

Evacuation is lifted for east side of Cameron Parish

By CYNDI SELLERS

The hurricane evacuation has been lifted for southeast Cameron Parish, including the communities of Cameron, Creole, and Grand Chenier, as well as Big Lake. The action by the Office of Emergency Preparedness leaves only Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach under mandatory evacuation at this time.

OEP Director Clifton Hebert made the announcement at the Police Jury's regular monthly meeting held at the Cameron Prairie Refuge headquarters on Monday, Oct. 6.

In his report, Hebert also announced that the Grand Lake pontoon bridge is functioning normally, and the Black Bayou bridge to Big Lake is closed to vehicular traffic while it undergoes repairs.

Big Lake is still under a boil water order, however, while all the southeast com-

munities have potable water. "Just because we lift the evacuation doesn't mean we are 100% on everything," Hebert said. He cautioned that roads are still dangerous in the southern part of the parish, and the Johnson Bayou and Cameron volunteer fire departments are severely understaffed.

"I caution everyone not to travel at night unless necessary," Hebert said. "Signs and reflectors are being installed along the areas of worst shoulder damage, but more have had to be ordered by the DOTD."

Currently, firefighters from New Orleans are assisting the Cameron VFD, and Sulphur firefighters are in Johnson Bayou.

"We are starting to phase out of emergency status, and move into recovery," Hebert said, announcing the closure of the Grand Lake Point of Distribution and movement of remaining supplies to the Cameron Court House.

A Disaster Recovery Center has opened in Hackberry, and one is being planned for Grand Lake in the near future. The Lake Charles DRC continues to operate at the old Trinity Baptist Church on Ryan Street.

The Hackberry POD will remain at the Community Center and continue to serve the Johnson Bayou residents from there, since most are still traveling back and forth.

The statewide burn ban is still in effect, but small, very controlled, vegetative debris fires are permissible, Hebert said. This means small yard fires, not large debris field fires. "Any fire must be monitored at all times, and if a fire spreads and causes damage to a neighbor's property you are responsible," Hebert said. "We can have some controlled burning if the property owners will work with the OEP and Sheriff's Office on this."

Hebert clarified the cause of electrical outages on Big Lake over the past weeks, saying that safety decisions were made by Entergy based on an electrocution and other incidents. He said neither the OEP nor the Police Jury had anything to do with the power being shut off.

No one knows when debris removal will begin here

By CYNDI SELLERS

With more homes being cleaned out and piles of storm debris rising all along parish and state roads, residents want to know when the debris pick up will begin.

The answer is, no one knows. An application has been filed with FEMA for the U S Army Corps of Engineers to take on the debris mission, but no decision has been reached.

If the Corps is assigned, cleanup could begin fairly soon, says OEP Director Clifton Hebert. If the application is denied, and the parish has to take on the job, it will take longer.

Two estimates have been made of the amount of debris in the parish, and a third survey is being made this week. Meanwhile, staging sites have been approved, and disposal sites are being suggested to the EPA and DEQ to save on the cost of moving debris out of the parish.

The EPA and DEQ have completed flyover assessments of so called "orphan" containers deposited in the marshes by Ike's floodwaters. The estimated \$10 million project to recover the containers will be covered 100% by FEMA. Staging could cost the parish \$250,000, but some of the cost could be avoided if companies identify and retrieve

their containers.

The Police Jury adopted a blanket right of entry to allow recovery of the containers, but said property owners could exempt themselves. A DEQ representative said they would not go onto private property unless asked to do so.

Most of the container debris seemed to be along the Calcasieu Ship Channel.

Hebert also reported that his office is working with the U S Coast Guard to finish the scan of the Monkey Island Loop and Old River for Hurricane Rita debris, and he hopes to get Ike debris included.

Several boats that were sunk in the loop have now been washed onto the shore, but new debris is in the water. Industry representatives said it is imperative to get the loop cleared, because it was a year after Rita before larger boats would attempt the passage.

Court moved

Until further notice, all criminal court scheduled in the 38th Judicial District Court in Cameron has been transferred to Calcasieu Parish in the 14th Judicial District Court House, located at 1001 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles.

Early voting announced

Early voting for the Nov. 4, election will be at the Registrar of Voters office now located in the South Cameron Hospital, East wing nurses station, on 5360 West Creole Hwy, Creole, according to Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar of Voters.

This election is the Presidential, U S Representative, U S Senator along with Constitutional Amendments and local race for Justice of Peace and Constables in Wards 3 and 6.

Early voting will be from

8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21 through Tuesday, Oct. 28, (excluding Sunday).

Remember when you go to vote you must have a pictured ID with you.

Finally, any person who needs assistance in voting due to a physical disability such as poor eyesight 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.

Benefit set for child

In memory of Starla Benoit, a benefit barbecue has been scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Vinton American Legion Hall. The dinners are \$6.

Then on Saturday, Oct. 18 a benefit will be held at Waynes Deli, Hwy. 27 in Carlyss. There will be an auction, cake walks, food, etc.

Starla, 5, was the daughter of James Benoit and Michelle Gardia, and granddaughter of Kenny and Kathy Simon of Hackberry. She had a brain tumor, and had been hospitalized in Children's Hospital in New Orleans, since age three. She died Aug. 18.

Polling places relocations are listed

Elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot is a list of Cameron Parish polling places that have been relocated due to Hurricane Ike. According to Clerk of Court Carl Broussard 6 of the parish's 13 polling places had to be moved for the Nov. 4 election because of damages to those locations.

A complete list of all the polling places also can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Several justice of the peace and constable races are on the Nov. 4 ballot as well as the races for president and vice-president.

Next week is deadline on announcements

Candidates for Justice of the Peace and Constables in Cameron Parish who have not already submitted information and a photo to run as a free announcement in the Pilot have only until Tuesday, Oct. 14 to do so for the Oct. 16 issue. No free announcements will be run in the Oct. 22 and 29 issues.

However, paid political ads will be accepted for both of those issues from any of the candidates.

Send information for the free announcements to Cameron Pilot, P. O. Box 995, DeQuincy, LA 70633.

To place a paid political ad call 1-800-256-7323.

The election for Justice of the Peace and Constable was originally set for Oct. 4 but was postponed to Nov. 4 due to the hurricane.

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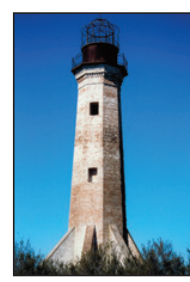
The phone number for subscribers to contact the Cameron Parish Pilot was incorrect on the front page story in the Oct. 2, issue.

We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.

The correct phone number is: 1-800-256-7323.

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HURRICANE IKE left half a boat tethered to a tree on Smith Ridge in Johnson Bayou. (Photo by Paul Sellers.)

Jeff Davis board lends hand to help open South Cameron

OLIVIER (American Press)

Jeff Davis Parish School Board maintenance workers are turning the old Contraband Bingo Hall in Lake Charles into temporary halls of learning for Hurricane Ike-displaced South Cameron students.

"When Hurricane Ike devastated Cameron Parish schools, our school board met and voted to offer the South Cameron schools to use James Ward Elementary in Jennings," said David Clayton, superintendent of Jeff Davis Parish schools. "It was too far to transport the students, but we also offered the parish our maintenance crew, which they accepted."

Don Lejeune, head of the Jeff Davis School Board maintenance crew, met with South Cameron officials a week ago to discuss what work needed to be done in the building.

Work began on Monday to prepare the building, which will house both South Cameron's elementary school and its high school.

Jeff Davis maintenance workers are installing lighting systems, putting together furniture, doing plumbing and electrical work, and set-

ting up special partitions to reduce sound.

"Cameron Parish School Board maintenance workers are busy working in Hackberry and Grand Lake," Clayton said. "We are happy to help. We know they would help us if the situation were reversed."

Clayton's outlook is shared by Lejeune. "We're here to lend them a hand and help them get back on their feet," he said. "We will do whatever they might need us to do, from a maintenance standpoint. They don't have enough workers right now to do it."

Also on hand to help with the setup was Jason Guillory with Office Center/Teacher's Pet. "We're providing items such as tables and library furniture," Guillory said. "Right now we're waiting on the desks to come in."

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Schools to open on Monday

South Cameron, Johnson Bayou and Hackberry High Schools will reopen on Monday, Oct. 13 at 7:50 a.m. after being closed since September due to damages from Hurricane Ike, according to School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue.

An advertisement containing information on the reopening can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot.

H'berry Disaster Center opens

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) opened Monday, Oct. 6 in Vacherie, Hackberry and Breaux Bridge to assist residents who had damage or losses from hurricanes Gustav and Ike, according to Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials.

Disaster Recovery Center locations and hours of operation:

Cameron Parish - Hackberry Recreation District, 1250 Recreation Circle, Hackberry, LA 70645

Open Monday, Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and will remain open six days a week, Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. until further notice.

Additional Disaster Recovery Center locations will be announced in the coming days.

Disaster Recovery Center staff can answer questions about registration for disaster assistance and hazard mitigation, help with disaster

loan applications and provide information and contacts for other programs.

Homeowners, renters and business owners affected by hurricanes Gustav and Ike are encouraged to register for assistance by calling the toll-free registration line at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) (TTY 1-800-462-7585) which is open 24 hours a day seven days a week. Applicants also may register on-line at www.fema.gov.

Residents are encouraged to register prior to visiting a Disaster Recovery Center.

Officials remind affected residents who have already filled out damage report forms with the state, parish emergency managers or voluntary agencies that they must register with FEMA at the above numbers or Web site to be considered for federal assistance.

All residents also are encouraged to get involved with the recovery process by helping spread the word about available assistance and the registration numbers.

U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) representatives at the Disaster Recovery Centers will meet individually with each applicant to provide assistance in completing his or her disaster loan application and to accept completed disaster loan applications. Returning the applications is an essential part of the disaster recovery process even for individuals who do not want a loan.

The SBA offers low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations for losses not fully covered by insurance. The SBA may loan up to \$200,000 to repair or replace homes and up to \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property. Up to \$2 million is available for uncompensated business disaster losses.

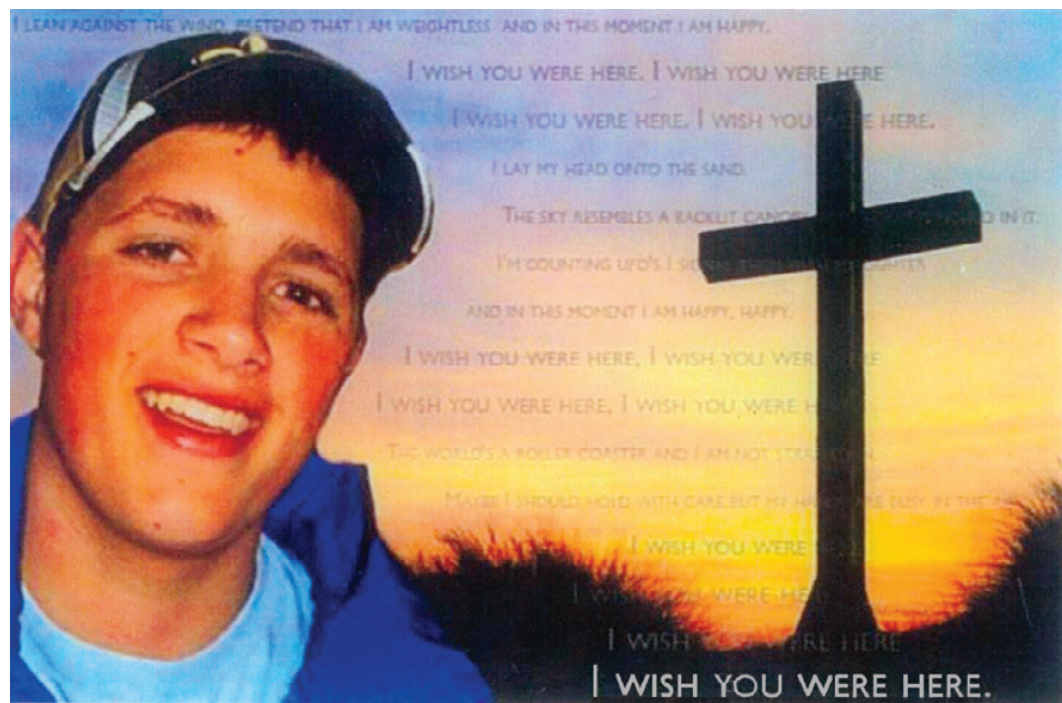
Residents and business owners can receive information about SBA disaster loans and help with the application process by calling the SBA at 1-800-659-2955 or visiting the SBA Web site at www.sba.gov.



THE GRAND LAKE High School Junior Varsity Cheerleaders will hold their second annual Halloween Costume Bash on Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Grand Lake back gym. The dance will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. It is open to 5th thru 8th grade students. A student from another school must be signed up in the Grand Lake School front office no later than Wednesday, Oct. 15. Costumes are mandatory to enter the dance and admission is \$5. A photographer and concessions will be available. There will be a costume contest and prizes will be awarded.



MEMBERS OF THE McNeese Baptist Collegiate Ministry, along with director Keith Cating, lower right, helped clean out First Baptist Church on Saturday. The students included Dex Harris, Paul Thomas, Jess Davis, Joey Sedlock, David Beckham, Joe Byerly, Scott Buchanan, Becca Young, Cassidy McDade, Ashley Hutchinson, Samantha Barrow, Colby Cryer, Lindsay Ellis, and Bryce Veron. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



Michael Jon Newkirk

Vietnam Vets memorial to be in L.C.

The Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall, a traveling three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D. C., will be on display Oct. 10-12 at Veterans Park at the Lake Charles Civic Center in Lake Charles.

Sponsored by local Dignity Memorial providers Hixson Funeral Home and Prien/Highland Memorial Park, this free community event is open to the public 24 hours a day. Call 477-7094 for more information.



SIXTH GENERATION Rocker - Milo Holland Oden of Austin, Tex., rocks on the chair of his late great-great-grandparents, Lloyd A. and Loranza Richard Vaughan of Grand Chenier.

(Photo submitted by Milo's grandfather, Gary Dimas of Creole.)

J. Bayou youth's death inspires new foundation

By CYNDI SELLERS

The tragic death of a young Johnson Bayou resident last spring became a life giving event. Michael Jon Newkirk, the son of Suzanne and Steven Jon Newkirk, died in a traffic accident on April 26, at the age of 18. What could have been a life-shattering blow to his family was transformed into a miracle of life when it was discovered that at the age of 16 Michael had volunteered to donate his organs.

Suzanne Newkirk has started the Michael Jon Newkirk Gift of Life Foundation in memory of her son's unselfish act, "his phenomenal gift of life and his sacrificial love for others."

In the days after Michael's death, she spoke to officials with LifeGift, the donor organization in the Houston, Tex. area, and learned that it is practically unheard of for such a young person to become an organ donor on his own initiative. And yet there is a desperate need for organs, and young health organs are seldom received.

As a result of Michael's foresight, his organs saved six lives and restored sight to two blind people. In addition, through donation of skin, tissue, and bone marrow, he will save over 200 lives. "Michael died a hero," his mother says.

Even so, his death was not necessary. Michael was not wearing a seat belt when the 1966 pick-up truck in which he was a passenger

attempted to pass another vehicle and met another truck head-on. The 30 year old truck didn't have a passenger side air bag, and Michael later died of traumatic brain injury.

The purpose of the foundation is to educate youth between 14 and 25 years of age about the importance of motor vehicle safety and organ donation.

Suzanne has dedicated herself to getting out the message of safety to young people, using Michael's example. "If even one life is saved through his story, it will be worth it," she says. "It would make Michael smile to know that through his tragedy changes can be made and lives saved."

Suzanne plans to take this message on the road and speak to youth groups about seatbelts and also about organ donation. An account has been opened at the Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., 901 Gessner, Houston, TX 77024. Contributions to this cause can be made at any Wells Fargo branch by referencing "The Michael Jon Newkirk Gift of Life Foundation", a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

For speaking engagements, Suzanne Newkirk can be reached at 15819 Locust Grove Drive, Houston, TX 77095, or by calling 281-463-0329.

The foundation's flyer quotes John 15:13 NKJV: "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down his life for his friends."



TOP PHOTO - Cameron Communications Public Coordinator Trina Johnson is shown serving taco soup to Ryan Bourriaque, who works for the Cameron Parish Planning and Development office. In the lower photo several parish employees are shown enjoying the lunch at the South Cameron Memorial Hospital where several departments have located since the storm. From left are Rica Canik, Greg Fawvor, Darrell Williams, Bonnie Conner, Tunie Dunaway, and Katie Armentor.



KATHY AND GIZ Gilbeaux of Cameron show off the award for their 1967 Chevelle at the Midnight Fantasies Car Show.



RHONDA COLEMAN, instructor, presents a Registered First Responder certificate to Paul Sellers of the Cameron Volunteer Fire Department.



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Funerals



JAMES E. BURROUGHS

James E. Burroughs, 38, of Cameron died Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008, in a local hospital.

He was a native of Pascagoula, Miss. He lived in Cameron and was a commercial fisherman for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Burroughs; daughter, Jamie Nicole Mock; and son, Joseph Earl Mock, all of Cameron; stepdaughters, Danielle Doxey of Cameron and Laura Trahan of Johnson Bayou; one step-granddaughter; one brother, Rickey Burroughs on Panama City, Fla.; and mother, Nan Burroughs of Pascagoula.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Oct. 9, in Sweetlake. The body was cremated.

JEFF DAVIS

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The business will also provide furniture and lockers for Hackberry schools. Guillory expects work at both sites to continue through this week and possibly into the weekend. "The South Cameron site is about 40-50 percent complete," Guillory said. "We still need to complete the panel system for the elementary side. The computer lab is complete, and the computer tech just needs to set up the network."



WILTON "W. A." LABOVE

Wilton "W. A." LaBove, 66, of Cameron died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, in a local hospital.

Mr. LaBove was a life resident of Cameron. He worked as a crane operator for a number of years at Cameron Construction, McDaniel, and M&C Oilfield Services.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Creole.

Mr. LaBove is survived by his wife, Toulay Benoit LaBove; daughter, Lisa Guidry and husband John; son, Jared LaBove and fiancée Angie; brother, Paul LaBove; sister, Brenda Vanatten; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by the mother of his children, Ruby Joyce Smith LaBove; son, Randal Scott LaBove; mother, Mary Bessie LaBove; father, George Alton LaBove; brother, Donald LaBove; and stepson, Jessie Reese.

His funeral was held Tuesday, Oct. 7, from St. Patrick Catholic Chapel. Father Joseph McGrath officiated. Burial was in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.



LAWRENCE RAYMOND LEBOUF

Lawrence Raymond LeBouef, 52, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008, at a local hospital.

Mr. LeBouef was born April 7, 1956, in Creole where he was a lifelong resident. He worked for Crain Brothers for 35 years and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Creole. He was a loving son, brother and cousin who loved cooking, hunting, fishing and 4-wheeler riding.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Beverly Kay LeBouef; and a son, Lawson LeBouef.

Survivors include his mother and father, Veda Mae Vincent and Larry LaBove both of Creole; a step-daughter, Shelly Burdette of Atlanta, Ga.; two brothers, Scott LaBove of Lake Charles and Brady LaBove of Grand Lake; two sisters, Donna Marie Vincent of Abbeville and Recia LaBove of Cameron; a niece, Alexis Vincent and numerous nieces and nephews.

His funeral will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Father Joseph McGrath will officiate. Burial will follow in Little Chenier Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. and again on Friday, Oct. 10, from 8 a.m. until time of services. A rosary will be prayed Thursday evening at 7 p.m.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.mem.com. (Paid Memorial)



THIS IS A picture of another Hackberry home which had several feet of water in it during and after Hurricane Ike. Hackberry suffered much damage from the hurricane. (Photo by Coot McInnis.)

Grand Lake FFA holds 1st meet

By **ALYSHA HACKLER**
FFA Reporter

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, the Grand Lake FFA Chapter held its first meeting. The newly elected officers went through the opening ceremonies and informed the members about the Southern Heritage Meat Sale Fundraiser.

This is the most profitable and most successful fundraiser the Grand Lake Chapter has throughout the year. The meat sales include a variety of meats including turkeys and hams for all of your holiday needs.

Though this hurricane season has set back a few Chapter plans, the Grand Lake FFA members are ready to start their fundraising. The Chapter began their sales on Oct. 3 and will continue to sell until Oct. 17.

The food sold is expected to arrive Nov. 10-17, just in time for Thanksgiving. If you are interested in purchasing any meats, you can contact any Grand Lake FFA member or the advisors, Kim Montie or Scotty Poole at 905-3316.



children, Jada Nicole Young, Jayce James Young and Jayden Jude Young, all of Lake Charles; father, John Thibeaux of Abbeville; mother, Barbara Hebert of Cameron; step-father, Dale Hardy of Cameron; paternal grandmother, Isabelle Vaughn of Carencro; one brother, Bart John Thibeaux of Church Point; one sister, Melanie Marie Hardy of Cameron and her fiancé, Lawrence Anthony Landry. She also leaves friends and many cousins who thought of her as a sister.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 3, in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services were Friday in Landry Cemetery in Erath.

Pallbearers for the service were Jeremy Young, Michael Roach, Sonny Hebert, David Melancon, Phil Floris and Ivy Poirier. Honorary pallbearers were Ivy Poirier, Jared Landry and Colby Floris.

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



MARCELLE LYNN THIBEAUX

Marcelle Lynn Thibeaux, 35, of Cameron died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008.

Miss Thibeaux was born, raised and educated in Abbeville and has lived most of her life in the Abbeville and Cameron Parish area. She was primarily a homemaker. She discovered her passion, shrimping, having worked the past two years as a deckhand on a shrimp boat and loved it.

Miss Thibeaux was an avid LSU fan and enjoyed playing pool. She was a "social butterfly" who never met a stranger. She will be most remembered for her love of her grandchildren.

She leaves to cherish her memory, one daughter, Jessica Nicole Roche Young and husband Jeremy of Lake Charles; two sons, Michael Paul Roche of Cameron and Ryan Phillip Romero of Church Point; three grand-

Polling Places relocated due to Hurricane Ike

According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, the following is a listing of Cameron Parish Polling Places which had to be relocated due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ike along with their new locations.

These Polling Places were relocated by the Cameron Parish Places Jury to their new locations due to the devastation and emergency situations caused by Hurricane Ike.

Precinct 1: Moved from the Johnson Bayou Community Center, 5556 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou and relocated to:

Johnson Bayou Rural Health Clinic, 6240 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou.

Precinct 2: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron and relocated to:

Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron.

Precinct 12: Moved from the Muria Fire Station, 129 Muria Road, Creole and relocated to:

South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron.

Precinct 13: Moved from the Creole Fire Station, 184B East Creole Hwy., Creole and relocated to:

South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron.

Precinct 14: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron and relocated to:

Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron.

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BRYAN AND LADONNA Singletary of Iowa announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jillian LaDonna, to Robert Bryan Nunez, son of Philip and Lori Nunez of Sweetlake. The wedding is set for Saturday, Oct. 18 at University Methodist Church in Lake Charles at 6 p.m. A reception will follow at the K. C. Hall in Iowa. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

“Trunk or Treat” event set at Grand Lake Oct. 31

It's that time of year again! Trunk or Treat will be held at the Grand Lake Multi-Purpose building parking lot on Oct. 31, from 6-7 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring your trunk filled with candy and park next to your neighbors and have a great time.

The Grand Lake Lions Club, Grand Lake Fire Department, Grand Lake Alter Society, Grand Lake Action Alliance, Grand Lake Community Church and many others are sponsoring the event. Hot dogs and Koolaid will be served!

Come and bring your little ghosts and goblins to a safe, fun Halloween bash. For more information call 905-6000.



“Keep Children Safe This Halloween!”

Letters to the Editor

Keep Pilot coming

Dear Editor:
Since Ike destroyed my beach house at Johnson Bayou, I won't be visiting down there like in the past. The Pilot will be my life-line of activities there. Keep up the good work.
/s/ Marguerite Domatti
Dallas, Tex.

Pictures welcome

Dear Editor:
I was an Airman stationed at the Lake Charles Air Force Base in June 1957 when Hurricane Audrey hit Cameron Parish. When the warnings are put out - GET OUT - as Audrey was for real.
My son was born in Lake Charles Memorial Hospital on Dec. 18, 1957 and is quite proud to be a registered “Coon Ass”. He'll let you know that too.
I especially like the “Pilot's” pictures of the area news. Thank you for all the shots.
/s/ Keith Hanshaw
Augusta, Kan.

More pictures please

Dear Editor:
I have been away from Cameron for a few years, and I would like to see more pictures of the damages that it incurred. Much of my family is from Cameron and most will likely go back there again when it is rebuilt.
I am not too familiar with some of the other places that are being shown and have not been able to go back for a while.
Thank you for labeling the new pictures, as I would not have known where the damaged areas were. I am looking forward to seeing more pictures and hopefully will recognize some of the places.
Thanks,
/s/ D. Taylor

Where are the locks?

Dear Editor:
In the Sunday American Press there was a letter from Mr. Leo about having locks to control the flooding. Mr. Leo pointed out that having locks installed would quite possibly be protection against flooding or high water. Mr. Leo also pointed out the cost of flood control that New Orleans has spent.
If this could be done to protect New Orleans, which is a town not a parish why hasn't anyone thought about it for Cameron Parish. We are on the gulf, the welcoming committee to any storms. I went to school with one of Mr. Leo's daughters Dianna and one of my sisters went to school with his son.
Mr. Leo in writing this letter has not forgotten where he came from, Hackberry. So who do we get in touch with or how can “locks” be introduced to our parish to prevent yet another destructive storm? If this had been in place then would we all be suffering needlessly again from yet another hurricane.
Hey remember I told you about the green tag and red tag, well we still got the second red tag. This means as most of you know, no power yet. I was in Hackberry Saturday and I was impressed to see that Entergy truck riding down our road as he was going down many.
Right now we are waiting for a part to be delivered. I said it before, I know nothing about electricity but I was shocked to find out that there is such a thing as a “mobile home kit” to hook up your mobile homes. You can use either a home kit but they actually make mobile home kits.
/s/ Coot McInnis

I spoke to Gracie on the phone Saturday afternoon. She is missing me, when I am not working Gracie has always been with me. She is going through a separation crisis and it is hard on her. I know our oldest sister Pat is taking good care of her. Sometimes we forget our elderly, we really shouldn't.
Gracie lost her car in the storm, a total loss. The insurance has already settled with us and we will be getting her another one.
The debris by the roadside is growing. My son Luke has been clearing it off the fenceline. Oh yeah, we have someone's dog house, the chain is still connected to it. We also have acquired two Tonka trucks, one being a dump truck and the other a front end loader.
Also in moving debris from home to roadside, we still need to be concerned of what we are throwing out. We discard personal property with personal information. This is not the best thing to be doing. Not everyone is honest. We do have some dishonest people out there. Hackberry had looters right after the storm. We may not remember about Identity Theft but we all should be thinking about it. Our personal information is there for anyone to read or steal. We may not be aware this has happened until a year or so later or when you start getting checks returned.
This is not just about our homes, we have different parish offices that have damaged property. We sign a privacy clause for medical and legal matters. What happens to this privacy if our medical records are thrown out? All of our vital information is there for someone to take. As much as we would like to believe we are safe, we are not.
Be aware of people coming door to door to “clean up” for you for a price. If they are doing this type of business they need to be permitted, the good ole boy syndrome does not exist anymore. Call the Sheriff's Office or OEP if you are uncomfortable with the request door to door people are doing. Be cautious, be aware, and be concerned and safe.
Last Monday morning on my way to work I stopped at the road block and spoke to the deputy there. There was a wrecker picking up a vehicle. When I told him where I was going to work, he said these guys were stranded, did I know them. Well it happened to be five employees where I work at so three rode with me and two rode with the wrecker.
I remember when I worked at the Sheriff's Office after Rita there was a group of Missouri State Troopers who came down to give our parish a hand. In talking to one of them, he was the Sgt., he told me he was amazed at our people.
He said at no time did he meet anyone who did the “woes is me” story to him. He enjoyed the fact that when he asked a question, he not only got an answer but got a story in return. He told his superior about how we were here.
I told him, we were not the kind to ask for handouts, all we needed was a hand up. If we keep pulling each other up, then no one will be down. It is a great feeling to know that your kindness has helped someone. This is the way our parents and their parents were raised to be, this is how we were raised also.
Before I forget, I saw Ms. Verna Lee at the Post Office when I picked up mail. Thank you Ms. Verna Lee for sending the Red Cross group to the house.
/s/ Coot McInnis

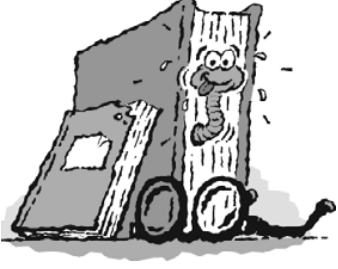
BBB warns “Beware of unscrupulous repairmen”

When residents return to their homes after a natural disaster, a disaster of another type may plague the area - the unscrupulous repair person.
The Better Business Bureau of Southwest La., Inc. suggests that before homeowners make any repairs, they should determine how much aid is available. The amount of aid may determine the extent of repairs. The three basic funding sources for repairs are insurance proceeds, government assistance, and private funds.
If a homeowner makes emergency repairs, they should be sure to document all expenditures including temporary lodging and meals. Documentation may be necessary for reimbursement.
The Better Business Bureau warns consumers to be patient and suggest that consumers take time to evaluate their needs. “Don't make a quick decision without doing some investigations”, states Carmen Million, BBB President.
“While we understand that you are concerned with getting things back to normal, you need to make sure you are not victimized again by an unscrupulous contractor.” warns Million.

BBB TIPS
The BBB offers the following tips to follow before hiring a home improvement, roofing or repair contractor:
Be specific in explaining exactly what you want done.
Get estimates in writing.
Get more than one bid - bids should detail what the contractor is going to do and the cost for the job.
You should not be required to sign a bid, if you do so it then becomes a binding agreement for work to be performed.
Ask the contractor for a list of references.
All warranties or guarantees or verbal agreements must be in writing.
Confirm city or parish licensing.
Confirm state licensing by contacting the Louisiana State Contractors Board at 1-800-256-1392.
Confirm contractor has worker's compensation coverage.
Check contractor's record with the Better Business Bureau by calling 337-478-6253 or 1-800-542-7085.
Never pay in cash & never pay a substantial amount of money up front.
Never pay in full until job is completed.
Never pay in full until all supplies & subcontractors are paid eliminating a possible lien on your property.

Johnson Bayou Library News

The Johnson Bayou Bookmobile will be stationed at the Hackberry Library location, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
All patrons are welcome to come and utilize the services, including free wireless internet and copy/fax services.



S. C. High School News

The following faculty/parents/students have volunteered to work the concession stand for the South Cameron High School fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 11, at Lake Charles-Boston High School: Janet Welch, Kimily Bouriaque, Kathy Rowland, Karen McCall, Recia Willis, Brady Wainwright, Anna Murphy and Darilyn Canik. Please report at 7:30 a.m.

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PILES OF SAND have been cleared from roads in the Little Florida subdivision. (Photo by Paul Sellers.)



SAND HAS BEEN cleared from Sarasota Drive in the Little Florida subdivision. (Photo by Paul Sellers.)

Jurors reverse power issue

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Parish Police Jury has reversed itself on the issue of recreational vehicle electrical power. At the regular monthly voting meeting, jurors heard requests from Cameron residents to allow 200 amp meters for RVs. Monroe Gray explained that he plans to build a house or elevate a mobile home on his property, but until then he needs to park an RV. He said it would be a problem to replace the currently required 125 amp meter pole with a larger one when construction begins.

Others pointed out that shrimpers need extra power to run welders and other power tools to repair their equipment. Philip Dyson said he needs to run freezers for his shrimp business, and needs more than 125 amps to do so.

In the end, jurors passed a previously advertised amendment to the flood damage prevention ordinance, setting penalties for violations. Then they felt safe in reversing the power restriction and allowing 200 amp meters for travel trailers.

Jurors had been concerned that some residents might get a permit for a recreational vehicle, which does not have to be elevated, and then bring in a full size mobile home instead. "It has happened before," said

Parish Administrator Tina Horn.

Juror Thomas McDaniel said that FEMA would not allow more than two violations, and the parish had over 300 questionable sites before Ike. "Now," he said, "we won't have to get a court order to cut off electricity. They will be issued a ticket and have to go to court."

Gray also questioned a rumored ban on accessory buildings, saying that most small sheds fell apart in the storm and did not harm neighboring houses. He was told that accessory buildings are allowed for storage only, not for housing.

The Jury voted to transfer \$125,000 from the general fund to a Hurricane Ike Recovery account to start paying storm related bills. The special fund will make tracking easier, which will make reimbursement easier as well, said Parish Treasurer Bonnie Conner.

Conner also reported that the parish's auditor had advised that once the mandatory evacuation was ended, parish employees could no longer be paid unless they returned to work. Several library employees who were not able to work because of damage to the buildings were to be transferred to parish administration to help with recovery issues.

Temporary food service vendors were given one year to operate mobile kitchens in the parish. Such kitchens must be portable, have health department approval, and cannot have anything attached to them.

Clerk of Court Carl Broussard reported that voting sites are being secured for the Nov. 4 presidential election. Anyone who cannot travel to the sites in Cameron Parish on that Tuesday may vote absentee or vote early at the Registrar of Voter's office at South Cameron Memorial Hospital.

HOUSING ISSUES

The Parish Planning and Economic Development office is working to establish temporary and permanent housing options for those who lost their homes in Hurricane Ike.

Director Ernie Broussard reported to the Jury on Monday that housing has become his office's number one mission, followed by continued work on the dredging of the Monkey Island Loop and Old River, preparing the final draft of the land use ordinance, and moving forward with plans for the Cameron Fisheries project.

A meeting was planned with the Louisiana Recovery Authority and FEMA on the housing issue, followed by a meeting with the Louisiana Land Trust for property acquisition from the Road Home. Such property could be used for housing projects, Broussard said.

He is also working for permanent housing elevation and construction money, and several meetings are scheduled this week on these and other issues.

Broussard asked for and received permission to advertise for requests for qualifications for planning assistance for Hurricane Ike projects.

OTHER BUSINESS

Several people were re-appointed to parish boards. They are: J. C. Murphy - Water and Wastewater District #1; Library Board - Library Board; Shirley Chesson - Sweetlake-Grand Lake Cemetery Board; JoAnn Labove and Carolyn Thibodeaux - Tourism Commission; Wilson Conner - Waterworks District #7; and Jerry P. Constance - Gravity District #9.

Two other re-appointments were tabled until the persons could be contacted.

Poole Roofing had the low quote for repairs to the Cameron Courthouse at \$77,366. It is not clear how much of the roof damage was due to Hurricane Ike and how much may be pre-existing.

Alliance to meet Thursday

The Grand Lake - Sweet Lake Action Alliance will meet on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lake Fireman Center for their annual meeting.

All members are urged to attend and guests are invited.

Elevation of the chiller and generator at the courthouse are in the approval process for hazard mitigation grants, but the chiller is being repaired now so that the large temporary ducts can be removed from the building, said Horn.

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Farmers eligible for loans due to storm losses

Louisiana farmers in all 64 parishes including Cameron, may be eligible for USDA Farm Service Agency emergency loans or the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program due to losses caused by hurricane Gustav and Ike in September 2008, Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., said.

Farmers that suffered losses due to the hurricanes should visit their local FSA offices to learn about qualifications for assistance.

"Low interest loans are a start but Louisiana farmers need to get money in their hands so they can prepare for next year's crop as soon as possible," Strain said. "Our state economy depends on it."

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As provided by R.S. 33:2212, the Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 does hereby advise the public that an emergency was declared on September 22, 2008 to repair Water Wells and Control Panels for the system.

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Wendy Savoie, Secretary

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Advice given on buying a second hand boat

By the time the new owner of a nine-year old, \$35,000, 24-foot fishing boat approached the Boat U. S. Consumer Affairs Department for help, it was too late. Shortly after purchasing the vessel the new owner discovered that the boat had been subjected to "excessive trauma" from a hurricane that caused serious structural damage. Unfortunately, the new owner was now left with only one expensive option: litigation.

*While buying a used boat is never easy, recent hurricanes could lead to an increase in the number of hurricane-damaged vessels for sale on the used boat market. While many boats are properly repaired and sold, sellers don't always tell the whole truth and sometimes just finding out whether a boat has been hurricane damaged can be difficult - especially if cosmetic repairs have been made. Here are some tips that could help protect you from inadvertently buying a hurricane damaged vessel:

*Vote "independent": Having a survey done by an independent surveyor is key. In the case of the 24-foot fishing vessel, the new owner hired a surveyor - who was recommended by the dealer - for the pre-purchase inspection. The true extent of the hurricane damage was never fully revealed until after the boat's new owner, who lived in another state many miles away received delivery, became suspicious, and then hired his own surveyor.

*State line shuffle: Anyone wishing to obscure a boat's history need only cross state lines to avoid detection. That's because unlike automobiles, there are few states that have laws requiring the titles of junked or salvaged boats be "branded" as such. And only 36 states even have a requirement that powerboats be titled. In the case of our 24-footer, the boat was damaged in Texas when a hurricane struck. The absence of salvage title allowed the unscrupulous seller to simply trailer the boat to Ohio to list it for sale with a dealer. A seller who is not willing to document where a boat has been berthed or registered for the past few years should be a red flag that extra vigilance should be taken during the inspection and pre-purchase survey.

*Fuzzy "background" checks: Although a few Web sites purport to provide com-

prehensive background information about used boats, consumers should be skeptical, since there is no one national clearinghouse for boat information, short of checking the records of each boat by calling the boat registration agencies in every state. And be aware that even if you do that, state boat registration records do not include information about accidents or insurance claims.

*"As Is" could mean "expensive": Protections afforded consumers by federal warranty laws and state implied warranty provisions are limited when products are sold "as is." Without a thorough inspection and pre-purchase survey, you may not find any storm-related damages until something major happens and new repair efforts reveal their true extent. And your insurance policy won't cover the repairs since most don't cover pre-existing conditions. If you do buy "as is", consider adding a statement in the sales contract that says the seller has revealed everything they know about the boat's existing or repaired damages.

*Eyes Wide Open: For certain buyers, purchasing a hurricane damaged vessel may be appealing, provided they have the time, budget and sweat equity needed to facilitate repairs. However, knowing it's a "hurricane boat" is a must.

For more information on boat buying or to get a free copy of the BoatU.S. Guide to Buying and Selling a Boat, go to <http://my.BoatUS.com/consumer>.

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Update given form FEMA on storm aid

Since hurricanes Gustav and Ike hit the State of Louisiana, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and its federal partners have worked together helping those affected by the storms recover. So far, more than \$100 million has been approved by FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for Hurricane Gustav applicants and more than \$12 million has been approved by FEMA and the SBA for Hurricane Ike applicants.

Here is an update on the services and assistance they have provided since the hurricanes struck, as of close of business Oct. 6.

Two hurricanes, Gustav and Ike, struck Louisiana in the month of September.

An approximate 419,989 individuals have applied for FEMA's Individual Assistance for Hurricane Gustav.

FEMA has disbursed \$86,909,507 to individuals eligible for Individual Assistance for Hurricane Gustav.

An approximate 42,815 individuals have applied for FEMA's Individual Assistance for Hurricane Ike.

FEMA has disbursed \$13,394,880 to individuals eligible for Individual Assistance for Hurricane Ike.

A total of 214,285 individuals have applied for a home inspection for Hurricane Gustav.

Of these, 184,642 homes damaged by Hurricane Gustav have been inspected.

A total of 24,001 individuals have applied for a home inspection for Hurricane Ike.

Of these 15,455 homes damaged by Hurricane Ike have been inspected.

At this time, 19 Disaster Recovery Centers are open, and more are expected to open in the near future.

A total of 18,754 applicants affected by Gustav have been seen at local Disaster Recovery Centers.

A total of 1,219 applicants affected by Ike have been seen at local Disaster Recovery Centers.

Aid is also available for workers whose employment was lost or interrupted as a result of Hurricane Ike. Oct. 14 is the deadline to file for this assistance in Acadia, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafourche, Plaquemines, Sabine, St. Mary, Terrebonne, Vermilion and Vernon parishes.

The deadline for those displaced by Hurricane Gustav to receive assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's transitional sheltering initiative has been extended. Applicants who have been deemed eligible for FEMA housing assistance under the Individuals and Households Program, or where FEMA has not yet been able to inspect their home damage have been extended until Friday, Oct. 17.

Applicants who are deemed ineligible to receive further assistance from FEMA's transitional sheltering assistance ended on Oct. 6.

The USACE has installed approximately 10,237 Blue Roofs to date.

Forty-three parishes were declared for Individual Assistance for Hurricane Gustav including all 64 parishes were declared for Public Assistance for Hurricane Gustav including: Cameron and Calcasieu.

Of the 64 parishes in Louisiana, 14 were declared for Individual and Public Assistance for Hurricane Ike. The parishes include Cameron and Calcasieu.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF POLLING PLACES
According to Carl Broussard, Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish in accordance with Title 18:535B of the Louisiana Election Code, the following is the official listing of the Polling Places for the upcoming Presidential/Congressional/General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

- POLLING PLACES**
Precinct 1: location: Johnson Bayou Rural Health Clinic, 6240 Gulf Beach Highway, Johnson Bayou, La.
Precinct 2: location: Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.
Precinct 3: location: Hackberry Multipurpose Building, 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: South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, La.
Precinct 13: location: South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, La.
Precinct 14: location: Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.
Precinct 15: location: Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.
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.
RUN: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 (O 25)

NOTICE OF RELOCATION OF POLLING PLACES
According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, the following is a listing of Cameron Parish Polling Places which had to be relocated due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ike along with their new locations.
These Polling Places were relocated by the Cameron Parish Jury to their new locations due to the devastation and emergency situations caused by Hurricane Ike.
Precinct 1: Moved from the Johnson Bayou Community Center, 5556 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou and relocated to: JOHNSON BAYOU RURAL HEALTH CLINIC, 6240 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou, La.
Precinct 2: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron and relocated to: CAMERON PARISH COURTHOUSE, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.
Precinct 12: Moved from the Muria Fire Station, 129 Muria Road, Creole and relocated to: SOUTH CAMERON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, La.
Precinct 13: Moved from the Creole Fire Station, 184B East Creole Hwy., Creole and relocated to: SOUTH CAMERON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, La.
Precinct 14: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron and relocated to: CAMERON PARISH COURTHOUSE, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.
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• NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC •
Gravity Drainage District #4 Will Meet At The Grand Lake Waterworks Office, 111 Dennis Lane, At 6:00 p.m., Thursday, October 9, 2008 Leslie Griffith, Chairman
RUN: Oct. 9 (O-21)

EARLY VOTING SOON TO BEGIN

Early voting for the November 4, 2008 election will be at the Registrar of Voters office now located in the South Cameron Hospital, east wing nurses station, on 5360 West Creole Hwy., Creole, LA.

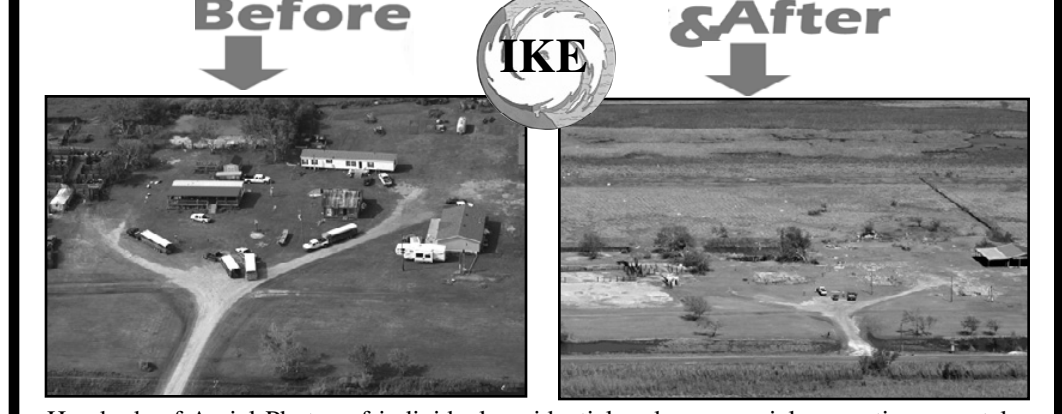
This election is the Presidential, US Representative, US Senator along with Constitutional Amendments and our local races for Justice of Peace and Constables in Wards 3 and 6.

Early voting will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. starting Tuesday, October 21 through Tuesday, October 28 (excluding Sunday). 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: Oct. 9, 16 (O-19)

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE



Hundreds of Aerial Photos of individual, residential and commercial properties were taken just before Hurricane Gustav and right after Hurricane Ike, from Johnson Bayou to Holly Beach, and north to Sulphur. These may be very helpful for insurance purposes as well as keepsakes for memories of better times. Please call me for more information. . .

Max Air Photos
7000 Southland Fld. Rd. • Sulphur • 337-802-4209
Max Trost, Owner/Pilot/Photographer — maxtrost2001@yahoo.com

— NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC —

In the upcoming weeks the Cameron Parish Police Jury will have inspectors doing assessments for possible demolitions and private property debris estimations. Residents are asked to put their 911 address up in their yard.
If you have debris on your property, please make an effort to push the debris to the nearest road right of way. We are hopeful that private property debris removal will be offered. There is no word on it at this time.

The permitting office is located in South Cameron Memorial Hospital on the east wing. As evacuation areas are lifted, the permitting office will begin permitting structures.

We will be setting up a permitting office in Hackberry in the near future.

The maximum load of electricity for a recreation vehicle will be 125 amps. Mobile homes will be allowed in the Parish if they meet elevation requirements and wind load requirements.

RUN: Oct. 2 & 9 (O-15)

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 9th day of September, 2008 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed as Project No. 2007-14: Post-Rita Restoration of the Muria Fire Station, pursuant to the certain contract between Sam Istre Construction and said Cameron Parish Police Jury recorded under File No. 307522 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 in the absence of any such claims or liens.

BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 (S 17)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cameron Parish Police Jury is procuring a consultant firm for Program Management of several Hurricane Ike recovery projects and/or administering Project Worksheets. A basic scope of services will be given to interested firms.

Interested parties can submit their qualifications for program management and administering project worksheets to Earnestine "Tina" Horn, Cameron Parish Police Jury, P. O. Box 1280, (mailing), 5360 West Creole Highway, (physical location), Cameron, Louisiana 70731. A response to this request must be hand-delivered or mailed to the above named person at the above named address in such a manner that it is received no later than 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 2008. The Cameron Parish Police Jury is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages all small and minority-owned firms, women's business enterprises and Section 3 businesses to apply.
RUN: Oct. 2 & 9 (O 14)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:00 P.M., Friday, October 24, 2008 in the Police Jury Administrative Office, located in the South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 W. Creole Highway, Cameron, Louisiana, for the purchase and installation of five (5) compactors.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained from the Police Jury Administrative Office by calling (337) 775-5718.

BY: BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Oct. 9 and 16 (O 16)

Notice

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on September 29, 2008, Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C. ("EGSL") an electric public utility providing retail electric service to customers in eighteen (18) Parishes of the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC"), pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(3) of the Louisiana Constitution and Title 45, Section 1163.1 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, a modified Formula Rate Plan ("FRP") rider schedule that is intended to implement, effective the first billing cycle of October 2008 (September 29), a \$16.0 million FRP revenue increase pursuant to Section 2.B.2 of the FRP, and in conjunction with the FRP proceedings currently before the LPSC in Docket No. U-28916 (TY 2007).

This increase of \$16.0 million consists of Additional Capacity costs approved in LPSC Order Nos. U-30422 and U-30422-A and will have the following effects upon EGSL customers' bills based

upon September 2008 Fuel Adjustment Charges. A bill for Residential Service for 1,000 kWh would increase \$1.37 from \$114.79 to \$116.16. A bill for Small General Service for 5,000 kWh would increase \$8.87 from \$647.03 to \$655.90. A bill for General Service for 1,000 kW and 365,000 kWh would increase \$361.36 from \$36,961.76 to \$37,323.12. A copy of these rider schedules may be viewed in the Office of the Louisiana Public Service Commission in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

ENTERGY GULF STATES
LOUISIANA, L.L.C.
RUN: Oct. 9 (O 18)

NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000,000 LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS (KINDER MORGAN LOUISIANA PIPELINE, L.L.C. PROJECT)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") will conduct and hold a public hearing at the office of the Authority, 8712 Jefferson Highway, Suite A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809 on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at ten (10:00) o'clock a.m. to hear any objections to the issuance, sale and delivery of its not to exceed \$100,000,000 Revenue Bonds (Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline, L.L.C. Project) in one or more series (the "Bonds").

The Bonds are being issued by the Authority for the purpose of providing funds to Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline, L.L.C. (the "Company") to provide financing of the Company's LNG pipeline (the "Project") in two legs, both starting at Cheniere's Sabine Pass LNG Terminal. Leg 1 will be 132 miles of 42-inch pipe continuing to the northeast through Cameron Parish, Louisiana, ending at Columbia Gulf Transmission Company's mainline. Leg 2 will be 1 mile of 36-inch pipe in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, interconnecting to Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America. These pipeline legs are more fully described as follows:

KMLA 42" - Leg One
Description:

Beginning at a point within the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal Property situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana;

Thence in a northerly direction crossing Louisiana State Highway 82 at approximate Milepost 1.5; continuing in a northerly direction to approximate Milepost 4.57, to the point of entry of said pipeline into Sabine Lake, a Louisiana State water body.

Thence in a northerly direction crossing Sabine Lake, a Louisiana State water body, for an approximate distance of 13.50 miles, exiting Sabine Lake at approximate Milepost 18.05 entering onto Shell Island in Cameron Parish, Louisiana;

Thence in a north and easterly direction, east of and adjacent to the Sabine River Intracoastal Waterway to a point at approximate Milepost 24.60, same being the division line between Cameron Parish and Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

KMLA -36" - Leg Two
Description:

Beginning at a point within the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal Property situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana;

Thence in a northerly and easterly direction to a point of interconnection with existing Natural Gas Pipeline Company pipeline facilities, all situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

The Bonds will be secured solely by payments made by the Company pursuant to a Loan Agreement by and between the Company and the Authority and will not be payable from any other revenues of the Authority or the State of Louisiana and will not constitute an indebtedness of the Authority or the State of Louisiana within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitations of indebtedness.

Sheriff's Report

The following arrests were made by the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept. Sept. 30 to Oct. 7:

David Duplechain, 38, 101 Helms Lane, Lake Charles; Simple Battery.

Frederick G. Hebert Jr., 40, 2680 Teal St., Cameron; Bench Warrants (2 counts)

Isaac C. Mays Jr., 46, 2826 S. Beglis Pkwy, Sulphur; Possession of a Legend Drug, Possession of CDS IV, Curfew Violation.

Michael B. Haviland, 48, 4802 Ihles Road, Lake Charles; Out of Parish Warrant.

Ricki R. Lonidier, 28, 517 Morningside Drive, Lake Charles; Issue Worthless Checks.

Lancy D. Gibbs, 48, 247 Pete Seay Circle, Hackberry; Bench Warrant.

Brett John Tate, 44, 1748 Elliot Road, Lake Charles; Theft.

James Lee Duncan, 44, Golden Meadow; Probation Violation.

Vincent Touson Jr., 44, 157 Main St., Hackberry; Out of Parish Warrant.

Richardo Aguirre-Palacio, 29, San Antonio, Tex.; Speeding, Switched License Plate, Speed Greater than Prudent, Operate Vehicle w/out License in USA, Flight from Officer, Off Road Vehicle.

All boats must be registered

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Licensing Section advises all commercial and recreational fishing boat owners that Act 35 of the 2008 Legislature requires certain owners to register their boats.

All motorized vessels that are U. S. Coast Guard documented with a "use type" of recreational or commercial fishing, and which have been in Louisiana waters for a period of 90 days or longer, are included in this category.

This new law, requiring registration of boats in this use type, has been in effect since Aug. 15. Registration applications with instructions and applicable registration fees available at www.wlf.louisiana.gov/boat-ing/registration.

Following such public hearing, the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana will be asked to execute an approval certificate granting public approval to such proposed issuance of revenue bonds for the purpose of compliance with Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and addressing relating matters.

The public and interested parties are invited to attend or to submit written comments in advance of the Public Hearing to Steve A. Dicharry, Executive Director of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Authority, 8712 Jefferson Highway, Suite A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BY /s/ Steve A. Dicharry
Steve A. Dicharry
Executive Director
RUN: Oct. 9 (O 20)



LONG BEACH Road was covered by sand over three feet deep. A path has been cleared by road crews.
(Photo by Paul Sellers.)

LA Dept. of Agriculture to aid in disposal of carcasses

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) has coordinated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to facilitate the removal and disposal of animal carcasses left in the wake of hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

The carcasses, which pose a public health threat in Cameron and Plaquemines parishes, are the result of animals that died because of

Hurricane Ike. Animal remains are being removed only from those areas near homes and businesses where their presence threatens the health and safety of the public.

Cameron and Plaquemines parishes entered into an agreement with the USDA early last week. The process of removing carcasses is now underway in both of those parishes and should take no longer than 20 days.

To date, 25 animal carcasses in Cameron Parish and 44 animal carcasses in Plaquemines Parish have been collected and disposed of by incineration.

The state will respond to any parish request. However, before a parish can participate in this program, a technical assistance team from the USDA must determine whether the requested work is eligible.

Seventy-five percent of the cost of this operation is being covered by FEMA.

For the latest information on the recovery from Hurricane Ike, visit www.emergency.louisiana.gov.

Alligator season is extended

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary Robert Barham has signed a declaration of emergency to extend the 2008 wild alligator season to official sunset on Oct. 19, in both zones, due to the impact of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

The original season was set to end on Sept. 25 in the east zone and Oct. 2 in the west zone.

Both hurricanes have impacted the progress of this season as LDWF estimates that only 50 percent of the 37,000 tags allotted for the 2008 alligator season have been utilized at this time.

Many alligator hunters and processors have had to delay their harvest and processing efforts multiple times in order to prepare for and recover from the two hurricanes.



Cameron Parish School Board Announces the Reopening of

**Johnson Bayou and Hackberry High Schools at
Hackberry High School
and
South Cameron High School at 2750
Power Centre Parkway, Lake Charles, LA 70607**

Monday, October 13, 2008, 7:50 A.M.

Bus drivers will contact parents with pick-up times and locations. Parents at any of these schools who did not complete and return Hurricane Ike information packets should call Cameron Parish School Board at 905-5784, extension 0, as soon as possible to make arrangement for transportation on Monday.

All Employees of Hackberry High School, Johnson Bayou High School, South Cameron High School are to report to school sites on Thursday, October 9, 2008 and Friday, October 10, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. to prepare classrooms to welcome students!

If anything changes with any of the above information, families and employees will be notified through the local media and the My State alert system.

New School Calendars and Bell Schedules for All Schools will be disseminated as soon as revisions are approved.

Grand Lake's calendar and bell schedule will differ from Hackberry, Johnson Bayou, and South Cameron High Schools'.

RUN: Oct. 9 (O 27)

NOTICE OF POLLING PLACES

According to Carl Broussard, Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, in accordance with Title 18:535B of the Louisiana Election Code, the following is the official listing of the Polling Places for the upcoming Presidential/Congressional/General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

— POLLING PLACES —

- Precinct 1, location: Johnson Bayou Rural Health Clinic
6240 Gulf Beach Highway, Johnson Bayou, LA
- Precinct 2, location: Cameron Parish Courthouse
119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA
- Precinct 3, location: Hackberry Multipurpose Building
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: South Cameron Memorial Hospital
5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, LA 70631
- Precinct 13, location: South Cameron Memorial Hospital
5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, LA 70631
- Precinct 14, location: Cameron Parish Courthouse
119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA
- Precinct 15, location: Cameron Parish Courthouse
119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA
- 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

RUN: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 (O-23)

NOTICE OF RELOCATION OF POLLING PLACES

According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, the following is a listing of Cameron Parish Polling Places which had to be relocated due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ike along with their new locations.

These Polling Places were relocated by the Cameron Parish Police Jury to their new locations due to the devastation and emergency situations caused by Hurricane Ike.

- Precinct 1: Moved from the Johnson Bayou Community Center, 5556 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou and relocated to:
Johnson Bayou Rural Health Clinic, 6240 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou, LA
- Precinct 2: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron and relocated to:
Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA
- Precinct 12: Moved from the Muria Fire Station, 129 Muria Road, Creole and relocated to:
South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, LA
- Precinct 13: Moved from the Creole Fire Station, 184B East Creole Hwy., Creole and relocated to:
South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, LA
- Precinct 14: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron and relocated to:
Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA
- Precinct 15: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron and relocated to:
Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA

RUN: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 (O-24)



CALCASIEU DRIVE in Rutherford Beach is shown above. The beach "rolled over," covering roads and properties. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



STORM DEBRIS

Driving past Gibbstown Bridge towards Creole really is depressing. Debris from our home, including part of my handicap ramp with part of my green waterhouse is on the west side of the highway. In Creole there are piles of debris, torn up houses, water still in ditches and on land, water that should have been gone, but it really looks like a marsh on both sides of the East Creole Road.

It's sort of funny, when you see all the wildlife already trying to return. There's white cranes, water turkey, shore birds, blue herons, but no ducks or coots. In Grand Lake at our second residence, we still have humming birds (up to 24), keeping control of our three feeders, but I'm sure they're about to leave.

My neighbor in Creole, Marion Primeaux, always had around 30 to 50 Canada Geese in his ridge pasture, next to his home, and they would come to just back of my house, it was a beautiful sight.

I figured, well, they're gone, but his past week I saw 20 or so return, so wildlife is returning to our marshes. Let's hope the ducks will return to our marshes and not stay in the rice fields to our north. This is going to be tough on our local guide services, as lots of there quar-

ters were damaged by Ike. Some fishing guides have returned in the Big Lake area and reports of good trout, redfish and some flounder fishing.

Last week on my trip to Ferriday to visit my son, I talked to area anglers and duck hunters and the heavy rains have lots of rotten waters draining in Lake Concordia. On I-49, south of Alexandria, you can smell the stink while driving.

The stink in Creole is pretty rotten also and the black flies are worse than mosquitoes. In my cleanup, I had shorts on, a big mistake, they covered my legs and yes they bite. I tried mosquito dope, but that isn't any help. I also talked to my insurance agent and he told me Catahoula Lake has water that got real high, a place he's been hunting since a kid, and there are no ducks there.

TOLEDO-SAM RAYBURN

Toledo Bend is getting back to normal, bass are schooling at the mouth of major creeks, but is 4 foot low, while Sam Rayburn is 6 foot low.

Both of these lakes are producing good catches of bass. I will be in Sam Rayburn this weekend fishing the Rayburn Oilmen's Classic, with my son-in-law Travis Broussard.

Cameron Prairie Wildlife Refuge resumes activities

Public use activities resumed at Cameron National Wildlife Refuge Tuesday, Sept. 30. The refuge archery deer season began Oct. 1 as usual, however, access to parking areas via Pintail Drive will not be available. Pintail Drive will be closed to all activities due to water damage from Hurricane Ike.

East Cove Unit has also been re-opened to recreational activities as outlined in the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex Fishing Regulations.

The application period for the youth lottery waterfowl hunt remains open through Oct. 15. For additional information about how to apply for any of the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge lottery hunts visit our website News Release link.

Sabine National Wildlife Refuge remains completely closed to public access and all recreational uses. Sabine's West Cove recreation area parking lots are being used by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a debris collection and sorting site for public and private lands.

For additional information about any of the SW LA National Wildlife Refuges

call 598-2216 or view our website at <http://www.fws.gov/swlarefugecomplex>.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System that encompasses more than 540 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands, and other special management areas. It also operates 70 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 78 ecological services field stations.

The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts.

The agency also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

Deadline for assistance is Oct. 31

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is reminding qualified commercial resident fishermen, certain commercial fishing vessel license holders, wholesale/retail seafood dealers and charter boat fishing guides, impacted by Hurricane Katrina and Rita that the deadline for submitting required forms for federal fisheries economic assistance is Oct. 31.

The South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) is receiving and processing all information about this assistance program and anyone who is qualified to receive assistance and has not received a packet should contact the SCPDC as soon as possible by calling 1-800-630-3791 (toll-free) or 985-655-1051 (local) or mailing SCPDC at P. O. Box 1240, Gray, LA 70359-9902 or visiting the SCPDC Web site at www.scpdc.org/fisheriesassistance. Any questions concerning eligibility, requests for information, etc. should also be directed to the SCPDC.

The LDWF is providing \$28.2 million in assistance to the state's commercial fishing and charter boat industries through a \$41.3 million federal fisheries economic assistance grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Louisiana resident commercial fishermen, certain commercial fishing vessel license holders and wholesale/retail seafood dealers with trip ticket recorded sales or purchases of seafood during the twelve-month period (Sept. 1, 2004-Aug. 31, 2005) prior to Hurricane Katrina as well as Louisiana resident charter boat operators who held a LDWF charter boat fishing guide license in the qualifying period (Sept. 1, 2004-Aug. 31, 2005) qualify for some level of personal assistance. The LDWF requires trip tickets to collect commercial landings and associated information by trip.

Survey made on habitats in parish

Early observations by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' (LDWF) biologists surveying the damage to fish and game habitats impacted by Hurricane Ike's Sept. 13 landfall are now available on the LDWF Web site.

Preliminary air, ground and surface water surveys by LDWF's Inland and Marine Fisheries Division biologists were conducted within the first two weeks following Ike's pass through the state.

Findings were compiled in a report detailing, by region, the damage in southeast, south central and southwest coastal parishes hit by high winds and storm surge; and to the northern freshwater waterways affected mainly by heavy rains.

The report is an early look at infrastructure and biological resource impacts that will affect commercial and recreational fishing resources for months and years to come.

Coastal parishes, already recovering from Hurricane Ike, were again affected by the loss of power which shut down commercial docks and marinas, ice production facilities and seafood processing plants.

The complete reports are available at

Tarpons will play Friday in Merryville

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The undefeated South Cameron Tarpons will open district play this Friday night as they travel to take on the 1-4 Merryville Panthers. The Tarpons, who have defeated four area class 2A teams (Vinton, Kinder, Lake Arthur, and Welsh) to start the season at 4-0, begin the all important district race this week.

In addition to South Cameron, Hamilton Christian looks very tough and pre-season favorite Basile has started out 0-4 but have suffered some key injuries and should be a lot healthier as district starts.

The Tarpons are currently ranked second in district 5-1A in offense averaging 280 yards per game. The Tarpons are ranked 2nd in defense as well, as they have held opponents to an average of 235 yards per contest.

Dex Murphy currently leads the district in rushing with 393 yards and 8 touchdowns. Quarterback Kyle Little is second in passing with 26 of 51 for 371 yards.

Free legal assistance is available

Louisiana residents affected by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike can now request free legal assistance through a toll-free number operated by the Louisiana Civil Justice Center, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced.

Residents who have legal issues arising from one or both of the storms, but lack the resources to secure adequate legal services, may request help Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. by calling 1-800-310-7029.

Free Spanish translation is available for callers who do not speak English. This assistance is available whether the inability to afford legal services existed prior to the disaster or is a result of the disaster.

When calling for legal assistance, residents should indicate that they need help with a hurricane-related issue. Those qualifying for assistance will be matched with a volunteer Louisiana lawyer who will provide free legal help.

The type of legal help typically available includes:

- Assistance with life, medical and property insurance claims

- Assistance with home repair contracts and contractors

- Assistance with consumer protection matters, remedies and procedures

- Replacement of wills and other important legal documents destroyed in a major disaster

- Drafting powers of attorney

- Estate administration (insolvent estates)

- Preparation of guardianship and conservatorship

- Counseling on mortgage foreclosure problems

- Counseling on landlord/tenant problems

- Referring individuals to local and state agencies that may be of further assistance (e.g., consumer affairs)

Residents should be aware that there are certain limitations to this service. For example, this program is not available to assist with cases that will produce a fee or result in a financial settlement.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.



www.wlf.louisiana.gov and can be accessed via the Hurricane Preparation and Response link under LA Announcements.

Tarpons take a 33-28 win over Welsh Greyhounds

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The South Cameron Tarpons scored 26 unanswered points in the second half, including 20 in the 4th quarter to grab a 33-28 comeback victory over the class 2A Welsh Greyhounds.

The Tarpons remained perfect on the year with a 4-0 record. After falling behind 28-7 in the first half, the Tarpons turned it around in the second half as they held Welsh (2-2) to just one first down in the Thursday night homecoming game.

The winning touchdown came with 1:12 remaining in the game on a Kyle Little one yard touchdown run to complete the comeback. The winning drive was set up by a fumble recovery by Tarpons' defensive end Jimmy Dowd at the Greyhounds 29 yard line.

The Tarpons scored the game's first touchdown when

Jody Troclair caught a 10 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Kyle Little to take a 7-0 first quarter lead. After that, it was all Welsh until the second half as they scored all 28 of their points in the second quarter.

The Tarpons started the rally on a Little one yard run. Troclair caught his second touchdown pass of the night, a one yarder from Kyle Little. Troclair had a big night catching 7 passes for 86 yards and two touchdowns.

Little scored the final two touchdowns for the Tarpons on short runs giving South Cameron their fourth victory, all over class 2A teams. Kyle Little had a huge night completing 11 of 20 for 158 yards and two scores passing and three on the ground. Dex Murphy was the leading ground gainer for the Tarpons with 48 yards on 18 carries.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By KEITH HAMBRICK



Cameron Pilot

Oct. 9, 1975

PIPELINE IS

PLANNED HERE

Affiliates of United Gas Pipeline Company and Transco Companies, Inc. have applied for Federal Power Commission approval to construct a 42-inch diameter pipeline system to transport natural gas to be produced in the High Island Area, offshore, Texas, Gulf of Mexico.

The line will extend from some 30 miles offshore, where it connects with a pipeline network previously announced by High Island Offshore System, to an onshore point of interconnection with existing pipeline facilities of Transco near Johnson Bayou.

NATURAL GAS

A big natural gas pipeline to be laid across almost the entire length of lower Cameron Parish could mean service for many parish residents who do not have natural gas now.

The Cameron Police Jury Tuesday approved a permit for the Louisiana Resources Company to lay a pipeline from the North Johnson Bayou field across the parish running through the Cameron, Creole and Grand Chenier areas.

Roland J. Troclair, Jr., jury president, said, "Since this line will cross some of the areas of the parish that do not have natural gas, this is a good opportunity for us to ask the company to put taps in these areas."

CHENIER FARMING

FLOURISHED ONCE

By BERNICE STEWART

After the Reconstruction Period Grand Chenier enjoyed a greater prosperity than ever before. Its chief exports were oranges, cotton, and syrup.

Orange groves of several hundred trees were found on many estates. The great freeze of 1895 laid the orchards low, but optimistic farmers continued their efforts. About the time that the orchards had been restored the San Jose scale invaded the island and threatened to wipe out the industry. Farmers imported "ladybugs" to feed upon the scale. In 1915 another severe freeze destroyed both the trees and the scale.

On the Chenier, cotton was the chief money crop for years. The pink bollworm and the cotton-worm signed its death warrant as an industry.

An immense amount of sugar cane was planted. Syrup mills, always referred to by the Chenier residents as "sugar mills," converted the cane juice into syrup. The superior flavor of the syrup was due to the particular type of soil in which the cane was grown. In the 1930s the cane-borer invaded the fields, resulting in the termination of still another industry.

It would almost seem that Longfellow had Chenier crops in mind when he wrote: "The laws of nature are just, but terrible. There is no weak mercy in them. Cause and consequences are inseparable and inevitable."

Thus, it was inevitable that the bustling little agricultural community should set aside its plows and turn its faithful horses out to pasture even before mechanized

SHRIMPING IMPROVES

The recent cool weather has provided a "shot in the arm" to the ailing shrimp industry in Cameron. With the first northers the shrimp have moved close in to shore enabling the small shrimp boats to make quite large catches.

The shrimp which have been spawning in the marshes are also coming into open water. Scotty and Charmaine, children of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Primeaux of Creole, helped sort out shrimp on the Creole canal where they were caught.

4-HERS PLACE

Two Cameron Parish 4-H members, Russell Savoie and Roxanne Myers, were first place winners at the recent state horse show held in Baton Rouge. Russell's exhibit was an Appaloosa gelding while Roxanne showed her quarter horse.

Second place winners were Larry Myers, with his 2-year-old quarter horse filly; Denise Rutherford, with an Appaloosa; Sterling Vaughan, in reining; and Paul Doucet in pole bending.

Randalin Crain place 4th in the cutting division.

Fifth place honors went to Russell Savoie, Denise Rutherford, Sterling Vaughan, Andy Vaughan, and Kirk Rutherford.

Winning sixth place was Sterling Vaughan.

JUNIOR DEPUTIES

Sheriff Claude Eagleson and Deputy Paul Shirley are working to create programs in which Junior Deputies will participate. 108 Junior Deputies have signed up in the initial membership program to date. The first activity meeting will be held Saturday, Oct. 11 at 4:30 p.m. at the Cameron Recreation Center baseball field.

GRAND LAKE BASKETBALL

The Grand Lake girls took their first basketball game of the season with a 57-49 victory over Starks, Oct. 1. Starks took the lead in the first quarter with a 16-12 score but could never get the lead back.

Leading scorers for the Grand Lake Hornets were Sherri Richard with 23 points, followed by Sarah Broussard with 13 points and Gail Demary with 11 points.

The Grand Lake boys were not as lucky as the girls, as the Starks Panthers claimed as 98-45 victory over the Hornets in their opening game of the season.

Phil Precht was the leading scorer for the Hornets with 16 points while Keith Miller added 13.

GOLD STAR PARENTS HONORED

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post 10019, Cameron, honored the Gold Star Parents at the VFW Hall in Cameron on Sunday, Sept. 29 with a party.

Those attending were Mrs. Matilda Doxey of Cameron and Mrs. Christina Nunez of Creole. Hostesses were Mesdames Amos Miller, Harry Cunningham and Wadley Saltzman. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

How to recognize if some is having a stroke

Act F.A.S.T.

FACE Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

ARMS Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

SPEECH Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred? Can he/she repeat the sentence correctly?

TIME If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is important. Call 911 or get to the hospital fast. Brain cells are dying.



THIS PHOTO was taken from the liftboat Macy Lyn docked at the old ferry dock in Cameron 12 hours before Hurricane Ike hit. The water was already rising.
(Photo furnished by Teddy Broussard.)



CLEANUP AT the District Attorney's office in Cameron is well underway.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



A NEW CAMP at Rutherford Beach is much closer to the Gulf due to heavy beach erosion.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



SIX CAMPS were destroyed at Long Beach near Johnson Bayou.
(Photo by Paul Sellers.)



RUTHERFORD BEACH has moved. Tons of sand three - four feet deep cover roads and property.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



ELEVATED shore-base quarters in Cameron.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Author dinner to be Oct. 21

Fans of "Bones," "CSI," and other forensic investigation television shows may want to attend this year's Libraries Southwest

Author's Dinner, Tuesday, Oct. 21. The featured author will be Mary H. Manhein, director of the Forensic Anthropology and Computer

Enhancement Services Laboratory and instructor of anthropology at LSU. Manhein is the author of "The Bone Lady," a collection of 26 short anecdotal tales describing interesting cases and unique Louisiana situations.

The Author Dinner will be held at Pat's of Henderson in Lake Charles. The cost is \$25, and registrations are due at any Libraries Southwest library by Sunday, Oct. 12. Cash bar is at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m.

Member libraries are Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Jeff Davis, St. Martin, and Vernon Parish libraries, McNeese State University, SOWELA, and Calcasieu Parish School libraries.



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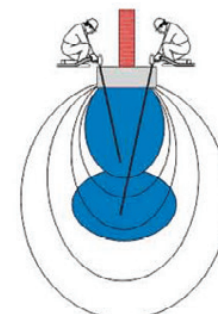
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Faithful Citizenship: Our Responsibility

By The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

In November of 2007, the Catholic Bishops of the United States issued a document entitled, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." The purpose of this instruction for Catholics was "to address political and social questions by helping them to develop a well-formed conscience" (#17).

In light of this document and the decisions that we as Catholics must make as responsible citizens, I add my own instruction. I will do so by addressing some questions that Catholics often ask.

1. What is conscience? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Conscience is a judgment of reason by which the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act" (#1796). "Following your conscience" does not mean "doing as you wish." Conscience is not an arbitrary "feeling" or an "opinion." The Catechism continues, "Conscience must be informed and moral judgment enlightened. A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator" (#1783). Each and every one of us has an obligation to inform his or her conscience correctly, according to the truth.

2. What is the purpose of any political process? Any legitimate political process seeks the common good. When Cain, after having killed his brother Abel, as recorded in the Book of Genesis, asks, "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9), the answer is a resounding "Yes." Jesus reaffirmed that answer. He did so most notably in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). The Good Samaritan overlooks the differences of culture and tradition, looks beyond the distinctions of foreigner and citizen,

and assists someone who has fallen victim to robbers and been left to die.

One's opinion or arbitrary "feelings", much less any narrow self-interest, is not reason enough to vote for a particular measure or candidate. The benefit of the common good must be first and foremost. The common good, as Genesis and the Parable of the Good Samaritan also remind us, involves not only our social well-being but also our true and highest good. With this in mind, the pursuit of the common good cannot be an excuse to abrogate a person's fundamental rights. Finally, let us make this observation about the political process. We must remember that in a democracy, the government reflects the society, for better or worse. As Thomas Jefferson observed, a true democracy presupposes virtuous citizens.

3. Does the Church tell me how to vote? No, it does not. Neither I nor anyone else in the Church is telling anyone how to vote. The Church would be negligent, however, if it did not teach particularly in moral matters.

As the Catechism says in quoting the documents of the Second Vatican Council, the mission of the Church is "to pass moral judgments even in matters related to politics, whenever the fundamental rights of man or the salvation of souls requires it" (#2246). The Church is obligated by the teachings of Our Lord to communicate without compromise the truth in the area of morals, especially as they impact the common good of the society.

The Church is involved in this instruction also because it is a free member of the society. The Church also has rights.

4. What are some important moral judgments? The first and foremost is the right to life. A civilized society insures the basic freedom to live for each and every citizen. The obligation

for the common good obligates all of us to assist the defenseless, whether they be children in the womb, persons weakened by age and illness or victims of human engineering. Life is fundamental. Therefore, acts that promote the destruction of innocent life, like abortion, are intrinsically evil. The taking of innocent life is never justifiable, and a law that permits this is flawed because it violates the common good.

5. Are capital punishment and war also pro-life issues? They certainly are. The difference is that capital punishment and war are not intrinsic evils. While capital punishment and war must remain rarely justified, self-defense and defense of the nation, which are both a right and responsibility, can motivate them. Abortion is never justified. In the matter of voting, one cannot justify a vote for a candidate who promotes an intrinsic evil, while appealing to that same candidate's opposition to war or capital punishment. To vote for a candidate with the purpose of promoting an immoral practice violates a good conscience. In doing so one directly wills and participates in choosing and bringing about evil. Voting for a "pro-abortion" candidate helps make possible the destruction of innocent life.

6. If all candidates favor abortion, but in different circumstances, then what choice is there? There is no justification for voting for a candidate who endorses the killing of the innocent without restriction or reservation. Faced with a totally "pro-choice" or "pro-abortion" roster, one could only vote for the candidate who proposes to do the "lesser evil."

7. Are social justice issues also pro-life issues? Issues such as poverty, housing, and education are part of pro-life concerns. One must always remember that social conditions presuppose the protection of human life. The protection of human life is fundamental. Without the pro-

tection of human life, society and its concerns about the common welfare of its citizens are in jeopardy. The right to life for every innocent person is inalienable and a fundamental principle for civil society and its laws. In the words of Pope John Paul II, as quoted in the bishops' document, "the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights (for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture) is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination (Christifideles Laici, no. 38)" (Faithful Citizenship #26).

All issues, as they involve the common good, are related. However, not all issues are equal. Some are fundamental, like life. Others require greater definition, like poverty. Still others are terribly complex, like war. All of them are important but not equivalent. Because they are important, they require careful consideration. Voting for a law out of self-interest or a candidate because of an arbitrary "feeling" or the candidate's appearance is out of the question for a conscientious voter.

The society cannot afford such superficiality. The Catholic voter must first find out exactly what positions a candidate is taking. Then, the voter should seek to inform his or her conscience, according to the truth and solid moral principles. The voter next must bring the decision to prayer. Finally, the voter must act responsibly.

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The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, asks questions of the assembled students of Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings on Monday, Sept. 29. Bishop Provost presided at the blessing of the school on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee. The school was founded in 1958 as Our Lady Help of Christians School and consolidated with Immaculate Conception School in September 1969 taking the name Our Lady Immaculate School.

Did you know . . .

Bishop Glen John Provost is the third Bishop of the Diocese of Lake Charles. He chose as his episcopal motto *PRO VENTURIS SERIT*, "which is taken from Latin Antiquity and reflects the image of the sower and the seed in the parables of the Gospel. It expresses the Bishop's goal that in all that he does as a bishop, "he plants for those to come." The motto of our founding Bishop, Bishop Jude Speyer was "To Bring Glad Tidings." The diocesan television program which continues to air each Sunday morning was named "Glad Tidings" to follow his vision. Bishop Edward K. Braxton, our second Bishop, had as his motto "*Gaudium et Spes*" (Joy and Hope), the opening words of the Second Vatican Council's *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*.

Hurricanes Audrey, Rita, and Ike are not the only tropical weather systems to have destroyed or damaged churches in Cameron Parish. Do you know how many times the courageous people of Cameron have had to rebuild their churches. Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.

Bishop Provost will celebrate Red Mass

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will celebrate the Red Mass at 12:05 p.m. Columbus Day, Monday, October 13 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. On hand will be judges and attorneys from the five civil parishes which make up the Diocese of Lake Charles – Calcasieu, Cameron, Allen, Beauregard and Jefferson Davis - as well as other government

officials.

The Red Mass refers to a Mass celebrated for judges, prosecutors, attorneys, law school professors, students, and government officials. The Mass requests guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice, and offers the opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe is the God-given power and responsibility of all in the legal profession.

Women's Prayer Luncheon Nov. 4

LAKE CHARLES – The inaugural Women's Prayer Luncheon with Bishop Glen John Provost will be held Tuesday, Nov. 4, in the Buccaneer Room of the Lake Charles Civic Center, located on the third floor.

Seating will be available at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon

will begin at 12:05 p.m.

Those who wish to attend should call 439-7400 to register. Ladies attending are asked to send their checks for \$10 to cover the meal to Ms. Esther Gallardo, 612 Alamo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601-8616. Please make the check out to **Diocese of Lake Charles**.

October is Respect Life Month

Hope and Trust in Life!

In April 2008, the United States was blessed by the pastoral visit of Pope Benedict XVI.

Americans discovered in our Holy Father a man of immense intellectual gifts, great wisdom and an unparalleled knowledge of today's geopolitical, social and cultural realities. They also discovered a kindly, gentle priest imbued with humility, with holiness and love. Still, he would be the first to say that the trip was not about him.

God sent Pope Benedict to us with a message, one that doesn't lend itself to the 10-second sound bites and rapid-cycling images of today's media. We Christians in the United States can benefit greatly from carefully reading his talks and homilies, from reflecting on his message and asking ourselves: "How does this message apply to my life?"

In his meeting with the Catholic bishops of the U.S., Pope Benedict affirmed that our country "is marked by a genuinely religious spirit," but this spirit is all too often confined to our places and times of worship:

[T]he subtle influence of secularism can ... color the way people allow their faith to influence their behavior: Is it consistent to profess our beliefs in church on Sunday, and then during the week to promote business practices or medical procedures contrary to those beliefs? Is it consistent for practicing Catholics to ignore or exploit the poor and the marginalized, to promote sexual behavior contrary to Catholic moral teaching, or to adopt positions that contradict the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death?

The answers to these questions are obvious. But have we really considered the consequences of this gap between our profession of faith and our living it out? Under "America's brand of secularism," Pope Benedict explains:

Faith becomes a passive acceptance that certain things 'out there' are true, but without practical relevance for everyday life. The result is a growing separation of faith from life: living 'as if God did not exist.' This is aggravated by an individualistic and eclectic approach to faith and religion: far from a Catholic approach to 'thinking with the Church,' each person believes he or she has a right to pick and choose, maintaining external social bonds but without an integral, interior conversion to the law of Christ. Consequently, rather than being transformed and renewed in mind, Christians are easily tempted to conform themselves to the spirit of

this age (cf. Rom 12:3). We have seen this emerge in an acute way in the scandal given by Catholics who promote an alleged right to abortion.

By treating religious faith as an isolated set of beliefs that is irrelevant to our personal and political decisions, Americans have allowed a culture of death to take root and spread. While it is easy to cite politicians who publicly sever their "personal" religious beliefs from their voting behavior, each of us falls short of living out our beliefs perfectly and consistently.

What is meant by the expression "culture of death"? It is a pervasive attitude that accepts the intentional killing of an innocent human being as a solution to a social or economic problem. The broad acceptance of abortion, "mercy" killing, assisted suicide, population control measures, abortifacients marketed as "contraceptives," and the destruction of human embryos for research signal how far we still need to go to build a society where all understand that every human life is sacred because each of us is created, loved and redeemed by God.

Pope Benedict encourages us to be clear in our beliefs, act consistently with them, and be animated in our efforts to transform our culture.

"The proclamation of life, life in abundance, must be the heart of the new evangelization," said Pope Benedict in his homily at St. Patrick's Cathedral. "For true life—our salvation—can only be found in the reconciliation, freedom and love which are God's gracious gift."

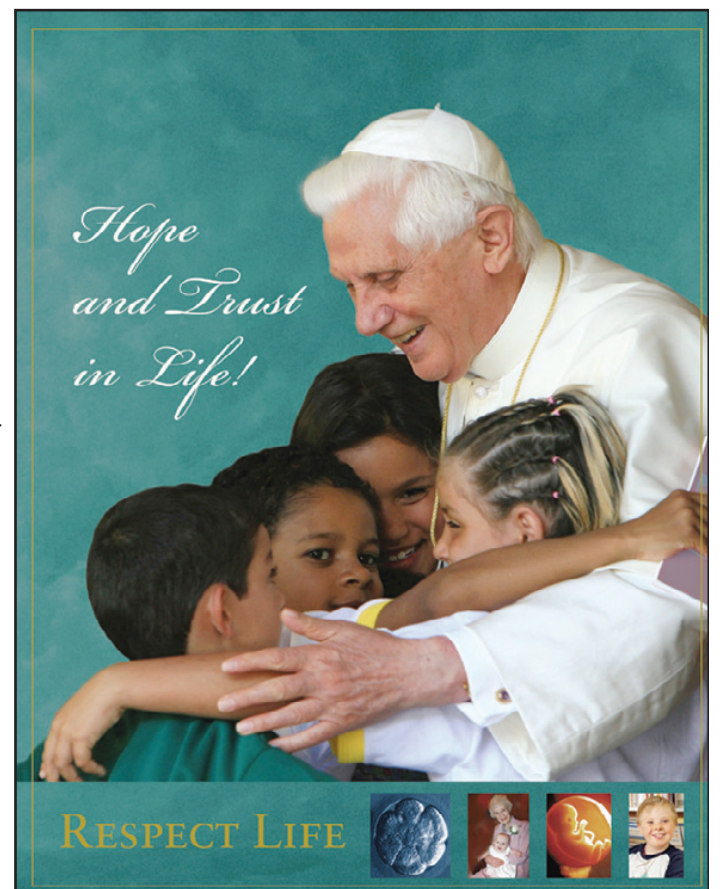
Therefore, he continued:

"The Church ... is called to proclaim the gift of life, to serve life, and to promote a culture of life. ... This is the message of hope we are called to proclaim and embody in a world where self-centeredness, greed, violence, and cynicism so often seem to choke the fragile growth of grace in people's hearts."

Our Holy Father urged us to let our daily prayer to the Father—"Thy Kingdom come!"—bear fruit in the way we lead our lives and build up our families and communities. He added: "Praying fervently for the coming of the Kingdom ... means overcoming every separation between faith and life, and countering false gospels of freedom and happiness. It also means rejecting a false dichotomy between faith and political life."

Through the sacraments and meditative prayer, we can rediscover

the truth and joy of Christian life fully lived for God and for others. By letting the love of Jesus Christ permeate our lives and actions in defense of our vulnerable brothers and sisters, we can transform our nation, building a culture where all people can again hope and trust in life!



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