the sighting, after which it will be posted on the state birding website. The birds have been seen on private property, not accessible except by boat, so viewing may be limited. It is important that the public not disturb them too much, or they may leave the area.

Fire stations being rebuilt in parish since hurricane

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Cameron Parish fire stations, unlike those in flood ravaged New Orleans, are being rebuilt. The Muria station in East Creole will be next, the \$458,000 contract having been awarded to Sam Istre Construction at Monday night's regular Police Jury meeting.

Istre was the low bidder on the project, but Juror Scott Trahan asked the administration to make sure the company fixes the plumbing problems at the Creole fire station, which they also renovated. Trahan complained that the Muria contract costs more than the Creole contract, and the Creole job was bigger.

A fire substation in Cameron has also been rebuilt, and the Jury voted to advertise for bids on the main Cameron fire station.

Cameron fire stations are being restored through the use of FEMA funding. According to recent news reports, the New Orleans recovery is stalled because the administration there is insisting that full funding be provided before contraction begins. The FEMA process reimburses local government for costs of reconstruction of public buildings and infrastructure.

Jurors agreed to advertise for Requests for Proposals for administrative services needed to manage the \$8,466,000

in Community Development Block Grants just awarded to the parish by the Louisiana Recovery Authority. They also accepted low bids on culverts and a new truck for the parish permit office.

Building inspections now required for all new construction by state law will be done through a joint service agreement with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury until certified local inspectors can be hired by the parish.

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Jury duty is cancelled here

The Civil Jury Term for the 38th Judicial District Court in the Parish of Cameron scheduled for Monday, Oct. 15 has been cancelled.

If you were subpoenaed for Jury Duty on that date you do not need to report.

Beach meet

The Holly Beach Improvement Assoc. will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Holly Beach fire station.

All board members and the general public are encouraged to attend.

For more information call 318-925-8373 or 318-422-4354.

Trunk or treat event planned

Attention Trick or Treaters, organizations and residents in the Grand Lake-Sweetlake area will host a Trunk or Treat Oct. 31, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lake Firemen Center, in the back lot.

All trick or treaters are invited. Hot dogs will be served. Any group or individual wishing to participate please call Dinah at 532-3030. All spoons and goblins are welcome!

Stress classes are offered in Grand Chenier

Volunteers of America will conduct two free stress management sessions at the Grand Chenier Methodist Church, according to Rev. James Moore.

On Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. a "Refresh and Renew" session will be held.

On Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. sessions will be held on "Fun & Laughter."

The sessions are open to all ages, including children. For more information call Louisiana Spirit at 433-6460 or 1-866-405-2673, or Rev. Moore at 598-3457.

Early voting to begin in the parish

Early voting for the Oct. 20 election can be done in the Cameron Parish Registrar of Voters office behind the courthouse from Oct. 6 to Oct. 13 from 8:30 a.m. and to 4 p.m. (With the exception of Sunday when the office is closed.)

Offices to be voted on in Cameron Parish include Sheriff, Assessor, Police Jurors, School Board Members.

Races for the Louisiana Senate and House are also on the ballot.

State races include Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Commission of Agriculture, Commission of Insurance and BESE board.

There are also four constitutional amendments to be voted on.

Voters are asked to bring identification such as driver's license.

Cameron Parish voters displaced by Hurricane Rita may still vote in the parish if they have not registered to vote in some other parish.

Gun classes to be offered in Cameron

Cameron Sheriff's Office will be holding a firearms safety course Friday Oct. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Hackberry Community Center. The course will be open to women of Cameron Parish 18 and older.

Time will run 2 to 3 hours. Attendance is limited to the first 20 that register. Course will provide a better understanding of firearms, safety, basic handling and address concerns and questions.

On Oct. 20, at 10 a.m. course participants will have the opportunity to shoot firearms at the Sheriff's Office range in Cameron. Both must be attended to shoot. Registration forms are available in the Sheriff's Office at the Courthouse in Cameron and the Substation in Hackberry.

For questions contact Instructor, Deputy French at 762-3962 or 775-5111.

Teachers are offered new program

"Teach Louisiana Consortium is a program that offers talented individuals from a variety of educational and work backgrounds the opportunity to obtain certification in as little as one year while teaching full-time, earning full-time teacher salary.

For more information please visit our website at www.LRCE.org and click on "Becoming a Teacher" or attend the informational meeting at the Cameron Parish Library Grand Lake Branch, 961 Hwy 384, Grand Lake, on Nov. 1 at 5 p.m.

For more information, please call Charlotte Trosclair at 598-5950 or Angelle Stringer, Ph.D. at 225-924-7600.



THE ANNUAL Alligator Festival will be held Sunday, Oct. 7 at the Grand Chenier Park and is sponsored by St. Eugene Catholic Church. This photo of a Cameron Parish alligator was taken by the late Bill Turnbull a few years ago. A book of his outdoor photos will be published in the near future by his wife, Janie Turnbull.

Alligator Festival set Sunday in G.C.

The 20th annual Alligator Festival will be held Sunday, Oct. 7 at the Grand Chenier Park on the Mermentau River sponsored by the St. Eugene Catholic Church.

This would have been the 23rd festival, but the 2005 and 2006 festivals were cancelled due to devastation of Hurricane Rita.

The crowning of a Senior Citizen Queen will not be held this year but the Little Mr. & Miss Pageant will be held at 10 a.m.

Lunch will be served

beginning at 11 a.m.

At 11:15 a.m. the Joseph Sturlese Family Memorial Plaque for the largest alligator taken this year will be presented.

There will be an auction at 1 p.m. and the Steel Shot band will play. Deadline for the silent auction is 2 p.m.

At 4 p.m. there will be a raffle drawing, cake walk and children's games.

The public is invited to the festival. There is no admission charge.

Grand Lake workshop set

A workshop titled "Holiday Marketing: Creating Customers" will be offered from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Firemen's Center in Grand Lake for business owners that are interested in fresh innovative ideas for marketing their businesses during the upcoming holiday season.

This free workshop will be presented by the Louisiana

Small Business Development Center at McNeese State University, the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Imperial Calcasieu Resource Conservation and Development Council.

Participants are asked to pre-register for the workshop. For more information, contact the LSBDC at McNeese at 475-5529 or online at lsbc.msu@lsbdc.org.



THE COURTHOUSE elevator is finally working, as proved by Police Jurors Sonny McGee, Scott Trahan, and Darryl Farque who tested it Monday evening. All floors of the building are now handicapped accessible.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



REPRESENTING THEIR respective classes as Johnson Bayou High School's 2007 - 2008 Homecoming Court are: seniors, Charmayne Barentine and Destiny Sonnier; juniors, Chelsea Greer and Christian Viator (not pictured); sophomores, Christy Rarick and Shelby Trahan; and freshmen, Chelsey Leger.



Benny Welch provided the timber for the frame around Grand Chenier Methodist Church's stained glass window. The wood came from a sinker cypress log estimated to have lived over 2000 years ago. These planks were taken from the center of the tree, meaning that this wood was alive during the time Christ walked on the earth.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Funerals



ELMA MARIE GROSS MOORE

Funeral services for Elma Marie Gross Moore, 73, of Hackberry, were held Saturday, Sept. 29, at Robison Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Jason Dunham officiated. Burial was in Mimosa Pines Cemetery, Carlys.

Mrs. Moore died Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007, in the Marrero hospital. She was born in Hackberry. Mrs. Moore was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hackberry. She drove a school bus for the Cameron Parish School Board for many years. She lived in Hackberry until 1976, when her husband was transferred, first to Gretna and then to Laurel, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore returned to Hackberry in 1986 upon their retirement.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Jack Allen Moore.

Survivors include one son, Allen Dale Moore of Lafitte; one daughter, Carol Moore Reppel and husband Shawn of Belle Chasse; two grand-

sons; one sister, Mary Elizabeth Gross Phillips of Hackberry.

MYRNA LOYCE BABINEAUX

Myrna Loyce Babineaux, 73, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, in a local hospital.

She was born in Sweetlake. She was retired from the Calcasieu Parish School Board and was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church, where she was a member of the Altar Society.

She is survived by her husband, John Babineaux; one son, Joey Babineaux and wife Charlene of Grand Lake; four daughters, Rita Bellard and husband Tom of Lake Charles, Becky Leopard and husband William of Moss Hill, Tex., Darlene Johnson and husband Joe of Cortez, Colo., and Marlene Leger and husband Carl of Grand Lake; one brother, Michael LeJeune of Lacassine; two sisters, Judy LeJeune of Lake Charles, and Jackie Jackson of Harrison, Ark.; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Monday, Oct. 1, in Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles. Father Wayne LeBleu officiated. Burial was in Highland Memory Gardens.



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Memorial books are given here

The following memorial books have been given to the Cameron Parish Library.

Nola Mae Ross donated a copy of her book "Diaries of Louisiana Circuit Riders" in honor of Wayne Taylor.

The following books were donated in memory with the name of the honoree, donor and book title listed in that order.

Preston Richard, Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese, First Riding Lessons; Macilda Theriot, Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese, Louisiana Homes; Preston Richard, VFW, Louisiana Cowboys; Stanley Abrahamson, VFW, Airplanes For Breakfast; Macilda Theriot, Gary Mayard Family, Knitting for The First Time.

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BETTY O'CONNOR

Betty Gene O'Connor 75, of Vidor, Tex., died Friday, Sept. 28, 2007 at Oakwood Manor in Vidor. A native of Hackberry, she has lived in Vidor for 15 years, and was a retired secretary.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 1, at Memorial Funeral Home of Vidor, with burial in Del Rose Cemetery in Vidor.

She is survived by her son Lonnie O'Connor of Sulphur, one daughter, Gerri Opferkuch of Vidor, one sister Doris Ann Manuel of Vidor and 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



GRAND LAKE Head Start students were visited by Captain Jeremy LeBlanc with the Lake Charles Fire department and Toby Landry with Grand Lake Fire Department. They discussed fire safety procedures and the children toured the fire truck.

FIRE STATION Volunteers needed for G. L. - Sweetlake Fire Department

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The rates will be \$35-45 per visit for the northern part of the parish and \$70-85 per visit for the lower sections.

With good planning, it should be possible to complete several types of inspection in one visit, according to parish coastal zone manager Myles Hebert, who has been handling both permits and inspections.

Parish Administrator Tina Horn said the fees are far below what residents of other parishes have to pay.

A cooperative service agreement with Jason DeBarge was approved to place a donated ice plant in Hackberry. The 30 ton per day plant will be used at DeBarge's processing facility and will provide ice to the Hackberry fishing fleet under the same terms as the plant in Cameron.

Ernie Broussard, parish director of planning and development, said the new plant, originally destined for Cameron, uses a different process to make ice, and the Cameron operator was not comfortable with operating two different systems.

The Cameron plant produces scale ice and the Hackberry plant will produce flake ice.

Broussard said the Hackberry location will be a "direct contribution to the marine fishery and emergency response," because it comes with a generator and ice is at a premium in a disaster.

OTHER BUSINESS

Memorial resolutions were adopted in honor of Braxton Blake, former Police Juror, and Rodney Guilbeaux, former member of the West Cameron Port Board, who both passed away recently.

Blaine Johnson was appointed to the Hackberry Recreation District, replacing Blane Buford who resigned. Greg Comeaux was appointed to Waterworks Dist. #7, replacing Dale LeBoeuf who also resigned. Re-appointments were: Vicky Monceaux - Ambulance Dist. #2; Jim Paul Dupont - Grand Lake Cemetery Board; Grace Robideaux - Waterworks Dist. #11.

Parish Road #301 at Gibbstown was abandoned, there being no opposition, and the Jury voted to advertise

The Grand Lake - Sweetlake Fire Department will host a meeting on Oct. 8. All firemen and guests are urged to attend. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lake Firemen Center. Supper will be served.

Guests will speak on community relations. Another meeting will be held on Oct. 22 beginning at 7 p.m. All business owners in the Grand Lake - Sweetlake area are

intention to abandon Parish Road #3181 in Creole.

OEP Director Clifton Hebert announced that the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has extended operation of the Wilkerson and Romero dump sites for 60 days due to contracts still in the process of being completed.

invited to attend. All firemen are also urged to attend. The meeting will be centered around reducing insurance by lowering the fire rating. The meeting is open to the public.

Firemen will be celebrating Fire Prevention Month with programs for the school children and Head Start. Chief Toby Landry and Fire Board President Paul Wasson encourage all firemen to participate in this month's activities.

The department is still seeking a "few good men and women" to assist with fire fighting in the area. The Grand Lake - Sweetlake area has experienced a tremendous amount of growth over the past two years and need volunteers to assist.

For more information or if you would like to join, call Dinah at 532-3030.

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Johnson Bayou H'coming to be held November 9

Johnson Bayou High School will hold its Homecoming, Friday, Nov. 9. Former graduates being honored will include Johnson Bayou High School's first graduating class, 1957, along with the classes of 1967, 1977, 1987, 1997, and 2003. A special reception will be held in their honor.

Introduction of the court will begin at 5:15 p.m. The Rebels will play host to Harbor. The Fellowship of Christian Students provide a gumbo dinner for the visiting team. A pep rally will be held Thursday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. and a dance will be held in the gym on Saturday, Nov. 10.

G. Chenier library events

The Grand Chenier Library events are as follows: "Crossword Daze" 10 a.m. daily. Thursday, Oct 4, 4 p.m., "After School Club", "Graphic Novel" Book Discussion, Ages 9 & up. Friday, Oct 5, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. "Free Time" Thursday, Oct 11, 4 p.m., "After School Club", "Graphic Novel" Book Discussion, Ages 9 & up. Friday, Oct 12, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., "La. Spirit Hurricane Recovery Team", Arts & Crafts. Anyone interested in "Crochet" or "Genealogy" classes please call 538-2214 to put your name on the list for future classes.

School lunch menus told

Cameron Parish Schools lunches are as follows: Friday, Oct. 5 Beef finger steak, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, orange wedges, white sauce, wheat sliced bread, milk. Monday, Oct. 8 - Chicken alfredo, tossed salad, orange wedges, salad dressing, wheat biscuits, milk. Tuesday, Oct. 9 - Meatballs for gravy, brown gravy, rice, carrots, fruit salad, peanut butter spread, wheat rolls. Wednesday, Oct. 10 Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit cup, yellow cake, chocolate glaze, sliced bread, brown gravy, milk. Thursday, Oct. 11 - Oven fried chicken, seasoned rice, blackeyed peas, fruit cocktail, wheat biscuits, milk.

Notarial exam set for Dec. 1

The notarial examination for Cameron Parish will be given Saturday, Dec. 1. Applications may be picked up at Jones Law Firm, 1409 Ryan Street, Lake Charles, during regular business hours and must be returned by Friday, Oct. 5.

Oh NO The Big 40!!

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Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

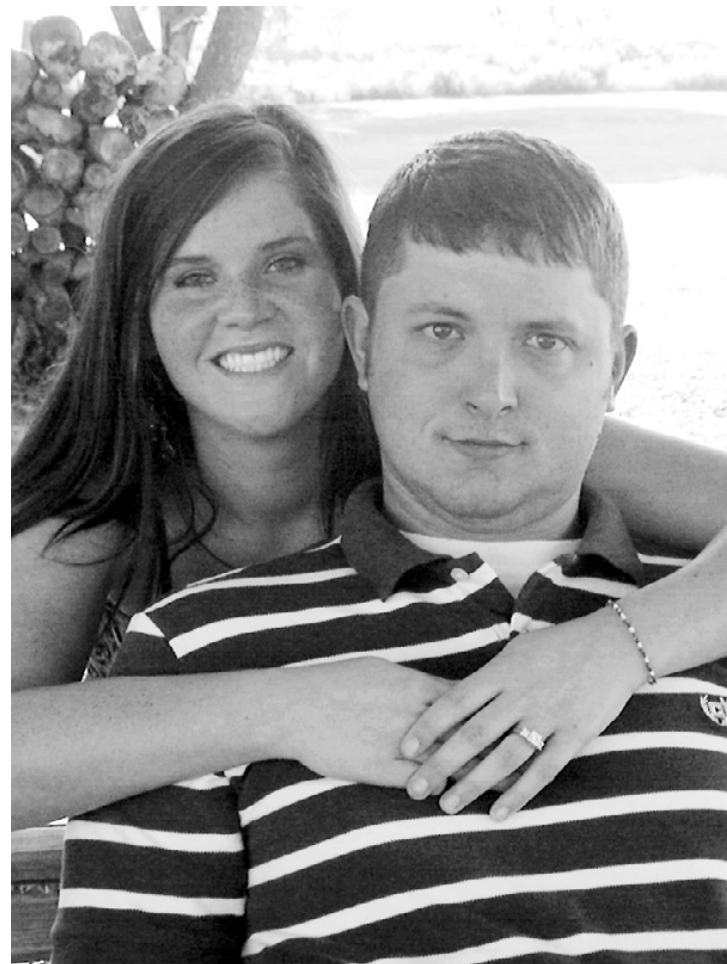
By GRACE WELCH

CHURCH NEWS
Since St. Peter's Catholic Church was hit by Hurricane Rita in 2005, the Mass has been said in the Catholic Hall. Now the church is repaired and Mass is now being held in the church. Saturday and Sunday many helped move items back into the church. The church is very beautiful and still has some minor repairs being done, but it takes time. Donations are still needed for items in the church. There will be a plaque put in the foyer of the church with names of those who made donations and the loved one's name in whose memory the donation was made. This also includes windows, statues and etc. Help is also needed to hang the Stations of the Cross in the Church. Please call the church office at 762-3365 if you are able to assist.

KC COUNCIL
KC Council 11576 will hold meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. KC Council 8323 will hold meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month. Rosary will be at 6:15 p.m., meal at 6:30 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. meeting.

Rosary Rally to be held on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church for America Needs Fatima. Any questions call Mark Granger at 762-3149 or Gene Little at 762-4785.

FAMILY REUNION
On Sept 9, a family reunion was held at the home of Evelyn B. Clark of Moncks Corner, S. C. Those attending were: Linda and Lloyd (Gabe) Gabriel, their daughter in law and grandson, Kelly and Tim Gabriel of Goose Creek, S.C., Ginger and Bob Arnold of Malden, S. C., Carlton (Bubba) Clark, Moncks Corner, S. C., Randy and Cricket, daughters Savannah and Alexander Clark of Moncks Corner, S. C., Monroe Braddock of Veteran Valley Nursing Home, Walterboro, S. C., Jesse and Antoinette McWatt, Smyrna, N. C., Mary Braddock of Ravenel, S. C., Joyce Helleman of St. Paul, N. C., Melissa and Don Hoyner and son Andrew from Summerville, S. C., Grace B Welch and daughters Mary (Coot) McInnis of Hackberry and Patricia Kershaw of Houston, Tex. Evelyn Clark and Monroe Braddock are sister and brother to Grace Welch.



ADAM PAUL YOUNG and Megan Loraine Roberts are engaged and set to be married Saturday, Oct. 6, at 4 p.m. at Johnson Bayou Baptist Church in Johnson Bayou. Adam is the son of Paul and Trudy Young of Johnson Bayou. Megan is the daughter of Tullios Roberts of Johnson Bayou and Cynthia Roberts of Natchez, Miss. Through this means, friends and family are invited to attend.

Shrine Circus this weekend

This weekend, Oct. 6-7, the Shrine Circus will be at Burton Coliseum. All students age 12 and under are free. If students do not receive or lose their tickets, they will still be admitted for free. Adult tickets are \$10. Performances are Saturday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday's performances will be at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. The Tickets have the wrong time for Sunday's performance. The performance is at 2 p.m. not 4 p.m. as stated on the ticket.

Grand Lake to honor graduates in military

Grand Lake School would like to honor all its graduates presently in the military at its annual Veterans Day program. If you or someone you know is a Grand Lake High School graduate and is currently serving in any branch of the military, please contact Jan Walker at Grand Lake Elementary. Photo submissions are encouraged. Please write the person's name on the back, year graduated, branch of

military, and where they are presently serving. Photos may be mailed to: Jan Walker at 1039 Hwy. 384, Lake Charles, La. 70607. Our annual Veterans Day program will be held Monday, Nov. 12 beginning at 9 a.m. The community and all local veterans are invited to attend. This year's program will have many special guests including a Wounded Warrior and the Color Guard from Ft. Polk.

Cameron Council on Aging meeting is scheduled

The Cameron Council on Aging Advisory Council will meet Oct. 22, at 12 p.m. at the Grand Lake Firemen Center. Lunch will be served. The meeting is open to the public. All members are urged to attend.

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Fishermen told of millions to be available for losses

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Louisiana lost \$582 million worth of fisheries infrastructure and over \$2 billion in total fisheries losses during the 2005 hurricanes. Oyster beds were damaged, boats were sunk, and docks were destroyed. In Cameron there are no more processing facilities for the catch that fishermen bring in, which forces them to pay shipping charges to get their seafood to market.

At a meeting held in the Cameron Court House Sept. 26, fishermen learned about millions of federal dollars soon to be available to help overcome the hurricane's effects.

Kris Van Ordsel, Louisiana Recovery Authority Infrastructure Policy Director, explained the Community Development Block Grant fisheries infrastructure program. Originally a \$20 million program, now cut to \$19 million because of the Road Home shortfall, the funds were to be divided between infrastructure and direct aid to fishermen. Infrastructure was to get \$15 million and direct aid \$4 million. Ordsel asked if fishermen would be willing to combine the funds to provide more infrastructure assistance, since two other much larger programs are about to provide a lot of direct aid.

Local shrimper Adley Dyson endorsed the plan, say-

ing "we need it in infrastructure; we need docks, loading facilities, and ice houses; we need unloading and processing here." He said better infrastructure will provide a better product and more employment.

The CDBG program will operate through Requests for Proposals (RFPs) sent in by partnerships of public and private interests and cooperatives. The LRA is looking for plans that repair or replace damaged infrastructure or construct or enhance infrastructure that was not damaged or did not exist before the storms, or some combination of the two.

The objective is to improve infrastructure where it is most needed and will be most valuable for the industry as a whole. Projects must meet CDBG guidelines, which were provided to attendees. The Louisiana Office of Community Development Disaster Recovery Unit will administer the program. Funds will be divided between the Katrina and Rita impacted regions, with 50-65% going to the east region and 35-50% going to the western region. The division was based on estimates of damage and seafood landings.

Ordsel asked those interested to file a letter of intent by Oct. 19. RFPs are due by Nov. 23. Scoring and review will take place the week of Dec. 3, with actual selection

the week of Dec. 10. Applicants will know by Dec. 14 if their request was successful. He suggested local applicants work with the parish planning office to prepare their letters of intent and RFPs.

The goal of the fisheries infrastructure program is to preserve the cultural identity of coastal Louisiana by ensuring continued access to the state's coastal waters by promoting the development of "working waterfronts." Also to improve the resiliency and sustainability of the industry in case of future storms.

DIRECT AID

Two other sources of federal aid are soon to be available for direct aid to fisheries. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will administer a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration grant and loan program of \$41 million, authorized by Congress in August.

Heather Finley of the LDWF said this is a "new pot of money," separate from the 2006 funds for restoring oyster beds and shrimp grounds and separate from the LRA, CDBG, Small Firm Loan and Grant, and other programs.

The funds will be used for assistance to commercial fisheries (66%) and recreational fisheries (34%) based on economic benefits to the state economy. Meetings will be held in Baton Rouge beginning October 4 with the various industry groups to determine how to allocate the money.

Ordsel said the NOAA funding for Louisiana fisheries hasn't been adequate, since the state suffered 75% of the total fisheries losses in 2005 but only received 41% of the funds. He said the state agencies are going back to



THERESA CROSS, with the La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, gave the students at Grand Lake Head Start hands on experience with alligators and different artifacts from the area wildlife.

Fins & Water

By **GLENN THOMAS**

The largest fish in the sea has been in the news lately, in both good news and not-so-good.

The whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*) is different enough from other fishes that it gets its own family (Rhincodontidae), and is actually most closely related to the slow, bottom-dwelling nurse and leopard sharks. But instead of munching crabs and such, the whale shark is a filter feeder that slowly cruises the ocean surface, growing to as large as 30,000 pounds.

The Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) listed it as vulnerable to extinction in 2002: "Catches have declined and populations apparently have been depleted by harpoon fisheries in several countries targeting localized concentrations of this huge, slow-moving and behaviorally-vulnerable species, and there is incidental capture in other fisheries."

In the proposal to list the whale shark as vulnerable, Philippine representatives pointed out that whale shark populations have declined drastically between 1994 and 2000 - particularly where they have been hunted. During this period, populations declined by 60 to 70 percent in the Philippines, by 48 percent in India and by as much as 99 percent in South Africa.

The "tofu shark" is highly valued as food in some cultures. Whale shark meat is said to be very soft, mild and white - which, like tofu, must be an acquired taste. Though listing by CITES includes no enforcement sanctions, most countries have now have banned the harvest of whale

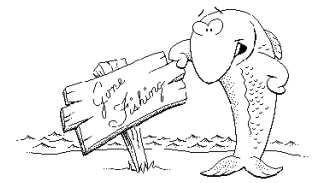
sharks. Some areas where whale sharks are readily seen - such as the Philippines and Mexico - are finding the animals are worth much more as tourist attractors than they ever were as food.

Whale sharks have also been a feature attraction at the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta. The aquarium was in the news after losing two of their whale shark specimens to what may have been an ill-advised parasite treatment. The Humane Society has protested that there is no good reason to hold these special animals, but the aquarists insist that valuable knowledge about the species is being acquired, and the public is learning more about the protection of this species.

Reports of whale shark sightings in the Gulf of Mexico are not uncommon. As more fishing activity is car-

ried further offshore, more and more photos of these animals are brought back. Between 1989 and 1998, aerial surveys were conducted in the open Gulf to count cetaceans - whales and porpoises. Data on sea turtles and whale sharks was also collected, and 119 whale sharks were spotted in 59,530 flight miles.

More whale sharks were seen during the summer season, and the highest concentrations were seen in the area 87 miles southwest of the Mississippi River mouth. Nutrient loading from the Mississippi and Atchafalaya probably supports the high surface productivity sought by these huge filter feeders. Groups of whale sharks (up to 23 individuals) were most common at Ewing Bank, Bright Bank and 28 Fathom Bank.



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Amendments to be voted on explained here in brief

In addition to numerous local and state candidates, Louisiana citizens will vote on four proposed amendments to the state constitution on Oct. 20. Here is a brief summary of those propositions:

Amendment #1

A vote for would constitutionally protect current and future statutory supplemental pay levels, regardless of amount, for full-time local law enforcement officers and firefighters.

A vote against would continue constitutional protection for the \$300 monthly supplemental pay amount for full-time local law enforcement officers and firefighters, as it was set by statute on July 1, 2001.

Amendment #2

A vote for would authorize the Legislature to provide state-funded supplemental pay to full-time, commissioned state law enforcement officers who patrol waterways and riverfront areas and port authority firefighters.

A vote against would continue to exclude state law enforcement officers and firefighters from the supplemental pay program.

Amendment #3

A vote for would forbid the approval of future benefit increases for public employees in the state retirement systems unless funding was identified and sufficient to pay the cost of the benefit within 10 years.

A vote against would allow the continued approval of benefit increases for public employees in the state retirement systems, as long as the cost of the benefit could be paid within 30 years.

Amendment #4

A vote for would grant a property tax exemption for jewelry placed on consignment with art and jewelry dealers.

A vote against would maintain the current property tax exemption for consigned artwork, which does not include jewelry.

December 1 deadline for Road Home

Applicants to The Road Home program must schedule their initial appointments by Dec. 1, program officials announced. All appointments must be completed by Dec. 15.

The Road Home program requires applicants to complete an appointment with a program housing advisor. Homeowners who do not schedule this appointment by Dec. 1 and complete it by Dec. 15 will be considered ineligible to receive assistance from the program.

Appointments are available at eleven Housing Assistance Centers across Louisiana and in Houston. Applicants who live out of state may conduct a telephone appointment and complete an application packet through the mail. However, program managers strongly encourage homeowners to conduct appointments in-person if at all possible. This will help expedite the processing of the homeowner's application. These applicants must still call to schedule this telephone appointment no later than Dec. 1, and all materials must be returned by Dec. 15.

It is critical that applicants complete their first appointments by Dec. 1 to move forward in The Road Home process," said Michael Taylor, director of the Disaster Recovery Unit, Office of Community Development. "Anyone who has applied to the program must complete this appointment in order to receive an award."

Applicants who have yet to schedule their first appointments must do so by calling 1-888-762-3252. TTY callers use 711 relay.

Appointment times will be based on availability. Applicants are encouraged to call as soon as possible to schedule their appointments. Advisory Service appointments (follow up appointments) will still be available after the Dec. 15 deadline.

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One is to work hard with the youth of our parish to get them involved in activities, and at the same time talk to them about the danger that comes with the use of illegal narcotics. Illegal narcotics can be prescription drugs that are prescribed to you by a doctor, but if you abuse them or sell them, they become illegal narcotics.

We must fight everyday to protect our children from this dangerous plague, and one way to help do this, is for the Sheriff's department to not only sponsor baseball teams, and other activities, but also take a vital part in these programs. We will also take part in camping trips, fishing tournaments, family outings, and etc. This is so the children of the parish will be able to meet with the deputies and myself, and to let them know that we are all fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, grandpas, grandmas, and just everyday people who wear law enforcement uniforms and protect the parish. To also let them know that when they are in trouble or someone is trying to hurt them, they can come to us, instead of being afraid of us.

I, with the help of the deputies and the people of this parish will bring Cameron Parish back, and make it like it once was - one of the greatest places in the United States to live. One thing I can say about the people of Cameron Parish is that, when someone is down, because of sickness, injuries, and etc., they come together and give a helping hand. That makes me proud to live in this parish and also proud to be able to call this parish my home.

I will also be an active member in all activities that goes on in the parish and out. I will also be there for you in good times and God forbid, bad times. I will be a people's Sheriff, not a politician. The people of this parish will always come first and all decisions made by me will be in the best interest of the people.

Everyone in the Sheriff's Office, I mean all employees will be treated equally and fairly to the best of my ability. They will be promoted by their ability to do their job, their attendance record, report writing, their appearance, and the way they handle themselves in a crisis. I will implement trash pickup crews to help in the cleaning of our road ditches, public parking lots, and etc. I will also have juvenile officers to help with the handling of our young people in our parish; instead of sending them to another parish for help. This will also help the families that can't afford the expenses of traveling back and forth to another parish. These young adults are our future and if we don't help them, who will?

The Hackberry sub-station will be put back in Hackberry and will operate, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, with twenty-four hour dispatchers. This will make it easier for deputies to do reports, interview people, quicker response time to complaints, and also more convenient for the people to call in complaints.

This is why we must look at the future also, not just the present, because the world changes day by day, and if we want to stay ahead, we must keep looking forward, not backwards. We have all kinds of holidays we celebrate, I'm hoping that maybe one day we can all celebrate Cameron Parish Drug Free Day.

Remember, if we have anything less than 100% of the Sheriff's Office and Cameron Parish people working together we can't fix the problem, we need everyone's support. So, if you want to bring Cameron Parish back, please go vote and make this a reality. Please don't ever think that your vote does not count, because it does. Remember, United we stand, divided we fall. Please vote #62 on October 20, 2007.

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2000 year old log used in G. C. Methodist Church

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

When Benny Welch was restoring his house in Creole he met a lot of people. Because he was one of the first people back, most of the folks he met were lost. One of them, a man named Pitman, was from DeRidder, and Welch learned that he had a huge sinker cypress log, pulled out of the Sabine River. "What are you gonna do with that log," asked Welch. "Sell it to you," replied Pitman. The log had a brand on it that showed it was cut near Starks between 1850 and 1860. It had sunk on the way to market.

Welch and Pitman cut the end of the log off and had the

rings counted. The count showed the tree was a little over 2000 years old.

"This tree was alive when Jesus walked on earth," says Welch. He had the tree cut into planks and he saved the four innermost boards to frame the stained glass window being replaced at Grand Chenier Methodist Church.

"When you touch these boards, you touch wood that was living when Christ lived," Welch says, grinning almost sheepishly. "That's kind of amazing to think about, isn't it?" He has made crosses of some of the ancient wood to donate to area churches when they are rebuilt.

On another trip to DeRidder, Welch saw some pecky cypress lying around, and asked again, "What are you going to do with that?" Again the answer was "Sell it to you." His house was finished, so he didn't know what to use it for, but then the church needed facings for the windows, so they are now pecky cypress.

Where did Benny Welch get the idea to use his cypress wood in these ways? "We were just there, the wood was available, and the ideas came."

Tour of Homes featured hurricane resistant ideas

(LSU AgCenter News)

Rebuild on piers or a pad? That question was a priority for Pamela Villa of Moss Bluff who came to a recent LSU AgCenter Tour of Homes in Cameron Parish.

Villa's home had been smashed by two trees blown down during Hurricane Rita. She rents a mobile home now, a step up from the small trailer provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"I'm still paying a house note, flood insurance and homeowner's insurance," she said.

But before building a new home, she is trying to figure out the best construction methods and materials.

"We're trying to do it right the first time," said her mother, Lollion Elmer, also of Moss Bluff.

Villa asked Carla Richard, whose new Cameron home was on the Sept. 23 tour, about different ways of building a home to comply with elevation requirements.

Richard said she preferred piers because climbing stairs is no different than walking up a small hill. Richard also had an elevator included in the new home to make it easier to haul groceries and other items.

Villa said she favors building on a ground-level foundation, but she's still considering piers.

Richard and her husband, Bryon Richard, moved into their home on June 22. It has several features, in addition to the elevated structure, that help with its storm resistance. These include an elevated air-conditioning unit, an unvented attic insulated with sprayed-in foam, short roof overhangs, impact-resistant windows, vinyl siding and a wind-resistant nailing pattern on the shingles.

The foundation is made of 10-inch square, treated wood pilings driven 12 feet into the ground and wrapped with brick veneer. The bottom of the lowest horizontal beam is 14 feet, 2 inches above sea level. The home is only a few hundred yards from the beach. The Gulf of Mexico and

passing shrimp boats can be seen from the elevated front porch.

"This is a very peaceful place," Richard said.

The homes of Margaret Jones at Cameron and the McCall Family of Grand Chenier also were on the tour. Both have been elevated.

In the Jones home, the piling foundation consists of 36 10-inch square, treated wood pilings, each 20 feet long, driven 10 feet into the ground. The pilings are surrounded by a concrete collar and connected to a slab with steel reinforcement bars. The foundation includes fiber cement siding, a standing-seam roof, impact-resistant windows, fiber cement decking and stairs, and an unvented attic with sprayed-in foam insulation.

The McCall home is supported by concrete pilings tied together by beams. A grid of trenches between the pilings was filled with reinforcement bars and concrete, and the piers are connected to the home with 1-inch diameter bolts. Also, steel rods connect the foundation to the top of the walls.

Earl Quarles of Lake Charles said he was impressed with the homes on the tour.

"I've seen three beautiful homes that are well-constructed," he said. "I'm glad these people are sharing their homes."

Quarles' home has been repaired from damage caused by the roof being blown away, he said. Now Quarles wants to build an addition on his home, and he said the tour gave him some ideas on construction material, particularly windows.

Dr. Claudette Reichel, LSU AgCenter housing specialist, was stationed at a visitor's center on the site of the former AgCenter office. Featured at the site was a series of drawings displaying the "Chenier House," a demonstration home that will replace the local office of the LSU AgCenter. The home will be a demonstration model featuring hurricane-resistant construction and energy efficiency.

"It will use the most cost-effective methods," Reichel said. "It will be high-performance and as affordable as possible."

Reichel said most of the questions posed Sunday centered around foundation issues and how to comply with building codes.

One of those who came looking for advice was Bob Seat of Johnson Bayou, who moved to the area five years ago after retiring from his job in Indiana. He said he wants to build a new home similar to the Chenier House.

Seat said he will be required to build at least 15 feet above ground. He and his wife, Sherry Seat, currently live in a camper.

"I got some money from the Road Home program, and I'm getting a little antsy to get started," he said.

Giles Gilliam of Lake Charles and his wife, Helen Gilliam, had a beach house at Gulf Breeze wiped out by Rita. For now they have a recreational vehicle at the

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site, but they came to the tour to get ideas.

"If possible, I'd like to rebuild," Gilliam said.

Mike McBride said the homes on the tour confirmed he's on the right path by using concrete piers to rebuild at Holly Beach, in addition to a stronger framework.

"Miss Rita visited us and left nothing but the pilings," he said.

Mary Hebert of Bell City said Hurricane Rita left her family home in Cameron Parish intact but damaged. She said the family is rebuilding it as a camp. She stopped by the Jones house to see what ideas she might incorporate into the reconstruction.

"We're doing it ourselves," she said.

Dr. Paul Coreil, LSU AgCenter vice chancellor for extension, said he was impressed with the tour, and he supports holding similar

tours across the Louisiana coastal parishes.

"I thought the program was excellent and the homes and homeowners selected were very effective models for sustainable rebuilding," he said.

Coreil, who began his career as an area fisheries agent in Cameron Parish, said he was encouraged by what he saw. "It gives you hope for a better future for Cameron Parish."

Cynthia Richard, LSU AgCenter housing agent in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes, said the homes are good examples of hurricane-resistant construction, highlighting several forms of fortified foundations.

"The tour of homes was beneficial because we were able to celebrate three families who have successfully rebuilt and provide hope to those families who are still in the planning stage."

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If elected as your Police Juror, I will continue to work with and for the people of District 5. I am asking for your support and vote on October 20, 2007

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WOODMAN CHARTER GIVEN AFTER 50 YRS.

A charter almost 50 years overdue was presented to the Woodmen of the World, Camp 706 of Creole by T. E. Newton, National Secretary of WOW of Omaha, Neb.

The charter was presented to Roland Primeaux, president of the local camp, following ribbon cutting ceremonies which officially dedicated the WOW Hall in Creole, Sunday.

In making the presentation, Newton explained that the camp was formed on Dec. 4, 1925, but through some quirk of oversight, the charter was never presented.

A copy of the original application with the charter membership was presented to the local camp. Charter membership was as follows: A. A. Roux (ag 50) merchant; S. O. Carter (46) physician; D. R. Crain (45) sheriff; E. Nunez Jr. (25) postmaster; C. Nunez (27) farmer; R. F. LeBoeuf (40) farmer; B. F. Rutherford (43) farmer; G. Richard (27) mail carrier; J. H. Bonsall (31) mail carrier; P. W. Stine (19) hotel clerk; M. Conner (23) hotel clerk; and F. B. Kennedy (29) teacher.

E. Nunez Jr. is the only charter member still living.

Special guests, which included area and state dignitaries, were introduced by Lee Boudoin, local WOW Field representative.

Welcome addresses were given by Primeaux and Mrs. Harold Carter, president of WOW Court 1170.

Plaques were presented by Boudoin to Billy Ray Trahan and Oren Boudreaux for their part in retrieving \$1,000 of the Camp's money from a burning residence before it completely burned to the ground.

He presented certificates of appreciation to Roy Bailey, Billy Bertrand, Woodrow Bertrand, Clifford Conner, Wilson Conner, J. Berton Daigle, John C. Duhon, Buford Galley, Linford Miller, Roland Primeaux, Lynex Richard, Dan Theriot, Fredman Theriot and Murphy Theriot.

Mrs. Carter presented certificates of appreciation to Mmes. Lynex Richard, Murphy Theriot, Roland Primeaux, Clifton Duhon, Wilson Conner, Whitney Boudreaux, Woodrow Bertrand and Billy Bertrand.

The invocation was given by Msgr. M. J. Bernard, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and Rev. John Walsh gave the closing prayer.

WOW COURT OFFICERS INSTALLED

New officers of WOW Ladies Court were installed at the September meeting in the WOW Hall. Lee Boudoin conducted the installation ceremony for the following officers: Mrs. Harold Carter, president; Mrs. Stephen Theriot, vice president; Mrs. Lee Boudoin, secretary; Mrs. Woodrow Bertrand, treasurer; Mrs. Lynex Richard, escort; Mrs. Wilson Conner, watchman; Mrs. Harry Conner, sentry; Mrs. Pete Duhon, musician; and trustees, Mrs. Preston Hebert, 1st year; Mrs. Murphy J. Theriot, 2nd year; and Mrs. Lynda Galley, 3rd year.

MRS. AUGUST BACCIGALOPPI FETED

Why do people live to such a ripe old age in Cameron Parish? This question was posed to Mrs. August Baccigaloppi this week at a surprise celebration given for her by members of Court Mary Olive Catholic Daughters on her 90th birthday.

Mrs. Baccigaloppi, the former Eugenie Montie, was born and raised in Creole and is the oldest active parishioner of the Sacred Heart Parish in Creole.

She still attends Mass almost daily and helps maintain the altar linens for the church.

AID FOR STORM VICTIMS

Cameron Parish citizens have organized a giant effort to help the Honduran victims of Hurricane Fifi. Mindful of the help that poured into Cameron Parish from all over the world following the dreadful disaster in 1957, the local people are donating supplies that will be delivered by local businessmen to pick-up points in Lake Charles.

Mrs. Murphy "Pete"

Theriot is chairman of the local campaign to deposit supplies at the WOW hall in Creole.

Local organizations helping man the center and help with the supplies are the WOW Court 1170, Cameron Doxey-Vincent Post No., 10019, Auxiliary, Grand Chenier American Legion Sturlese Post No. 364, Auxiliary, Richard Bros. Post No. 364, Auxiliary and Court Mary Olive CDA No. 1463.

BANK OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is invited to attend an open house at the Cameron State Bank in Cameron Wednesday, Oct. 9, according to E. J. Dronet, president.

The occasion is the introducing to the public of the bank's new and expanded facilities following completion of a major remodeling program.

SC SENIORS ELECT OFFICERS

Norma Cheramie was

elected president of the South Cameron senior class recently. Other officers are Kathy Doxey, vice president; Tiny George, secretary; Theresa Cheramie, treasurer; Jendy Duhon, reporter. Senior maids chosen to serve on the homecoming court are Theresa Cheramie, Norma Cheramie and Vickie Kelley.

ROUNDABOUT THE PARISH

Paula Hebert recently finished her hairdresser course and is now associated with JoAnn's Beauty Shop.

Donna Booth, who is attending Northeastern College in Monroe, was home for the weekend with her parents the Earl Booths Sr.

Arnold Jones Jr. of Baton Rouge, who is in college, spent the weekend with his relatives.

The Grand Chenier Extension Homemakers met at the home of Mrs. James Ellis on Sept. 12. Hostesses were Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Larry McNease, Mrs. Wayne Wood, Mrs. A. L. Elmer.



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Garden calendar available from LSU AgCenter

The LSU AgCenter continues to encourage Louisiana gardeners and others to "Get It Growing" in 2008 with the publication of this year's edition of its popular calendar.

The Get It Growing 2008 Lawn & Garden Calendar, like the previous three annual versions, provides gardening enthusiasts with opportunities to learn more about their craft and to enjoy beautiful garden photos.

"Those who have enjoyed the Get It Growing calendar in previous years definitely will enjoy it again this year," said Elma Sue McCallum of LSU AgCenter Communications, who serves as the calendar's coordinator.

"Once again, we have a high-quality product designed for people in Louisiana and produced by people in Louisiana.

"Not only can people make use of the gardening tips from our own gardening expert

Dan Gill but they can also enjoy the beautiful photos in the calendar from gardeners and photographers from all over the state," she said.

McCallum said the calendar is a great resource for anyone who enjoys gardening - or anyone who simply enjoys photos of attractive Louisiana garden scenes.

The full-color, 32-page calendar features a special section on herbs for Louisiana, gardening tips for each month of the year and photos of beautiful flowers, vegetables and plants.

The new set of gardening tips for 2008 and a special how-to section on preserving herbs from your garden come from LSU AgCenter horticulturist Dan Gill, who is known across the region for his expertise on Louisiana gardening.

The 9-inch by 13.25-inch calendar is a little larger this

year, but it still sells for \$11.95. It is available for online orders at www.lsuagcenter.com/GetItGrowingCalendar, or phone orders can be placed by calling (225) 578-4161.

Sample photos and more information also are available through the Web site.

The calendar, which is designed as part of the LSU AgCenter's popular Get It Growing educational campaign on home lawns and gardens, also is expected to be available through a variety of bookstores, garden centers and gift shops across the state this fall.

Proceeds from calendar sales help to support horticultural research and educational efforts of the LSU AgCenter, as well as scholarships for horticulture students. The endowment for the Get It Growing Horticulture Scholarship was established this year and supports an annual scholarship awarded to a full-time sophomore, junior or senior student enrolled in the horticulture curriculum at LSU.

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Rachel Manuel Abadie

School Board Member

District 7

Being the School Board Member from 2002 - 2007 has been a very challenging, but rewarding job. During this time, we have enjoyed much growth and success. I would like to thank the students, parents, employees, community members, and the School Board and staff for working together with me to help Grand Lake achieve its many accomplishments.

I am asking for your vote on October 20th to remain your School Board Member. I am looking forward to working with you to continue to improve our schools.

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- We must increase access to healthcare for the uninsured.
- We must increase dedicated revenues to the Transportation Trust Fund to fix roads.
- We must make our business taxes competitive with other states.
- We must restore and protect our coastal wetlands.

Postponing decisions for another time or just hoping they will go away isn't prudent planning, but sadly it's been the Louisiana way for too long. It's time for a change, it's time for new leadership and a business approach to government... I would appreciate your vote and support."

Mark Abraham

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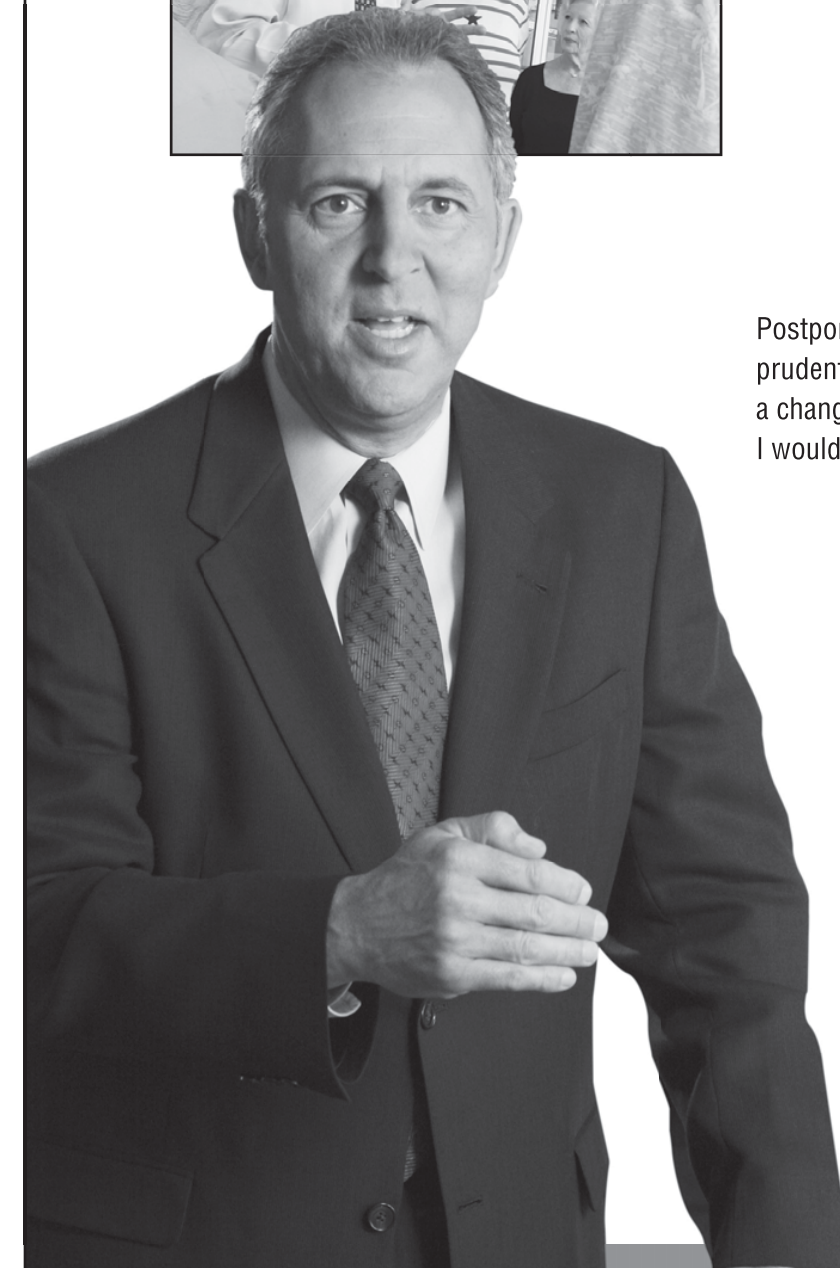
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Sheriff Report given

Cameron Sheriff's Department arrests for the week of Sept. 25, to Oct. 1.
 Joseph G. Dyson Sr., 134 School St., Cameron, Aggravated Assault.
 Joseph G. Dyson Jr., 134 School St., Cameron, Aggravated Assault.
 Adam P. Oblanc, 130 Hayes Picou Rd., Cameron, Aggravated Assault.
 Joel P. Lagarde, 223 West 25th St., St. Larose, Bench Warrant.

Jason B. Puckett, 3382 L. Benoit Rd., Lake Charles, DWI.
 Regina D. Smith, 204 Kingsley Dr., Lake Charles, Unauth. Use of Movable, Poss. of CDS II, Poss. of Marijuana, Poss. of Drug Para.
 Yenet D. Williams, 1481 3rd St., Lake Charles, Unauth. Use of Movable.
 Thomas O. Fee Jr., 723 1/2 N. Lyons, Sulphur, Poss. of Marijuana, No Drivers

License.
 Jack S. Scardelich, 226 County Rd. 912, Bazoria, Tex., DWI, Careless Operation.
 J. J. Calvert Breaux, 2703 Little Chenier Rd., Creole, Serve Time.
 George J. Authement Jr., 356 Marshall, Cameron, Serve time.
 Steven C. Oliver, 1200 4th St. Lake Arthur, Serve Time.
 Kurt B. Fruge, 2403 Demarest St, Lake Charles, Contributing to Delinquency of Juvenile, Simple Burglary, Theft, Bench Warrant.
 James M. Bourque II, 126 W. Lock Ln., Lawtell, Poss. of

Marijuana.
 Georgory W. Scarborough, 1319 Creek Lake Dr., Onalaska, Tex., DWI, Speeding.
 Mark Stellpflug, 2975 N. 31th., Nederland, Tex., Bench Warrant.
 Steven T. Taylor, 1849 Trosclair Rd., Creole, DWI, Left of Center.



To the Voters and Residents of Cameron Parish:

The past two years have been difficult for all of us. We have celebrated small victories and continue to look forward to the full recovery of our beloved Parish. Last week we celebrated the Grand Re-Opening of the Cameron Water & Wastewater's Office and the approval by the Fire Marshal to open the Elevator and Jail here at the courthouse. Our jail will soon be relocated in the courthouse - the last of our offices to return to the Parish Seat. The recovery is slow, but it seems to be sure.

As we gathered to reopen the Cameron Water office, I was reminded of the extreme hard work that these guys and so many like them performed in carrying out their duties in the days after the storm. Our hats are off to all of you - public utility crews - electric, gas and phone crews - the water, drainage and road crews - the OEP crews, the firemen, the police jurors, and administrative employees - hospital and health department crews, and my department, all working in extreme conditions toward the same goal - to restore our Parish to safety to bring our residents home. Although this is not a complete list of our local heroes who are putting our lives back in order, I wish to thank all of you for your efforts in light of the devastation we have suffered.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank my employees here in the Sheriff's Office. In the days leading up to the storm and in the months following, my men and women were performing their duties above and beyond our expectations. Our women bundled up their families and tried to find refuge from the storm - some in north Louisiana - some in Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, and even some in Virginia. The Chief, our Investigators and most of our Patrolmen stayed on duty as their wives were packing up and heading out on the dangerous highways seeking refuge. It was difficult to be separated from their families at these trying times, but they remained vigilant in their oath to protect and serve. Like others, we went days after the storm without baths and real meals. We remained on duty despite the extreme conditions - heat, mosquitoes, dealing with devastation and personal losses of property, overwhelmed by the task before us. But I salute my men and women - they continued to perform their duties despite their many losses.

As soon as we were able to bring the Dispatchers in, mostly ladies, they worked tirelessly in conditions that many of you would have refused to report to. Driving along dark dangerous roads to get to work and then being subjected to less than lady-like conditions, they worked in extreme heat and cold and used the bathroom facilities (port-a-lets) provided outside the courthouse in pitch darkness. The jail, already operating in a Calcasieu facility because of renovations to the courthouse, continued to perform its duties without a hitch. The Tax personnel relocated their duties to a small office in Jennings. Fines and Records began to operate out of the jail's extra offices in Lake Charles. The Civil office took on patrol duties until the 38th Judicial District Court resumed in Lake Charles. From the West side to the East side, North or South, our deputies continued to perform their duties despite their losses and the conditions and inconveniences imposed upon us from the devastation of the hurricane. I salute all of them.

Even though the Sheriff's Department performed all of its duties - the duties we swore to - to protect and serve the public, we are criticized for not getting residents home sooner. The duties of the Sheriff are to enforce the law - we do not make them and in the storm and days following we did not have the authority to let residents return any sooner than the Parish, State and Federal agencies decided it was safe. The Parish was in a State of Emergency and it was not the department's responsibility to decide when it was "safe" for residents to return. Those conditions were monitored by the Parish, State and Federal Agencies and the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department did what its responsibility was - report problems and complaints to correct agencies, and enforce the laws and restrictions imposed upon the Parish by these Agencies. I never had a vote on whether or not to bring residents back. It was my duty to patrol, man the check-points and keep order throughout the Parish. I commend my department for performing their duties during these trying times.

I know that many of you were upset when the other agencies manned the check-points. Please remember that 53% of our deputies lost their homes and nearly every deputy had some kind of damage from the storm, ranging from minor to major. In addition to their losses, they had been on constant duty and were entitled to some time to take care of their personal business. Whether it was the Sheriff's Office, the Military or Blackwater manning the check-points, the orders coming from those who were making the decisions - not me. I make no apologies for accepting help when needed. I am sorry that you did not see familiar faces when you tried to enter, but I believe that our deputies performed their duties above and beyond the call of duty.

In a perfect world everything would have gone smoothly after the storm - we know better than that - decisions were made for the "safety" of the residents and it was the duty of the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department to carry out the restrictions. We have done our duty.

There was much to learn from the hurricane and we have many lessons to take with us in the future. I look forward to the day when we can be fully recovered from the hurricane of 2005, and ask for your support for our department and my efforts to be re-elected as your Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector.

VOTE #61
ON
OCT. 20, 2007

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#61 (Paid for by Theos Duhon.)

Natural cleaners are best for you and your home

(NAPSA)-Cleaning house has come a long way since the days of doing laundry in a washbasin and scrubbing the floors with vinegar and water. Yet with all that progress comes some drawbacks, namely dangerous chemicals that can pose risks to your family's health as well as the environment.

Prior to World War II, most homeowners kept a cleaning toolbox of only a few healthy, natural items they mixed themselves to use all over the house. Today, advances in chemistry and cleaning have stocked store shelves with products for nearly any household chore. But those choices might not make your home any healthier, so it might be time to consider looking to the past for safe, all-natural cleaning tools.

Here are a few time-tested, all-natural cleaning products, as well as a couple of recipes to consider incorporating into your home-cleaning routine.

White vinegar - One of the most versatile and affordable cleaning agents around, white vinegar's grease-cutting powers can be used to clean your dishes and countertops, polish some metals, clean glass and even absorb smoke odors.

20 Mule Team Borax - For doing laundry, nothing kicks out stains better than 20 Mule Team Borax, a brand-name natural laundry booster that's more than 115 years old. Team it up with your favorite laundry detergent for

whiter whites and brighter colors. Borax is also versatile enough to make everything sparkle-from fine china and cookware to showers, tubs and tiles. It's also a natural deodorizer.

Lemon juice - Affordable and naturally fresh smelling, lemons are excellent for breaking down hard water and soap scum build-ups. Lemons can also be combined with vinegar to create a bleach substitute, to be used on clothing and cutting boards. Throw one down the garbage disposal to get rid of unwelcome odors.

Baking soda - This is another solution for absorbing bad odors, such as those in the refrigerator. Rather than dumping unhealthy chemicals into the sewer system, mix baking soda with boiling water for a safe and effective drain cleaner.


Here are a couple of recipes to get you going on the road to natural cleaning:

- General Household Cleaner**
 1/4 cup baking soda
 1/2 cup 20 Mule Team Borax
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- Window/Glass Cleaner**
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THE SAVVY SENIOR



By
**JIM
MILLER**

Savvy Senior Coping with Low Vision

Dear Savvy Senior
What kinds of resources are available to help seniors with severe vision impairment? My wife has macular degeneration and has become very discouraged. What can you tell us?

Looking for Help

Dear Looking

Unfortunately, there are millions of older Americans with incurable vision impairment, making everyday tasks like cooking dinner, reading the newspaper or watching television challenging. But the good news is there are resources, tools and techniques available today that can help. Here's what you should know.

Growing Problem

According to the National Eye Institute, 3.3 million Americans age 40 and over currently live with low vision or blindness – usually brought on by one of the big four age-related eye diseases: macular degeneration; glaucoma; cataracts; or diabetic retinopathy – and that number is expected to double over the next 30 years. (The terms vision impairment, or low vision, means that even with eyeglasses, contact lenses, medicine or surgery, you don't see well.)

Those affected often sink into depression, suffer hip fractures and other injuries,

and become socially isolated. While not much can be done to prevent these diseases, there are some things you can do to help her cope with and manage her condition.

Hands-On Help

Are you aware of vision rehabilitation services? Today, there are hundreds of vision rehabilitation agencies, organizations and clinics across the country that can help people, and their families, adapt to living with vision loss. While vision rehabilitation cannot restore lost sight, it does help people maximize their existing sight or, if they have no vision, it can equip them with techniques and tools to maintain an independent lifestyle.

Services vary, but many offer eye examinations, low vision evaluations and professional counseling, along with special training on how to perform everyday activities in new ways and training to use visual and adaptive devices. They may also offer tips and guidance for modifying the home, and support from others with low vision.

To find a program in your area visit www.lighthouse.org – click on "Help Near You." Costs for these types of services range in the ballpark of \$200 to \$300 for an initial vision evaluation, and \$50 to \$100 per hour thereafter.

While Medicare and most private insurance coverage is

spotty at best and more often non-existent, most state agencies for the blind and visually impaired offer low cost or free services.

Other Resources

If you can't find a vision rehabilitation service in your area, there are other resources that can help like the American Foundation for the Blind, which created a special site for seniors with low vision (www.afb.org/seniorsite), and VisionAWARE (www.vision-aware.org), a nonprofit public charity.

These sites offer tons of information, instructional videos and articles providing everyday solutions to living with vision loss including tips for adapting your home to make it safer and easier to maneuver, techniques for traveling safely outside the home, and ideas on how to manage your finances, medication and other tasks like cooking, cleaning, grooming, reading, writing and more.

They also list a variety of low vision adaptive products and computer technology that can help improve your quality of life and help you get back to doing the things you enjoy.

Another helpful resource is Lighthouse International, a nonprofit offering great information on their Web site and a free new guide called "Living Better: A Guide for People with Vision Loss." To get a copy, visit www.lighthouse.org or call 212-821-9567.

Macular Update

Most seniors with low vision have age-related macular degeneration. While treatment options, for most, are limited, the wet form of macu-

Oyster season is fast approaching

By KEVIN SAVOIE

The opening of oyster season in the Calcasieu Lake public oyster area is fast approaching. The West Cove Conditional Management Area (west side of Calcasieu ship channel) will open one-half hour before sunrise on Oct. 15, and will close one-half hour after sunset on April 30.

The Calcasieu Lake Conditional Management Area (east side of Calcasieu ship channel) will open one-half hour before sunrise on Nov. 1, and will close one-half hour after sunset on April 30. The sack limit for Calcasieu Lake is set at 15 one-and-one-half bushel sacks per day as provided for in R.S. 56:435.1.1. However, these conservation actions will not supersede public health closures.

The reason for health closures is the occurrence of high fecal coliform counts during high flow episodes of the Calcasieu River. Fecal coliform is a bacterium found in the intestines of warm blooded animals - birds and mammals, including humans. Fecal coliform is monitored as an indicator species. It is assumed that if it is present, other human pathogens and bacterium such as hepatitis, vibrio, cholera, etc. may also be present.

Fecal coliform bacteria can live for up to 48 hours outside of the gut of warm blooded animals. When river flows are heavy, water carrying fecal coliform and potentially other pathogens reaches the harvest area alive.

A study completed in the early 1990s by the Louisiana Department of Public Health correlated fecal coliform counts on Calcasieu Lake and West Cove oyster harvest areas with the Calcasieu River stage at Kinder. When the river stage at Kinder

reaches 13.5 feet, fecal coliform numbers on the Lower Calcasieu management area pose a health threat.

lar degeneration, which affects about 15 percent of those who get the disease, got a big boost last year. Two drugs (Lucentis and Avastin) are now available that can stop vision loss and may even restore it.

But the dry form, which affects the other 85 percent, has no cure. However, you may be able to slow its progression by not smoking, an early diagnosis, a diet rich in antioxidants, and by taking AREDS formula vitamin supplements which you can find in drug stores, supermarkets and health food stores.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvy-senior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" books



urban areas picks up fecal coliform from faulty or overloaded sewer treatment systems. Both residential and municipal sewer treatment plants are designed to reduce sewage and bacteria through biological and mechanical treatment.

But heavy rainfall runoff overloads the systems and water flushes untreated waste out and eventually into the river. Improperly maintained home sewage treatment units also contribute to untreated waste entering the river.

Oysters are filter feeders and readily pick up bacteria and pathogens when actively feeding. The major concern with oysters is caused by the raw consumption of oysters and thereby increasing the risk of also consuming live bacteria and pathogens.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, approximately 20 million Americans eat raw oysters; however the risk is not the same for everyone. People with certain health conditions such as diabetes, immune disorders, stomach problems, liver disorders or disease and those on long-term steroid use have an increased risk of becoming ill from eating raw oysters.

People within these categories or those wanting to reduce their risk and still enjoy oysters are encouraged to consume only fully cooked oysters.

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Dear People of Cameron Parish,

This letter is for your information and contains some things you need to know if you do not already. Some other things you probably would have never heard otherwise. As the two year anniversary of Rita has come and gone I look back at that period that seems like yesterday. We have all worked hard and are still rebuilding. A community grows strong when it rebuilds together. In the aftermath of Rita our Sheriff proved his quiet strength in leading his department in various recovery tasks. The night of the storm he did not sleep. Early the next morning he divided us into teams of two. We left Calcasieu Jail with busted automobile windows, chain saws and determination to re-enter our Parish. The most beautiful Parish in the state.

You of course know what we found. I do not know where or how much he slept, but he was always on the scene. He worked tirelessly restoring order and assisting the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

The week following the storm I escorted the US Postal Law Enforcement Branch down to Cameron, I found the Sheriff again in a communications trailer informing the people of the current status. I told the Sheriff I would be in Cameron a couple of days until I could get some tires for my truck brought down. He said good, we need someone on this phone for the people to talk to. I have to get back up to the command center. I ended up staying in Cameron to get the courthouse operating as a functional O.E.P. Office. The Sheriff was working as if he were two people. He was everywhere all the time.

When we were back on regular patrol, he then tended to the financial needs of the department. Since we had not been able to collect the taxes, he saw of course, he would not be able to meet payroll. The Sheriff started ringing phones. This went all the way to Washington. He would not stop. He was not going to let the department or the parish down.

This did not surprise me about the Sheriff. I have worked with him for nineteen years and knew he had this type of character and determination.

Even after Washington lost our paperwork twice, he still persisted until he received our government loan. We made payroll. No one got laid off.

Now, under his leadership, with the grants he has received, our future looks bright. We see good things coming. We see much has already been done. We have received new vehicles, computers, programs, new mobile and portable radios, and much more. Now we have just purchased a new online training program for the Deputies. They will be signing on shortly. We have the new public alert system but another is about to open that is even better.

Now some people still ask me why did the Sheriff keep us out for so long during evacuation. The answer to this is that the Police Jury decided when the evacuation would be lifted. The vote was four to three. The Sheriff could not vote on that, he is not a Police Juror. Our Police Jury is our governing body, or legislative body. The Sheriff's Department then enforces the laws or ordinances they pass. If anyone tries to lead you to believe any different they are misleading you. Our Police Jurors were in a tough situation at the time also. They did what they thought was best at the time.

Our Sheriff is not one to brag on himself or try to put the blame on anyone else. He worked with the Police Jury, not against them, to get the people back as quickly and safely as possible.

He will know this letter is out at the same time you are reading it. If I would have shown it to him, he would not have approved it. Just some things I thought you needed to know about your Sheriff that you may have never known. He loves you and our parish.

Sincerely,
Ron Johnson

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POLICE JURY DISTRICT 7

(Paid for by Darryl Farque.)

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



NEW CCA DIRECTOR

Our teal, gallinule and rail season has ended, but there is a lot of hunting in store this month. Archery season is in full swing for areas 3. The muzzleloader season is Oct. 13-19 and still hunt (gun season) opens Oct. 20 - Nov. 25. Rabbit and squirrel season will be Oct. 6 - Feb. 29.

The deer hunters need to check their Hunting Regulations on either sex hunting and legal bucks that a hunter can shoot. Only 6 deer may be taken by any one hunter. Rabbit and Squirrel limit is 8 per day and each has a possession limit of 16.

In the south zone, which includes Cameron Parish, the second dove season splits Oct. 13 - Nov. 25. Mourning doves, white winged doves, and fully dressed eurasian collared and ringed turtle doves may be in aggregate daily bag limit of 12 and possession limit is 24.

Remember to hunt migratory birds, a hunter has to have a Harvest Information Program Permit (HIP), obtained free of charge from any license vender by completing a short questionnaire.

Woodcock have start arriv-

ing in our state, white fronted geese are beginning to migrate into the rice fields, and we should see higher numbers of pintails and shovellers arrive as well as more greenwinged-teals. I have had about 30 humming birds around my feeders, but some have left to move further south.

October is usually a good month to cast net for shrimp. Gulf sturgeon migrate out of the rivers into the Gulf. Speckle trout and Redfish move to upper estuaries and is a great month to fish these two species. Red snapper fishing comes to an end. Offshore anglers who fish for Red snappers have said they had a good year for some good catches.

BRIEFS

The Farris Brothers Fishing Warehouse in Hattiesburg, Miss. has burned down. This was a huge warehouse with a complete line of any tackle, boat accessories that has supplied a five state area for many years. I had the pleasure to be their guest a few years ago and I really enjoyed the folks

there and looking over the huge inventory. This will effect lots of our local tackle stores, especially on saltwater baits like the Berkley Gulf and Zoom. They lost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

DUCK TRAVEL

The female gadwall is not a beautiful duck, but one particular one can surely fly with speed. On March 23, a satellite marked hen gadwall was located near Abbeville. Less than three days later, she turned up near Devil's Lake, North Dakota, about 1300 miles away. There are migratory waterfowl that accomplish this speed of travel. This was the first time a gadwall has been observed flying so far in such a short period of time.

FISHING

The Lacassine Refuge pool water is low and is hard to get around some areas. Fishing the pot holes with plastic baits will produce a few bass, but vegetation is tough. Sometimes you'll run into a bream hole and they'll sure mess with your bass bait.

The Calcasieu Lake is still strong on Speckle Trout and Redfish. Early morning with topwater (she dogs) and later using plastic northern eels on 1/4 ounce leadheads is paying off. I like the Commissary Point area and also working along the banks as well as along the ship channel at the cuts and on the lake side along the levels. The Turner's Bay area is still good fishing, but I have better luck working the banks.

Good catches of Redfish along the Jetty's at Cameron and Grand Chenier, using live cockahoe and shrimp

Now you know: Yield to the right at four-way stop

At a four-way stop intersection, the driver of the vehicle that arrived first should be the first to proceed. If several vehicles arrive at the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the right has the right of way and should be the first to proceed.

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The number was launched by the Common Ground Alliance (CGA). According to the group's research, homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call, even small projects such as planting trees and shrubs.

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In a recent national survey, roughly half of American homeowners said they have completed or are planning a major digging project at home, yet only a third have called or planned to call ahead to get their underground utility lines marked.

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Personal Information:

- Christian-Member of the Johnson Bayou Baptist Church.
- Life long resident of Cameron Parish.
- 1978 Graduate of Johnson Bayou High School.
- Married to Penny (Schaller) Trahan for 28 years.
- Two sons - Casey Keith Trahan - Natural Gas Plant Operator Targa Resources
Chico, Texas, married to Penni (Wing) Trahan formerly of Hackberry.
- Jared Kane Trahan - Student at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS.
- Two Granddaughters - Laney Trahan (3 years old), Aubree Trahan (1 year old).
- Over 28 years in the Natural Gas Industry, Over 23 years in Management. Presently, employed by Cheniere Energy, Inc. as Marine Manager.
- Acting President of the Johnson Bayou Recreation District.
- Phone: (337) 569-2276 • Cell: (337) 764-2073

I would like each of you to ponder one question prior to voting: If we had another disaster, God forbid,
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Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 4th day of September 2007 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2007-06: Post Rita Restoration of Cameron Parish Courthouse Elevator pursuant to the certain contract between Charles Miller Construction Company and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 303570, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

/s/ Darryl Farque
DARRYL FARQUE
PRESIDENT

Run: Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 (S 14)

ADVERTISEMENT

The Johnson Bayou Recreation District, Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, does hereby advertise for sealed bids and will open same on:

1. October 16, 2007
2. At 135 Berwick Rd, Johnson Bayou, LA 70631 at the hour of 6:30 p.m.
3. For: **Hurricane Rita Repairs to the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center.**
4. Contract documents, including drawings and technical specifications, are on file at the office of Moss Architects, Inc., 3221 Ryan Street, Suite B, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 70601, (337) 433-8166. Complete documents may be obtained from the Architect upon deposit of \$140.00 for each set of documents. Deposit is fully refundable for the first set of documents to all bonafide prime* bidders upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. The deposit of all other set of documents will be refunded fifty percent (50%) upon return of documents as stated above. *Prime bidders is defined as licensed General Contractors bidding this job as such.
5. Preference is given to materials, supplies, and provisions that are produced, manufactured, or grown in Louisiana, quality being equal to articles offered by competitors outside the State.
6. All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check or cashier's check drawn on a bank insured by the FDIC, or the Bid Bond Form contained in contract documents, written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana with an A.M. Best Rating of "A" or better, countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond insurer as a licensed agent in this state and who is residing in this state, and that it is listed thereon as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the amount for which it obligates itself in this instrument, all in accordance with LSA-R.S. 38:2218. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable.
7. The successful bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract amount, written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana with an A.M. Best Rating of "A" or better, all in accordance with LSA-R.S. 38:2219. The bond shall be countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond issuer as an insurance agent in this State, and who is residing in this State.
8. Bids shall be accepted only from contractors who are licensed under LA-R.S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification of Building Construction. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA-R.S. 38:2214.
9. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with LA-R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(b), the provisions and requirements of this Section, those stated in the advertisement for bids, and those required on the Bid Form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.
10. The public shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract between the Owner and the Contractor is fully executed.
11. Official action on this bid will be taken within forty-day (45) days by the Owner.
12. All bids must be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: BID FOR: "Hurricane Rita Repairs to the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center" Johnson Bayou Recreation District.
Runs: Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4 (S 23)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Acting under the authority of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, the Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids for the leasing of surface rights including the rights of range, fishing, and farming, on the following described lands:

SECTION - TOWNSHIP - RANGE; DESCRIPTION

16-12-10; Partial section; containing 435 acres, more or less, bordering Black Lake; three (3)

miles West of Calcasieu Lake.

(A description map may be seen in the School Board Office during normal working hours.)

All bids must be sealed; the envelope marked "Bid - Section 16, Township ____, Range ____" and may be forwarded through the U.S. Mail to the Cameron Parish School Board, P. O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631. Bidder must offer an annual rental of not less than \$2.00 per acre for a lease with a primary term of five years to end July 31st, 2012 (remaining time on lease is 4 years and 10 months). Annual renewal rentals will be due each year by July 31st, in order to continue the lease in effect. Cash payment or a certified or cashier's check, or teller's check, or an official check issued by a bank in favor of the Cameron Parish School Board for the amount of the annual rental for the first year shall accompany and be deposited with the bid (no checks other than types noted above are acceptable) and the rental thus deposited shall be forfeited to the Board as liquidated damages if the successful bidder fails to enter into written contract in accordance with his bid within ten (10) days after acceptance by the Board.

The bid submitted must include the following information: Name of Bidder, Address of Bidder, Phone Number of Bidder.

If farming rights are utilized, bidder may offer annual rental plus a fractional part of not less than one-sixth (1/6) of any and all crops produced and saved during the year. The value of the one-sixth (1/6) share shall not be considered in the awarding of the lease unless the bidder guarantees a specific amount which shall be added to and accompany the bid. Should the one-sixth (1/6) value of crops be less than the cash guarantee paid at the time of the lease, the Cameron Parish School Board shall demand such additional payment as necessary to bring the value adjustment to a full one-sixth (1/6) of crops produced and harvested on any and all listed sections. Lessor reserves the right to gather and dispose of alligator eggs from the lease premises, without any compensation to lessee.

The surface rights and privileges granted in the lease are restricted to range, farming, and fishing and these rights shall in no way, manner, or form interfere with the granting of a mineral lease or the full utilization of all rights and privileges granted in any mineral lease.

It is further agreed and understood between the contracting parties hereto that this lease shall be heritable, but shall not be subject to mortgage, pledge, hypothecation or seizure and sale, nor shall the said lease be assigned, subleased, or otherwise transferred by the said lessee unless authorized by prior written approval of the lessor. Such assignment, sublease or transfer of said lease shall be subject to terms and conditions as may be deemed proper by the lessor. Terms and conditions for subleasing may be obtained by contacting the Cameron Parish School Board land manager.

The Cameron Parish School Board does not warrant or provide ingress or egress to the leased premises. Ingress and egress is the sole responsibility of lessee.

Bids will be received until the hour of 4:00 p.m., October 8, 2007, at which time all bids received will be opened and considered in public session of the Cameron Parish School Board in Cameron, Louisiana.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids received.

BY:
/s/ Stephanie Rodrigue
STEPHANIE RODRIGUE
SUPERINTENDENT
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Runs: Sept. 20, 27 & Oct. 4 (S 39)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Recreation District 6 on **Wednesday, October 17, 2007 until 6:30 p.m.** at the Office of Emergency Preparedness, 128 D St., Cameron, La (337-775-5719)
Project Number: 2007-15
POST RITA RESTORATION OF THE EAST CAMERON RECREATION CENTER

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

I. Building Construction
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., 2746 La Hwy. 384, Bell City, Louisiana (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 Recreation District 6 meeting. The Cameron Recreation District 6 reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities.

Recreation District No. 6
/s/ Mary Clark
MARY CLARK
PRESIDENT
Runs: Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11 (S 48)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury intends to abandon the following described Road Right-of-Way being of no further use or necessity:

Parish Road No. 301 (Benoit Road) which is located in Section 10, Township 13, Range 7, Cameron Parish, LA and is approximately 745 feet in length. The road runs along the Intracoastal Canal in Sweetlake.

Anyone having any objections to said abandonment should make their objections known at the meeting of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, to be held Monday, November 5, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Cameron Courtroom in Cameron, Louisiana.

/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER
SECRETARY
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
Runs: Oct. 4, 11, 18, & 25, O 1

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SP# 9338
Sealed bids will be opened and publicly read by the Purchasing Section of the Division of Administration, 1201 N. 3rd St., 2nd Floor Suite 2-160, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804 at 10:00 A.M. for the following:

File No. O11060J, Bid No. 2220482 - Lo-lift pumps, Oct 23
Bid proposal forms, information and specifications may be obtained by accessing the bid number in LaPac at www.doa.louisiana.gov/osp or from the purchasing section listed above. No bids will be received after the date and hour specified. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

DENISE LEA - Director of State Purchasing - FAX (225) 342-8688
Run: Oct. 4 (O 2)

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH WATER AND WASTEWATER DISTRICT NO. 1 AUGUST 23, 2007

The Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. 1 Board met in regular session on Thursday, August 23, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the water district office located at 126 Ann Street in the town of Cameron, Louisiana.

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

Absent: Paul Duhon, Tony Porche and Angie Brown.

Guest: Cyndi Sellers
President J. C. Murphy called the meeting to order.

On a motion by James Boudreaux, seconded by Bobby Doxey and carried to approve and dispense from reading of the July minutes.

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

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

On a motion by Tammy Peshoff, seconded by James Boudreaux and carried to approve fencing for the Ann Street Office to be done by Moss Fencing Company.

On a motion by Bobby Doxey, seconded by James Boudreaux and carried to purchase on state contract from Grainger, an electric welding machine with running gear kit.

On a motion by Bobby Doxey, seconded by James Boudreaux and carried to notify DOTD that their July bill will be reduced by 50% of their overage due to a leak.

On a motion by James Boudreaux, seconded by J. C. Murphy and carried to raise the water consumption rate from 7,500 gallons to 10,000 gallons.

On a motion by Bobby Doxey, seconded by Tammy Peshoff and carried to move the SCADA system back to the Ann Street Office.

On a motion by Bobby Doxey, seconded by James Boudreaux and carried there being no further business the meeting stand adjourned.

/s/ J. C. Murphy, President
J. C. MURPHY, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH WATER & WASTEWATER DISTRICT #1

/s/ Kathryn Guilbeau
KATHRYN GUILBEAU
SECRETARY
Run: Oct. 4 (O 5)

PUBLIC NOTICE

CAMERON PARISH COASTAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION
Interested parties are hereby notified that the coastal Management Section of the Cameron Parish Police Jury has received the following apparently complete application for a Coastal Use Permit in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Louisiana Coastal Resource Program and R. S. 49.213.1, the State and Local Coastal Resources Management Act of 1978, as amended.

C.U.P. #

L.C.U.P. # 071011

Name of Applicant: Howard R. Duhon, 1408 Hwy. 384, Sweetlake, LA 70607

Location of permit: Sweetlake, Section 15, T12S - R8W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Character of Work: Mr. Duhon proposes to excavate approximately 10,200 cubic yards of clay, sand, and top soil to provide fill for future house pad and barn. The excavated area will be used as a pond for recreational use.

The decision on whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts of the proposed activity in accordance with Police Jury Ordinance. The decision will reflect in the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The decision must be consistent and must represent an appropriate balancing of social, environmental and economic factors. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are flood and storm hazards, water quality, water supply, feasible alternative sites, drainage patterns, historical sites, economics, public and private benefits, coastal water dependency, impacts on natural features, compatibility with the natural and cultural setting and the extent of long term benefits or adverse impacts.

Certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water and air quality, laws, standards and regulations will be required before a permit is issued.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Plans for the proposed work may be inspected at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex Building, P. O. Box 1280, Cameron, Louisiana, (337) 775-5718. Written comments should be mailed within 25 days from the date of this public notice to Cameron Parish Police Jury, Post Office 1280, Cameron, Louisiana 70631.

/s/ Myles Hebert,
MYLES HEBERT, COASTAL ZONE ADMINISTRATOR
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
Run: Oct. 4 (O 6)

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C.U.P. #
L.C.U.P. # 071006
Name of Applicant: Richard Anthony Hebert, 150 Bonnie Lane, Grand Lake, LA 70607

Location of permit: Grand Lake, Section 11, T12S - R9W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Character of Work: Mr. Hebert proposes to excavate approximately 933.3 cubic yards of clay, sand, and top soil to provide fill for house pad and driveway. The excavated area will be used as a pond for recreational use.

The decision on whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts of the proposed activity in accordance with Police Jury Ordinance. The decision will reflect in the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The decision must be consistent and must represent an appropriate balancing of social environmental and economic factors. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are flood and storm hazards, water quality, water supply, feasible alternative sites, drainage patterns, historical sites, economics, public and private benefits, coastal water dependency, impacts on natural features, compatibility with the natural and cultural setting and the extent of long term benefits or adverse impacts.

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/s/ Myles Hebert
MYLES HEBERT, COASTAL ZONE ADMINISTRATOR
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
Run: Oct. 4 (O 7)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 1st day of October 2007 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2006-10; Post Rita Restoration of Hackberry Maintenance Barn pursuant to the certain contract between Palermo Construction Company, Inc. and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 303706, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having

claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

/s/ Darryl Farque, President
DARRYL FARQUE
PRESIDENT

Runs: Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 Nov. 1, 8, 15 (O 8)

PROCEEDINGS

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7
The Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 7 board met for the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on July 19, 2007.

Members present are: Rogerest Romero, E. Carol Trahan, Ricky Romero, and Curtis L. Trahan.

Absent: Ivan Barentine
Guests are: Martin Chehotsky, Scotty Badon, and Marsha Trahan.

A motion was made by E. Carol Trahan and seconded by Rogerest Romero, and carried, to approve the June 21, 2007 minutes.

A finance report was given by Marsha Trahan.

A motion was made by Ricky Romero and seconded by Rogerest Romero and carried, to approve and pay bills.

Martin Chehotsky, CPA with McElroy, Quirk and Burch presented the board with the 2005 Audit Report.

On a motion by Rogerest Romero and seconded by E. Carol Trahan and carried, the board will advertise for bids on shop repairs. Bids will be opened at the August 16 board meeting.

Scotty Badon discussed salinity readings, and updated the board on the La Coste Project.

On a motion by Ricky Romero and seconded by Rogerest Romero and carried, the board will purchase warning signs to be placed at bayous on the beach.

A motion was made by E. Carol Trahan and seconded by Rogerest Romero and carried to purchase a new computer for the office.

A motion was made by E. Carol Trahan and seconded by Ricky Romero and carried, to approve permits:

- LCUP# 070806 - Ballard Exploration Co., Inc.
- LCUP# 070704 - Rosetta Resources Operating, LP
- LCUP# 070803 - Nippon Oil Exploration USA, Ltd.
- LCUP# 070801 - Ballard Exploration.

On a motion by Ricky Romero and seconded by Rogerest Romero, and carried, the board amended the bookkeeper's pay from salary to hourly at \$10.00 per hour.

On a motion by Rogerest Romero, and seconded by E. Carol Trahan, and carried, the board was adjourned.

/s/ Curtis L. Trahan,
CURTIS L. TRAHAN
PRESIDENT

Attest:
Marsha Trahan
MARSHA TRAHAN
Run: Oct. 4 (O 9)

PROCEEDINGS

CAMERON PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7
The Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 7 board met for the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 16, 2007.

Members present are: Rogerest Romero, E. Carol Trahan, and Curtis L. Trahan.

Absent: Ivan Barentine and Ricky Romero.

Guests are: Scotty Badon, and Marsha Trahan.

A motion was made by E. Carol Trahan and seconded by Rogerest Romero and carried to approve the July 19, 2007 minutes.

A finance report was given by Marsha Trahan.

A motion was made by Rogerest Romero and seconded by E. Carol Trahan and carried, to approve and pay bills.

In response to an advertisement of bids published in the Official Journal, the following bid was received for the repairs to the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 7 shop, as per specifications.

Bidder: Amount
H & H Metal; \$18,300

Considering H & H Metal Cont. to be the only bidder, it was moved by Rogerest Romero and seconded by E. Carol Trahan and carried, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign the contract for said repairs.

The board discussed Hurricane preparedness, and the moving of equipment and documents in the event a hurricane enters the Gulf.

On a motion by E. Carol Trahan and seconded by Rogerest Romero, the board will purchase calendars to be distributed to local residents.

Scotty Badon discussed salinity readings.

A motion was made by E. Carol Trahan and seconded by Rogerest Romero and carried, to approve permits:

- LCUP# 070811 - Exxon Mobile Prod. Co.
- LCUP# 070813 - Thomas Cormier
- LCUP# 070902 - Samuel Gary Jr & Assoc.

The following permit is pending approval until drainage specifications have been addressed.
LCUP# 070903 - Bayou Construction & Excavation, LLC
On a motion by Rogerest Romero, and seconded by E. Carol Trahan, and carried, the board was adjourned.
/s/ Curtis L. Trahan
CURTIS L. TRAHAN
PRESIDENT

Attest:
/s/ Marsha Trahan
MARSHA TRAHAN
Run: Oct. 4 (O 10)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Cameron Parish Police Jury P. O. Box 1280 Cameron, LA 70631

Separate sealed BIDS for construction of (briefly describe nature, scope, and major elements of the work)

One (1) Mobile Command Unit, as per specifications on file will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury at the off of the Administrative Department of the Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m. (Standard Time - Daylight Savings Time) Monday, November 5, 2007 and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations: Cameron Parish Police Jury Administrative Department, 122 A Recreation Center Lane, Cameron, LA. 70631. Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of Cameron Parish Police Jury Administrative Dept. located at Cameron LA 70631 upon payment of \$-0- for each set.

Any BIDDER, upon returning the contract documents promptly and in good condition, will be refunded the payment, and any non-bidder upon so returning the contract documents will be refunded \$ N/A.

Date: October 2, 2007
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
Runs: Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1 O 11

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Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of (briefly describe nature, scope, and major elements of the work)

One (1) Aerial Fire Apparatus and all other equipment in accordance with the specifications on file

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury intends to abandon the following described Road Right-of-Way being of no further use or necessity:

Parish Road No. 3181 (Old Place Lane) which is located in Section 10, Township 13, Range 7, Cameron Parish, La and is approximately 396 feet in length.

Anyone having any objections to said abandonment should make their objections known at the meeting of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, to be held Monday, November 5, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cameron Courtroom in Cameron, Louisiana.

/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER
SECRETARY
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
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It Seems Just Like Yesterday



By Keith Hambrick

Cameron Pilot, Sept. 26, 1974 WOODMEN HALL TO BE DEDICATED

A ribbon cutting ceremony formally dedicating the Woodman of the World Hall will be held Sunday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. at the hall in Creole.

A giant WOW "dedicake" will be served at the ceremony. The public is invited to all functions, according to Roland Primeaux and Mrs. Harold Carter, the presidents of the WOW and Auxiliary.

Entertainment will be furnished all afternoon with Baro and the Teardrops band playing for a dance.

The WOW Hall was started in the spring of 1971 and the first function held in the building was a Christmas party for members in 1973.

The land on which the building stands has been leased to WOW by Roland Primeaux for 99 years at a token sum.

FIRM IN NEW LOCATION

The Cameron branches of the Calcasieu Savings and Loan Association has moved into new quarters next to the Cameron fire station on Marshall Street, according to Charles Perkins, manager.

The Association had maintained offices in the building next to the Cameron Drug Store for the past six months or so. The offices previous to that had been damaged by a storm, causing the Association to move.

HOMECOMING SET

The South Cameron Tarpons will host the DeQuincy Tigers for homecoming Friday, Oct. 18, in Tarpon stadium. The 1964-65 graduating class will be honored at this event and an invitation is extended to those seniors to join the faculty and homecoming court in the Home Economics Department at 6:30 p.m. for a reception.

These seniors include Janice Bertrand, Geraldine Bonsall, Elaine Broussard, Frank Brown, John R. Conner, Judy A. Conner, Lynn Conner, Sandra Daigle, Eula Dyson, Michael Harper, Don Hebert, Gail Kovach, Sharon Kristicevich, Austin LaBove, Carroll LaBove, Linda LeBlanc, Kala Sue LeBoeuf, Wesley LeBoeuf, Dwight Mhire, Frances Murphy, Ronald Murphy, John V. Nunez, Kenneth Nunez, Thomas Nunez, Deanna Peshoff, Dorothy Portie, Robert Primeaux, Edward Racca, Charlotte Ratcliff, Floyd Saltzman, Sharon Savoie, Barbara Swire, Hilray Trahan, David Willis and Carolyn Baldrige.

CAMP FIRE MEET

Miss Emma Hughes, district director of the Sowela area Camp Fire Council, met with the Cameron Parish coordinators and program consultants, Friday, Sept. 20, at the American Legion Unit 176.

Miss Hughes welcomed the following Blue Bird and Camp Fire leaders and organizers for lower Cameron Parish: Mrs. Bert Leonard, Mrs. Walter Dupuis, Mrs. LeRoy Dyson from Grand Chenier and their organizer, and leaders, Mrs. James Trahan, Mrs. Warner Daigle, Mrs. Pat Tabor, Mrs. Gilbert Mudd, Mrs. Errol Cheramie, Mrs. David Gutherie and Mrs. Billy Fontenot.

Creole representatives were Mrs. Lucille Arceneaux, organizer, Mrs. John Nunez, Mrs. Mary Nunez and Mrs. Lydia Primeaux.

LITTLE MISS, MR. JB SELECTED

Teilla Noel and Johnny Goodwin were selected as Little Miss and Mr. Johnson Bayou Sept. 19 and will represent Johnson Bayou at the parish program to select Little Miss and Mr. Cameron Parish Nov. 9.

They were selected in the contest sponsored by the Johnson Bayou Homemakers Club in cooperation with the Fur Festival Little Miss program. Eight girls and four boys participated in this year's contest.

First runnersup were Christie Duplechain and Joe Constance. Second runnersup were Vickie and Delino and Calise Romero.

FISHING RULES FOR 1974 ADOPTED

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission this week adopted a resolution effective immediately for a two-month period to govern the taking of commercial saltwater fish in Calcasieu Lake in Cameron and Calcasieu parishes which inadvertently was included in the provisions for freshwater commercial fishing as far as net mesh sizes are concerned.

J. Burton Angelle, director, said that this resolution sets the requirements for Calcasieu Lake commercial saltwater fishing to be the same as those in other saltwater lakes south of the boundary line described in Section 364, Title 56 in Louisiana Revised Statutes.

FESTIVAL WILL HONOR HUNTING INDUSTRY

J. B. Jones, Jr., president of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, announced that the 1975 festival will honor "Hunting".

Industries honored in the past have been menhaden in 1969, fur in 1970 cattle in 1971, oil in 1972, shrimp in 1973 and rice in 1974. The National Bicentennial celebration will be honored in 1976.

32 APPLY FOR POSITION

The Cameron Parish Police Jury has received a total of 32 applications for the position of the parish registrar of voters which was vacated recently by the death of Miss Wynona Welch, who had held the position for over 25 years.

The jury will receive applications until 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 27, at the police jury offices. The jury may act on the appointment at its October meeting scheduled for Monday, Oct. 7.

In the meantime, James L. Derouen, manager of the Cameron Branch of the Calcasieu Marine National Bank, has been the temporary registrar.

ROUNDBOUT THE PARISH

Autumn began Monday with clear and cool weather. The 56 degree temperature

Healthy plants start with bed preparation

By DAN GILL
LSU AgCenter
Horticulturist

Fall is a prime planting season in Louisiana. Cool-season flowering bedding plants and cool-season vegetables are planted from now through February, and November through February is the best time to plant hardy shrubs, ground covers and perennials in the landscape. How well you prepare the soil prior to planting has an enormous effect on the health and growth of your plants.

Gardeners often put too little effort into learning about their soil and what is needed for proper bed preparation. Soil is the primary source of water and nutrients for plants and must also provide sufficient air (oxygen) to the root system. A gardener's job is to make sure, through proper bed preparation, that the soil provides what plants need to be healthy and strong.

There are many different kinds of soils in Louisiana. Knowing the characteristics of the soil in your garden is necessary to understanding how you may need to modify the soil to benefit the plants you intend to grow.

You can learn about your soil by talking to individuals knowledgeable about the soils in your area. A great place to start is your parish LSU AgCenter Extension office. Your county agent will be able to familiarize you with the characteristics of the soil in your area. You can also have your soil tested by the LSU AgCenter's soil testing laboratory in Baton Rouge for \$7. Kits to submit soil samples for analysis are available from your local extension office.

The test will tell you the texture, fertility level and pH. You should get back your test results in two to three weeks - just in time to prepare beds for our prime planting season. If you need to, you can contact your local county agent to help you understand the results and decide what needs to be done.

Bed Preparation

Shrubs, ground covers, vegetables, annuals and perennials should always be planted into well-prepared beds. Trees are generally planted into individual planting holes, and the soil used to fill in around their roots should not be amended. The soil of beds, however, is usually improved in some way with the addition of amendments. Soil amendments are materials blended with the soil to enhance the growth of plants to be planted in the bed. Here are the basic steps in preparing a bed.

First, do a thorough job of removing unwanted vegetation in the bed. This might mean taking up existing turf to create a new bed or just cleaning out weeds that have grown up in an existing bed. Weeds or turf grass may be removed physically or killed with a herbicide. If you are removing weeds by hand, use a shovel or trowel to get out all of the roots, rhizomes and bulbs. As an alternative, you may spray and kill the weeds with a systemic herbicide,

brought out long sleeves and sweaters.

Hackberry High School students have chosen Jeanne Sanders as their representative in the Cal-Cam Sr. Queen Contest and Julie Trahan in the Cal-Cam Jr. Queen Contest.

Receiving awards at the Court of Honor held at South Cameron Elementary School Sept. 23 were Kevin Savoie, Neil Carter, Kent LaBove, Peter Dahlen, George Miller, Delbert Conner, Jerome Carter, Jim Boudreaux, Gerald Miller, Gary Conner, Roderick Dahlen, Patrick Primeaux, Todd Landry, Todd Miller and Russell Savoie.

Taylor Hunting Club on Grand Chenier is having a large turnout for teal season. Winn Hawkins, who manages the Oak Grove Hunting Club, was guest of Mr. Taylor's over the weekend.

Sister Paula and Sister Shirley were welcomed here this past weekend at St. Eugene Parish with a special presentation for the parents of school age children.

Chicken Creole Soup

- 1 (2 1/2 lb.) chicken
- 8 c. water
- 3 chicken bouillon cubes
- 1/2 c. butter
- 1 c. celery, diced
- 1 c. green pepper, diced
- 1 c. onions, diced
- 1 c. red pepper, diced (opt.)
- 4 c. canned stewed tomatoes

- 1 c. long kernel rice
- 1/4 c. okra
- 1/2 tsp. ground cloves
- 1 tbsp. Accent
- 1/2 tsp. pepper, ground
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 c. frozen peas
- 1/2 tsp. file powder

Put the chicken, water and chicken bouillon cubes together in a large soup kettle and bring to a boil. Turn back heat to simmer. Simmer for 1 1/2 hours, covered. Pull chicken from pot and cool. Pull meat off bones, removing skin and fat. Shred chicken meat; set aside. Strain broth and set aside.

Melt butter in the soup kettle, add onions, celery, green and red peppers and saute until the vegetables are soft. Add tomatoes, rice, okra, peas and seasonings. Also add the strained broth and shredded chicken. Bring to boiling and turn back heat to simmering. Adjust seasoning to taste. Simmer 45 minutes. Yield: 12. (If unable to purchase file powder, mix together equal parts of thyme and sassafras.)

The bed smooth and shape the sides, and you're ready to plant. When you finish, you will find that the bed is several inches higher than it was before preparation. This is desirable as it will help improve drainage.

I won't deny that this is hard work. But the results you get in healthy, vigorous plants make it well worth the effort.

Get It Growing is a weekly feature on home lawn and garden topics prepared by experts in the LSU AgCenter. For more information on such topics, contact your parish LSU AgCenter Extension office or visit our Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com. A wide range of publications and a variety of other resources are available.

Legal Notices

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Bayou Recreation Center (IN TEMPORARY TRAILER) 135 Berwick Lane, Johnson Bayou, La.

Precinct 2: Location: Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron, La. (BEHIND COURTHOUSE)

Precinct 3: Location: Hackberry Community Center, 986 Main Street, Hackberry, La.

Precinct 4: Location Hackberry Multipurpose Building, 986 Main Street, Hackberry, La.

Precinct 5: Location: Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Lane, Grand Lake, La.

Precinct 8: Location: Lowry Fire Station, 460 Lowry Hwy., Lowry, La.

Precinct 9: Location: Klondike Community Center, Veterans Memorial Drive, Klondike, La.

Precinct 12: Location: Muria Fire Station, 129 Muria Road, Creole, La.

Precinct 13: Location: Savoie Lumber Store, 153 East Creole Hwy., Creole, La.

Precinct 14: Location: Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron, La. (BEHIND COURTHOUSE)

Precinct 15: Location: Cameron Parish Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron, La. (BEHIND COURTHOUSE)

Precinct 16: Location: Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Lane, Grand Lake, La.

Precinct 17: Location: Grand Chenier Library, 2867 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier, La. Runs: Oct. 4, 11, 18 (O 16)

—PUBLIC NOTICE—

Pumpkin Ridge Road or Parish Road 217 will be closed to traffic beginning Monday, October 8, 2007 at seven o'clock a.m. and will remain closed to traffic for approximately two weeks. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time of construction.

RUN: Sept. 27 & Oct. 4 (S 50)

EARLY VOTING SOON TO BEGIN

Early voting for the Oct. 20, 2007 election will be at the Registrar of Voters office at 122-F Recreation Ln. behind the courthouse.

Early voting has added another Saturday to the early voting days for the convenience of our voters.

Early voting will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting Saturday, Oct. 6 and the week of Monday, Oct. 8 through Saturday, Oct. 13. Please remember when you go vote, you must have a picture ID with you.

Finally, any person who feels they need assistance in voting due to a physical disability such as poor eyesight or other MUST get a physician's certificate confirming the need for assistance in voting and submit it to the registrar prior to the election or give the certificate to the commissioners at the polls on Election Day.

Thanks,
Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar

RUN: Sept. 20, 27 & Oct. 4 (S-24)

On October 20, 2007

ELECT CHAD DeBARGE #80

Police Jury District 6

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For more information, call: Louisiana Spirit at (337) 433-6460 & Toll Free at 1-866-405-2673
or Call: Rev. James Moore at (337) 598-3457

— JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Food Service Technician (8 hrs./day) at Grand Lake High School. High School diploma is preferred.

To make application contact: Mr. David Duhon, Principal, Grand Lake High School. Phone: 337-905-2231 or 905-5100.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, October 5, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. Run: 9/27 & 10/4 (S-44)

Position Available

Cameron Parish School Board

The Cameron Parish School Board is receiving applications for the following listed position:

Teacher: 8th grade English and Secondary English I, II, III and IV (Certified in Louisiana or eligible for certification).

Persons applying for the **teaching position** should call 337-905-5784 ext. 111 in order to request an application. Applications must be presented at time of interview.

To schedule an interview contact: Mr. Gene Reynolds, Principal, Johnson Bayou High School; 337-569-2773 or 337-569-2138.

The application and documents requested must be received by 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 5, 2007.

RUN: Sept. 27 & Oct. 4 (S-43)

ATTENTION

LANDOWNERS WITH SAND PITS IN LOWER CAMERON PARISH

The Cameron Parish Police Jury, in conjunction with the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury has a project approved to place Hurricane Rita vegetative debris in sand pits.

Please let us know if you have a sand pit that you want considered for this project.

Please call Emily Mock at (337) 775-8215, if you would like your property considered.

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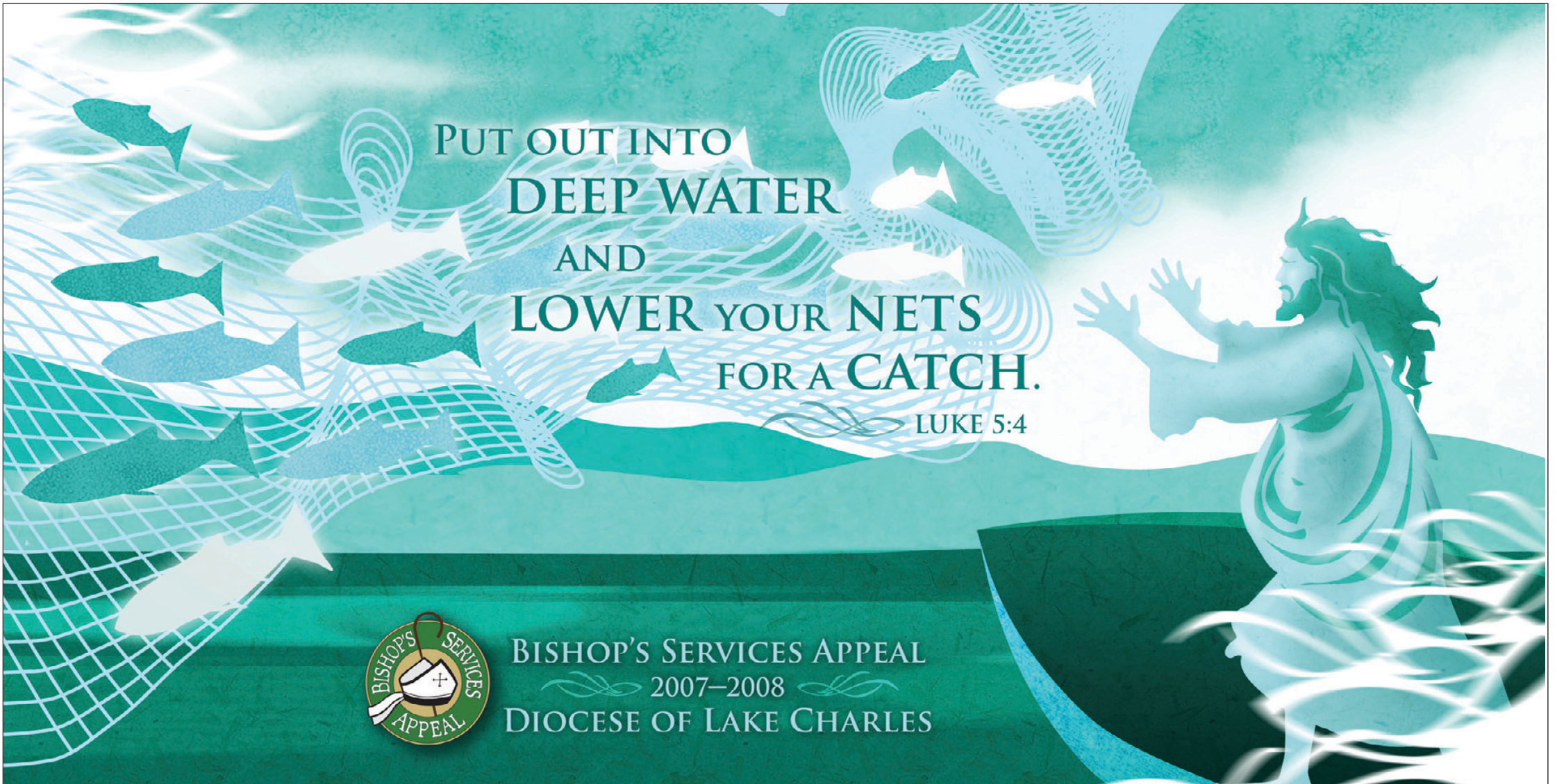
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Bishop's Services Appeal begins in Diocese of LC

LAKE CHARLES - The 2007-2008 Bishop's Services Appeal, the annual appeal that raises funds for programs and ministries of the Diocese of Lake Charles has begun in the 38 parishes of the Diocese. This year's Appeal goal has been set at \$600,000.

The Diocese has much for which to be thankful as it begins its 28th year - the arrival of its new shepherd, The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, the continuing recovery from the devastation of its faith communities by Hurricane Rita in 2005, and so much more. The graces of the Lord are shining on us.

In the more than quarter century since the establishment of the Diocese, its people have been most generous. The support they

have provided shows the truth and vision of the love they as Catholics have for all people across our region. Their gifts are a marvelous expression of their willingness to follow the example of Jesus - serving others and sacrificing in order to help the less fortunate.

The graphic below provides the breakdown of how monies from a successful Appeal will be distributed to the various programs and ministries it supports.

Contributions to Bishop's Services Appeal continue to support the operation of the Offices of Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Youth Ministry and Adult Education as well as Evangelization. They will make possible the ministry to the hungry, the homeless and others less

fortunate, through Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Lake Charles, now at home at 612 Louisiana Avenue.

Gifts to the Appeal help the Office of Family Life aid newly engaged couples as they begin a lifelong Christian commitment to one another. The Office also help single Catholics, whether never married, divorced, or widowed, to understand and live their single life. The Office of Pro Life continues its work to preserve life at all stages with the aid of gifts to Bishop's Services Appeal.

Retreats and spiritual programs at Tabor Retreat House and the Saint Katharine Drexel Conference Center at Saint Charles Center are able to take place because of gifts to the Appeal. The extremely important Offices of Vocations and Seminarians will be able to increase their efforts to seek men considering the call of the Holy Spirit to serve the Church as diocesan priests, so urgently needed in our diocese and provide the finances for those we have now at various levels of study.

Because people have been willing to show their love of Christ by giving The Seafarers' Center at the Port of Lake Charles is able to aid thousands of sailors visiting our region. Gifts from the Appeal support the Office of Communications, including publishing the *Catholic Calendar*, producing and airing *Glad Tidings*, the hour-long TV program on Sunday mornings, and airing the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on the radio from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The generosity the faithful have shown to the Bishop's Services Appeal over the years have been greatly appreciated. Your contributions this year will show the love you have for the people in Southwest Louisiana. Please consider your contribution as a measure of your own sacrifice for this Local Church.

Forty Hour Devotions scheduled

LAKE CHARLES - The schedule of Forty-Hour Devotions for the month of October involves the Central Deanery, according the Very Rev. William Miller, Dean.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church will host the Devotion October 8-11, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday. The Devotion at St. Henry Church will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, October 15-19. Daily devotion will be in the Christus St. Patrick Hospital Chapel October 22-26. Our Lady of Good Counsel Church will hold the Devotion from 7 p.m. October 28 to 11 a.m. on October 30.



THE DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES

Dearly Beloved,

Saturday, August 25, was a joyful day in the history of our diocese, one of many. I had the distinct privilege of ordaining to the diaconate two men who, God willing, will be ordained to the priesthood next year. They have spent the last three years studying theology and preparing for this moment at the seminary in New Orleans. We also have four new seminarians who entered the seminary for our diocese this September. This brings our seminary population to ten students. Education is not free, however. The approximate cost for educating one seminary student in the last four years of his studies is \$100,000. Bishop's Services Appeal assists.

Before Hurricane Rita our Catholic Social Services office was located on Broad Street. The building is no more, having been wrecked by the wind and rain. Following the use of temporary offices on Bilbo Street, Social Services were moved to Sacred Heart Rectory in Lake Charles. There the office will remain, helping with hurricane recovery, the Ministry of Cultural Diversity, immigration, the prison apostolate, to name only a few. Funds collected from Bishop's Services Appeal once again help.

With restrictions to our budget following Hurricane Rita, our diocesan newspaper ceased publication. We would hope that this is temporary. Will funding exist in the future? We cannot answer that question now. In the meantime, the "Catholic Calendar", a full-page of Catholic news, appears every other Friday in the Lake Charles American Press and other regional newspapers. This Catholic information page, paid for by the Diocese of Lake Charles, is an important means of getting the message out concerning articles and news items of Catholic interest. It is vital, necessary and costly. Bishop's Services Appeal is needed.

I have mentioned only three areas where the Bishop's Services Appeal has made a valuable contribution. There are so many other areas. In the field of education, youth ministry, Saint Charles Center, adult formation, counseling services, the Apostleship of the Sea—the list is considerable—the Catholic Church in our area makes a difference. Bishop's Services Appeal helps make it possible.

This year our overall goal for the Appeal will be \$600,000.00. I realize that this will seem to be a large sum of money, and it is. However, what is the continuation of our diocesan services worth? Is there really an amount that represents its true value?

Since becoming Bishop of Lake Charles, I am deeply impressed with the love of our people for their Church. There are so many good things happening in our diocese. Concern for the poor, the sick, the young, and the displaced all attests to your sensitivity and Christian charity. We want the work of the Church to continue. I consider it a true blessing to be in Lake Charles and to be part of this enthusiastic community of faith.

I sincerely thank those who have generously contributed to the Appeal in the past. I ask you to continue opening your hearts to the needs of the Church in the Diocese. If you have not yet participated in the Appeal, then I ask you to consider seriously doing so.

I remember once on a mission trip to Mexico, in a dusty little town, I celebrated Mass in a chapel with a dirt floor and no roof. Following Mass, an older lady, showing every sign of having lived a very hard life, approached me and placed a small coin on the altar. I had asked for nothing, nor would I have asked for anything. She gave because she wanted to show her appreciation. It was one of the most humbling experiences of my life. I thought immediately of the Gospel, when Jesus observed a poor widow placing two small copper coins in the collection box. He said, "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on" (Mark 12:43-44).

The lesson of generosity is the Gospel, and we learn it in unexpected ways. May God bless you, your families, and your gift to the Bishop's Services Appeal.

Devotedly in Christ,

+Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

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FAMILY LIFE	\$60,000
SEAFARERS CENTER	\$55,000
DIOCESAN COUNSELING	\$41,000
EVANGELIZATION	\$18,000
NEWSPAPER AND TV (COMMUNICATIONS)	\$50,000
SAINT CHARLES CENTER	\$50,000
TOTAL	\$600,000

Above figures represent identifiable support from the Bishop's Services Appeal.

These ministries are additionally supported through various grants and the parochial tithe.

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