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## La. Farmer of the year nominations are sought

To recognize the outstanding contributions made to Louisiana agriculture, the Louisiana Agri-News Network, Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, the LSU AgCenter and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry are seeking nominations for the 2008 Louisiana Farmer of the Year. The deadline is Dec. 14. Application forms can be obtained at any LSU AgCenter parish office or online at [www.lsuagcenter.com/farmer](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/farmer) of the year. Producers from all

areas of agriculture are eligible.

"Agriculture is a multi-billion dollar industry in our state. It provides jobs for our economy, products that we use every day and the food that sustains us. This event is our way to thank those people who make it all possible," said LSU AgCenter Chancellor Bill Richardson.

Three finalists will be recognized at White Oak Plantation in Baton Rouge on March 7, with the winner receiving a cash award, prizes and a proclamation from the governor.

This is the 11th year that the award will be presented. Last year's winner was Vandal Fairchild, a cotton and grain farmer from West Carroll Parish.

Judges for the event will be extension service representatives from neighboring states. Contestants will be evaluated on criteria such as yield data, innovation techniques and commitment to agricultural organizations.

For more information contact Don Molino at 225-291-2727 or [don\\_molino@la-net.net](mailto:don_molino@la-net.net), or Craig Gautreaux at 225-578-2263 or [cgautreaux@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:cgautreaux@agcenter.lsu.edu)



## Great American Seafood Cookoff is announced

The Great American Seafood Cook-Off presented by the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board is pleased to announce that all recipes from this year's competition are available on its Website -- [www.greatamericaseafoodcookoff.com](http://www.greatamericaseafoodcookoff.com). This year's Cook-Off featured a collection of easy-to-prepare recipes created by celebrity chefs from around the U.S.

To raise awareness on how easy it is to create succulent seafood dishes at home, the Louisiana Seafood Board has added an online drawing for a free dream trip to New Orleans for two seafood lovers.

Individuals can easily enter to win the "Escape to New Orleans" prize package by reviewing recipes and voting for his or her favorite dish at [www.greatamericaseafoodcookoff.com](http://www.greatamericaseafoodcookoff.com). The contest will run through the month of October, which is designated as National Seafood Month.

"Each year that we present the Great American Seafood Cook-Off we raise awareness about the importance of cooking with seafood harvested from domestic waters and sustainable fisheries," said Ewell Smith, producer of the competition. "This online contest is an extension of the Cook-Off and a way to celebrate National Seafood Month."

Available recipes include Cornflake and Basil Crusted Alaskan Salmon with Hoisin Sauce (Alaska), Sea Bass Milano (California), Shrimp Ratatouille with Boursin Cheese Grits (Georgia), Steamed Kona Kampachi with Fried Garlic, Tomatoes and Soy Sauce (Hawaii), Potato Crusted Halibut with

Corn Salsa (Massachusetts), and Sautéed American Red Snapper with Melon and Mango Salad (Louisiana).

The contest's "Escape to New Orleans" prize package includes round trip tickets for two to New Orleans on Southwest Airlines, hotel accommodations for two nights at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, a cooking class at the celebrated Cookin' Cajun Cooking School, and a selection of dining experiences at some of the city's finest restaurants including Galatoire's, Herbsaint, La Provence, Lúke and Muriel's.

The contest runs through Oct. 31. Prize package items are subject to blackout dates and availability as noted by the awarding company. A randomly selected entry winner and the winning recipe's chef will be announced in mid-November 2007. More information is available by visiting [www.greatamericaseafoodcookoff.com](http://www.greatamericaseafoodcookoff.com).

For more information, contact Richard Shea or Kirsten Risko at 212-627-5766.



**TERRELL AND GINGER Boudoin** announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Brandi Boudoin, to Justin Sims, son of Jimmie Monceaux and Lisa Goddard. The wedding is set for Saturday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. in Lake Arthur at the First Baptist Church. A reception will follow at the Lake Arthur Community Center. Through this means, friends and relatives are invited to attend. Due to the relocation of most of our friends and family we do not want anyone we love to miss this special occasion. We hope to see you there and may God truly Bless you all.

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# Tarpons lose big to 2nd ranked Warriors Thursday

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The Hamilton Christian Warriors made believers out of the South Cameron Tarpons last Thursday night handing them a 42-14 loss and living up to their number 2 state ranking.

The Warriors turned a 7-0 first quarter lead into a 35-0 halftime lead with 28 points in the second quarter. Three of the scores came on plays of 40 yards or more and one of the touchdowns came on a interception return.

The Tarpons 3-5, 1-2 scored once in the third quarter and once in the fourth to make the score 42-14. One on a Dex Murphy 22 yard run and the other on a Jaylon Ball 5 yard reception from Kyle Little with 7:31 to go.

South Cameron's offense

came mostly via the ground game as they rushed for 192 yards. Kirby Kingery had 52 yards on 17 carries; Jonathon Trahan 34 yards on 11 carries and Dex Murphy carried the ball 4 times for 32 yards and a score. Kyle Little added 57 yards on 6 carries. Little completed 2 passes out of 7 attempts for 15 yards and Ball caught 1 pass for 5 yards and Thomas Trosclair caught the other pass for 10 yards.

The Tarpons only hope of making the playoffs will be to win their last two games. This week they will be at home to entertain the 5-3 Oberlin Tigers, a team that has been ranked in the top 10 for most of the year. Oberlin has lost to Bunkie, Basile, and Hamilton Christian. The Tarpons are currently 28th in the power ratings and Oberlin is 18th.

# Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



### AVIAN FLU

Hunting season is here and duck and geese season is getting nearer to opening day. Birds, ducks and geese migrate to our area for the winter months and we do have to think about the handling of our bagged birds.

There's still talk of the Avian Flu. There is a program that was created last year by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's wildlife service to check for the virus in wild waterfowl and our shorebirds. There were thousands of collected samples taken, checked and none of the samples tested positive for the Avian virus.

Our own Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries got samples for hundreds of geese (speckle belly) pintails, mallards plus other birds from the Mississippi Flyway, working with hunters that hunt both private and public lands.

This hunting season our Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will again take samples for 2007-08 for the Avian flu while they band ducks and other migratory birds. Blue-winged teals and pintails will also be tested this year.

Here's a few pointers that we should all start doing that we don't do and according to our wildlife and fisheries reads, we should not handle dead or sick birds, without wearing rubber or latex gloves, even when we clean our game. We do need to keep our hands away from our face. Don't eat, drink, chew or smoke while we are cleaning our birds. Keep hands clean with soap and water and to clean our equipment like pots, bowls, knives and sinks after cleaning our birds. They also say to cook all our game meat thoroughly, at least to above 155 degrees, which kills diseases, parasites, and organisms. This is not to scare anyone, but to protect ourselves from a possible Avian flu outbreak.

### AREA FISHING

A little trip to Big Lake paid off as speckle trout are there and 2 to 4 pound trout are in the limit. The Cameron Jetties has produced some nice bull Reds, but our weather conditions were bad, then improved and then bad again.

The west cove of Big Lake has been good for trout, fishing with the D. O. A. shrimp and beatles. Lots of anglers where they have camps and wharfs on the lake, have lights rigged up and they're really do well night fishing.

Offshore fishing has been hampered by strong winds, but some anglers braved the seas and did well with assort-

ed catches, as I talked to a couple of anglers coming in at the Grand Chenier Park.

### NEWS BRIEFS

There are quite a number of Anglers from Cameron Parish that fish Toledo Bend and Sam Rayburn regularly. I do fish both lakes, however, I'll take Toledo Bend as a better fishing lake or at least I have better luck on the Bend. What we really don't realize is that we should try out Lake Fork which is a 27,000 acre lake of flooding timber, hydrillas, waterlilies, and water grass. Good catches of Black bass crappie, sunfish and catfish are reported, in fact, that the home of the Texas State Record Black Bass, a whopping 18.18 pounder.

### A FISH TALE

We all say how expensive it is to fish and hunt, and you always hear about the fisherman's tales, well here's a true tale about the 2007 Bassmaster's Memorial on two lakes in New York.

Anglers fishing tournament keep there fish in live wells to keep them alive for weigh-in and then they can be released back into the lake areas where they were caught. His first day he fished weeds, pilings and rocks and the second day after being slow, he changed baits and had a good stringer. When weigh-in time came, his last bass caught, a small mouth, was dead.

There at the weigh-in, they took away weight and he did come in second with 38.14 pounds and won \$35,500, but the first place weigh was 39 pounds even, beating him by less than a pound, but paid out \$250,000.

A dead fish cost Steve Kennedy \$217,500. He also had the first and fourth largest bass 5.01 and 4.08 for another \$2,000 and a big bag heaviest stringer for one day, giving him another \$1,000. Yes, a good two days of fishing, but what a heartbreak to lose that much money for one dead fish.

### Hunter Safety class set

A hunter education course, for (Region-5), Cameron Parish, will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 9, from 8 a.m. till 12 noon at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, Hwy 82, Grand Chenier.

For more information call Byron Broussard at 660-8578. He will only take calls between 4 to 9 p.m. (each) evening. Please do not call before or after these hours.



# Oyster Task Force will meet Nov. 6 in Metairie

The Louisiana Oyster Task Force has scheduled their next meeting for Nov. 6, at 1 p.m. at Drago's Restaurant located at 3232 N. Arnould Rd. in Metairie.

The agenda is as follows:

I. Roll Call  
II. Oyster Development Account Balance

III. Acceptance of Minutes

IV. Action Items and Board Member Request (a) Update on Oyster Lease Applications which were frozen when Moratorium was instituted - (John Roussel)

(b) Status Report on the expansion of Lake Mechant Public Oyster Grounds - (Patrick Banks) (c) Request to revise and update La. Oyster Industry Briefing Book - (Wilson Voisin) (d) Setting OTF meeting dates and agenda items - (John Tesvich) (e) Limited entry for public oyster harvesting - (John Tesvich) (f) Implementing a program for harvest vessel transponders - (John Tesvich) (g) Required procedure for new pipeline installations and who to contact if pipelines are installed illegally - (Patrick Banks and Karen Foote) (h) Update on Louisiana Vv & Vp Management plans for 2008 - (David Guilbea) (i) World Wildlife Fund Aquaculture Dialogue Update - (Al Sunseri) (j) Update on Disaster Relief Federal Funds utilization - (POLR, Public Grounds and recent appropriation) (Patrick Banks and Karen Foote) (k) Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit update - (Patrick Banks)

V. Committee Reports Legislative (Ken Odinet, Sr.) Research (John Supan) Health (James Antoon) Enforcement (Keith Lacaze) Legal (Buddy Pausina) Coastal Restoration (Buddy Pausina) Oyster Damage Evaluation Board (Mike Voisin) Marketing (Al Sunseri) Strategic Planning (John Supan)  
VI. Adjourn

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## Chris' Picks

By CHRIS MUELLER

Last week I went 14-1 with my only miss being DeQuincy. My season record improved to 95-24 with a .798 winning percentage. This week I see:  
DeQuincy over East Beauregard  
Oakdale over Rosepine  
South Beauregard over Pickering  
Westlake over Kinder  
Welsh over Vinton

Oberlin over South Cameron  
McNeese over Southeastern La  
Grambling over Texas Southern  
Northwestern over Texas St.  
Memphis over Tulane  
Utah St. over La Tech  
ULM over Florida Atlantic  
San Diego over Houston  
Red Sox over Rockies in 5

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## Thank You Dist. 7,

I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to visit with you for the past two months. I will do my best to ensure each child will receive the best education possible. I will always be available to represent the Children, Community, and Grand Lake High School, as well as the entire Cameron Parish School System.

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Now that the election is over, I am eager to continue working for the people of District One, to serve each one of you and your families to the very best of my ability as your Police Juror.

Thanks Again And May God Bless,  
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### Here's a sneak peak of the 2008 Old Farmer's Almanac

Next year is going to be hot! In fact, it's slated to be the hottest year ever! According to The 2008 Old Farmer's Almanac, North America's oldest continuously published periodical, next year may become one in a curious series of extreme

weather years called "Crazy 8s," a featured article which traces weather anomalies that have occurred in years ending in 8. Are you prepared?

This year the Almanac celebrates its 216th anniversary. Filled with fun facts and fascinating stories, helpful tips for your home and garden and delicious recipes, as well as our famous 80 percent accurate weather forecasts, it's no wonder 18.5 million people read the Almanac annually.

Here is a sneak peak at some of the facts and fun The 2008 Old Farmer's Almanac has to offer:

Just how stinky do sneakers have to be to win the International Rotten Sneaker Contest?

Do you know the longest word in the English Dictionary? (Hint: it's over 1000 letters long!!)

Cell phones get smaller and smaller, but how about a phone that doubles as a train ticket or a house key? Find out about this and other innovations in home, technology, garden and food.

Flowers' fragrances can be delightful—but delicious? Find out which plants give off scents like cherry pie à la mode, bittersweet chocolate, and cloves and nutmeg.

Aggressive black? Cautious white? How about idealistic yellow? Find out what your car's color reveals about your personality.

### DUHON

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Cameron voters preferred secretary of state incumbent Jay Dardenne, who received 1,606 votes. R. Wooley received 1,508 votes and Scott Lewis 282 votes.

In the insurance commissioner race, Jim Crowley received 1,647 votes, Jim Donelon, 1,194 votes, Robert Lansden 339 votes and Jerilyn Schneider-Kneale 198 votes.

Cameron voters gave Agriculture Commissioner Bob Odom 1,773 votes, Mike Strain 1,236, Don Johnson 265 and Wayne Carter 230.

In the BESE District 7 race, Charlie Buckels received 1,189 votes and Dale Bayard, 2,147.

On the proposed constitutional amendments, here was the vote:

Amendment 1 - Favored 2,138 - 1,049, or 67 percent to 33 percent.

Amendment 2 - Favored 1,961 - 1,163, of 63 percent to 37 percent.

Amendment 3 - Favored 1,622 - 1,439, or 53 percent to 47 percent.

Amendment 4 - Failed by a vote of 1,699 against to 1,378 in favor, or with 55 percent against it.

### Tips to help stop feral hogs from damaging pasture land

About 70 people attending a seminar at the LSU AgCenter's Red River Research Station recently learned ways to stop feral hogs from impinging on other wildlife populations and crops.

Farmers and hunters are reporting the wild hogs as nuisances because they cause considerable damage to pasture land, said Ricky Kilpatrick, LSU AgCenter agent in Bossier Parish.

A sizable herd of feral hogs can contaminate streams, endanger livestock through disease transmission, tear down fences and be hazardous to motorists, Kilpatrick said.

"There are several ways to trap hogs. There are pros and cons to each," he said.

Sgt. Roy Schufft of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries discussed legalities of controlling feral hogs on public or private property, noting that additional restrictions apply in wildlife management areas.

"You have to have a basic hunting license, it has to be daylight and you can use any firearm you have in your disposal," he said.

He added that hogs can be chased by dogs and hunted year-round. There is no limit.

"Places where there were no hogs now have a lot of hogs. If there's a couple of them, you'll have a whole family of them. They're traveling," said Schufft, who works in seven northeastern Louisiana parishes. "I don't know anywhere in this region where there are no hogs."

"The rumor that wild hogs don't taste good is wrong. Eat all you can," Schufft said.

Participants were shown several types of traps, including cages and snares. A corral-type trap has a "saloon door" while other types use tripping mechanisms.

Jerry Dison, LSU AgCenter master maintenance repairer, has had success with portable snare traps at the LSU AgCenter Red River Research Station. He said eight to 10 snares can be staggered along a hog trail.

Dison wears gloves to

avoid leaving a scent on the trap and to avoid brucellosis bacteria that cause disease in humans and pseudorabies, a viral disease in swine.

Trapped feral hogs should never be around domestic swine, said Kilpatrick. A high percentage of feral hogs have tested positive for brucellosis and pseudorabies by the state agriculture department, he said.

Schufft said a deer caught in a hog trap should be let go unless it is injured.

"If the deer is injured, give us a call," he said. "We will get the deer and donate the meat to charity."

Dison cautioned that the higher the snare, the more likely a deer will be caught. Snares should be placed on the ground because hogs walk with their heads to the ground.

Randall Dupree, trapper for the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, said the department can trap hogs if the landowner furnishes the corn for bait. Their traps are limited and may not be available immediately.

"You can snare anytime and do not need a trapper's license on your own property," said Dupree.

He prefers a freefall door tripped by a trigger rather than a swinging door that hogs can nose out of.

"When turned back loose, they're going to be leery of returning," Dupree said.

Being omnivores, hogs eat most anything in their path—plant or animal, even carcasses, Dupree explained.

Joe Casida of Derry said he was successful with a trap made by the agriculture department at Natchitoches Central High School. He caught 150 hogs last year. Casida said they have an open top so deer can hop out.

"We're not going to get rid of hogs, we are just trying to manage them," Kilpatrick concluded.

More information on hog trapping is available from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at 318-371-3049 or the Department of Agriculture and Forestry at 800-558-9741.

### Halloween safety tips

Halloween is a time of great fun for children, but it can be a little scary for parents and drivers. Children are often out after dark, crossing busy streets and perhaps going to unfamiliar homes.

"This year Halloween falls on a school day. With excited kids frantically going from neighbor to neighbor, drivers need to be particularly cautious," said Ray Palermo, director of public information for Teachers' Insurance Plan. "However, by following some simple advice, parents, children, drivers and homeowners can all have a safe, enjoyable time."

If children are out at night, drivers need to be particularly careful at dusk and when driving either over a hill or around a curve, where visibility is limited. Use high beams to see and be seen.

Trick-or-treaters should always be accompanied by an adult or travel in a group. Children should be told not to eat any unwrapped candy or treats until they return home where their parents can see them. Making sure kids have already eaten before heading out may help.

Parents may want to limit kids to local events run by police stations, firehouses, senior citizen centers or local businesses, or organize their own through their school.

Parents should incorporate reflective tape in costumes or add bright colors to increase visibility. Make-up rather than masks should be

worn to help ensure that children have an unobstructed view of their surroundings.

Trick-or-treaters may be caught up in the excitement of the day and not be as careful as they should. They should always cross at corners and look both ways before crossing. Drivers need to keep a careful eye on the road and on the sidewalk, in case anyone darts out from between parked cars.

Children should stay on the sidewalk or if none is available, walk facing the lane of traffic, and they should carry a flashlight.

Homeowners should clear their yards of anything that can be tripped over and be sure to have a front door or walkway light on, and refrain from decorations that use an open flame that could ignite a child's costume.

More Halloween safety information is available at [www.teachers.com/safety](http://www.teachers.com/safety)



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### Cameron Parish Sheriff's report

The following arrests were made by the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept. Oct. 16 thru Oct. 23:

Joshua Franks, 24, 208 Gill St., DeQuincy, Bench Warrant.

Samuel B. Walker, 42, 2815 Medora St., Lake Charles, D. W. I., Speeding, No Drivers License, Poss of Marijuana.

Michael D. Sherick, 35, Fort Walton, Fla., Simple Battery, Fighting.

Robert A. Vanhorn, 51, Pensacola, Fla., Simple Battery, Fighting.

David Lancaster, 41, 1206 LeBoeuf, Vinton, Bench War-

rant. Kelley O'Neil Roberts, 27, 106 Tans Rd, Grand Lake, D.W.I., Careless Operation.

Michelle Anna Dowd, 22, 145 Amaco Rd., Cameron, Resisting an Officer, Battery of a Police Officer (2 counts), Simple Criminal Damage to Property, Bench Warrant, Theft.

Cyril Anthony Porshe III, 32, 301 Gayle St., Cameron, D. W. I.

Roberto Vanquez Contreras, 29, Houston, Tex., Operate Vehicle W/Out Lawful Presence in United States, Speeding.

Edmond A. Maraezlo, 22, Houston, Tex., Illegal Alien. Michale David Shoemaker, 20, 407 Bakens, Sulphur, Bench Warrant.

Amy Granger, 22, 833 Grangerville, Bell City, Simple Burglary.

Andrea Lee Brown, 23, 102 Roasia Lane, Cameron, Simple Battery.

Steve Moore III, 27, 2929 Troclair Rd, Creole, Simple Battery.

Thank You, To the voters of Cameron Parish District 5, South Cameron High, South Cameron Elementary & Cameron Elementary, thank you for your trust in me and the vote you gave me on Saturday, October 20. I will continue to work for the students of District 5 and all students of Cameron Parish Schools. I will continue to work with our teachers, support personnel and bus drivers, as well as the Administrative Staff to make our schools better. Any help I can give, whether parents, students or staff, feel free to call me at 337-249-1124. Thank You, May God Bless, Loston McEvers. (Paid for by Loston McEvers)

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Dear Friends and Supporters, I wish to express my deepest appreciation to the people of District 7 who honored me with their vote for Police Juror. Thank you for the kindness you showed my by allowing me into your homes, and thank you for sharing your thoughts and opinions with me. I enjoyed visiting with all of you! With Warmest Regards, David Beard. (Paid for by David Beard)

To All, THANK YOU, I am very thankful and humbled to be elected your next Assessor for Cameron Parish. I will strive to serve you honestly and fairly. Cameron Parish is a very unique place with hard working folks who are proud of our culture and heritage, who set goals and work hard toward those goals, who believe in and love God, country, family and friends, who are loyal to who and what they believe in; all ingredients for success. I am confident of a bright future for our Parish and believe it will rebuild and be a more successful place for generations to come. I will work toward that future as your Assessor for Cameron Parish. Again, Thank You, Mona. (Paid for by Mona Kelley)

GIL PINAC STATE SENATE Rebuilding Faith in our Future! Thank You, Cameron Parish! For your faith in me, and your votes, support, and prayers for me. My family and I need and ask you for your continued support, prayers, and votes during both early voting Nov. 3-10 and on the General Election Day, Saturday, November 17. gilpinac.com #49 Paid for by the committee to elect Gil Pinac

## Make sure heating system gets an annual checkup

(NAPSA) - Don't freeze up when it comes to servicing your heating system. A regular system check before the season will help your system work efficiently when the temperature starts to drop. Here's what to do to avoid wasting energy dollars:

First, check your house to determine how airtight and insulated it is, and then ask your heating contractor to check how efficiently your system provides heat.

Things he can check:

- The "R" value (the relative value of your home's insulation) in areas like the basement, crawl space, attic, as well as in the living spaces;
- Leaky seals or gaps around doors and windows; and
- Ductwork for leaks.

Things you should discuss with him to help identify problems in your home:

- If there is moisture inside double-glazed windows or if they are cloudy; and
- Whether the snow melts and refreezes directly on uncovered window ledges or similar places.

When checking your heating system, ask the contractor to determine:

- If it is properly sized (one too large will do the job, but very expensively; and one too small incessantly cycles, running up bills while not delivering comfort);
- Whether flues are properly vented so combustion by-products are not sucked into your home;
- Whether a humidifier moisturizing air would make your home feel warmer;
- If your system's air filter is clean; and
- If there are small problems that could affect your entire heating system if uncorrected.

With proper care, corrective action and prevention, your heating system may provide you with affordable comfort. Don't put off a system checkup. Spending a few dollars this fall could save hundreds of dollars during the year.

When choosing a heating contractor, find one with NATE-certified gas, oil or heat-pump technicians. Certified professionals have proven their knowledge of heating by passing a stringent test, which is national in scope. Locate contractors with NATE-certified technicians at [www.natex.org](http://www.natex.org) by clicking on the question mark.

Schedule a service call today so you're ready for whatever winter may bring. Let your contractor explain to you how affordable winter comfort can be.

These tips are brought to you by North American Technician Excellence, or NATE, the nation's largest nonprofit certification organization for heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration technicians. The U.S. Department of Energy endorses NATE for raising quality standards and energy efficiency. For a contractor near you with NATE-certified technicians, visit the Consumer Contractor Connection at [www.natex.org](http://www.natex.org).

## Mitigation grants may be made for completed work

In an effort to recognize and acknowledge the mitigation value from Louisiana and Mississippi property owners who have taken the initiative to rebuild safer, stronger and smarter in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that it is developing procedures to provide post-disaster hazard mitigation grants where mitigation work has already begun or been completed. FEMA is developing a process to determine what projects might be considered eligible for grant awards, consistent with purposes of mitigation and the special exception received. The exception benefits the state as it would allow the costs of such actions to count towards the state's contribution under the post-disaster mitigation grant program, and benefits property owners as well who in some cases, might receive partial reimbursement.

"Given the extraordinary damage Hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused, FEMA believes that actions taken by property owners to mitigate future damage to their property should be considered for FEMA mitigation grants even though work was performed before project funding was approved," said FEMA Administrator David Paulison. "FEMA is coordinating with our federal partners to determine what mitigation actions will be eligible for grant consideration."

In the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the ability of state and local governments in Louisiana and Mississippi to coordinate with property owners and implement the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) within regular time frame was greatly inhibited.

"This is an unprecedented step," Paulison said. "We must work together -- federal, state and local governments, as well as citizens -- to develop creative solutions to meet

these kinds of challenges, while complying with the law, ensuring wise use of tax dollars, and helping communities build back safer than they were before."

In the coming weeks, FEMA will determine what types of mitigation actions may be considered under the limited exception, and finalize procedures for allowing participation in the HMGP program for many of those who have already begun or completed mitigation work on their properties damaged from these hurricanes. This includes ensuring that any action retroactively considered for assistance complies with all legal and regulatory requirements.

"We are also working to develop streamlined procedures to expedite the consideration of the legal requirements that support this new process," said David Maurstad, head of FEMA's Mitigation Directorate. "For example, to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), FEMA staff is working on an expedited Environmental Assessment which will be available for public comment later this week. Likewise, other HMGP requirements, as spelled out in the Stafford Act, other laws, and our regulations, must still be met even for retroactive applications."

Maurstad also said that states play vital roles in making the post-disaster HMGP work. States, he noted, must prioritize properties and mitigation activities, and submit eligible, cost-effective applications to FEMA for review.

"Property owners do not apply for HMGP funds directly to FEMA, but work through states or other eligible entities that make application to mitigate their structures. All applications must be assessed to determine if they meet federal requirements, although FEMA will work with the states to streamline the review process in every way possible," Maurstad said.

## Always practice your fire escape plan

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is raising awareness about fire prevention this FPW and offering activities and games to help people prepare should they need to escape from a fire. NFPA and Sparky the Fire Dog® are urging everyone to Practice Your Escape Plan! during FPW or anytime in October. Activities and games are available for no cost at [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org) or [www.sparky.org](http://www.sparky.org).

In 2006, 80% of all fire deaths were caused by home fires. Last year, roughly 2,600 people were killed by home fires and 12,500 were injured, according to NFPA reports.

Only 23% of households have actually developed and practiced a plan to assist them in escaping from a home fire, according to a poll conducted for NFPA. This year's theme, "It's Fire Prevention Week - Practice Your Escape Plan!" is aimed at encouraging the public to be prepared to escape from a fire in their home.

"It is not enough just to have a home fire escape plan in place; it is vital that everyone living in the home practice the plan," said Judy Comolletti, AVP of public education for NFPA. "You can have as little as two minutes to get out when fire strikes. Having a plan that has been practiced greatly increases your chances of surviving a fire."

Join The Great American Fire Drill Sparky the Fire Dog®, NFPA's official mascot, is asking the public to practice their escape plan by participating in The Great American Fire Drill™. People interested in taking part in The Great American Fire Drill can visit [www.firepreventionweek.org/gafd](http://www.firepreventionweek.org/gafd) and after completing the drill will be able to sign up at [www.sparky.org/form](http://www.sparky.org/form) to list their participation and be counted. A certificate to show involvement in the drill is also available for printing.

Practice escape planning with an interactive computer game Players of the computer game, The Great Escape: Fire Drill Challenge will be able to practice their escape in three settings: a school, an apartment, and a house.

Download an FPW message to your computer or MP3 player

Find out what items everyone is gathering to prepare

for FPW by downloading a short audio file to your computer or MP3 player. Share it with friends and family or use it to teach kids about home escape planning. Kids will enjoy hearing the special message from Sparky. Visit [www.nfpa.org/podcasts](http://www.nfpa.org/podcasts) and open or download Fire Prevention Week PSAs.

### Test your knowledge

Teens and adults are encouraged to take the Fire Prevention Week Quiz to find out how they score when it comes to fire safety and home fire escape planning.

### Learning materials for home or school

Download materials created when NFPA teamed up with Scholastic, Inc. this year to provide fire prevention educational materials to kindergarten through grade two classrooms throughout the United States.

Resource materials, including an escape plan grid to assist in mapping out the floor plan of a home and a fire safety checklist, are available at [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

NFPA offers the following tips for home fire escape planning:

Install and maintain working smoke alarms on every level; inside each bedroom and outside of each sleeping area.

Develop a fire escape plan that identifies two ways out of each room and a family meeting place outside.

Make sure your plan allows for any specific needs in your household. If everyone knows what to do, everyone can get out quickly.

Practice your plan, at least twice a year.

Some studies have shown that some children and adults may not awaken to the sound of a smoke alarm; they may need help waking up.

If the smoke alarm sounds: Go to your closest exit, and if there is smoke on your way out, turn and use your second way out. If you must exit through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit. Don't take time to pick up belongings; just get out and help others get out. Move fast but stay calm.



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Makes: 14 candies

1 roll (0.75 oz) Betty Crocker® Fruit by the Foot® chewy fruit snack in 3-foot roll (any flavor), unwrapped

14 pretzel sticks (2 to 3 inches long)

2/3 cup white vanilla chips, melted

1 1/2 teaspoons miniature semisweet chocolate chips (52 chips)

Line large cookie sheet with waxed paper or parchment paper. Unroll fruit snack roll. With kitchen scissors, cut 3/4-inch-long fringe on one long side of snack roll. Cut fringed roll into 2-inch pieces.

To make each "broom-

stick," wrap piece of fringe around one end of pretzel; press to seal. Place "broomsticks" on waxed paper-lined cookie sheet.

Drop rounded 1/2 teaspoonfuls of melted white vanilla chips crosswise onto pretzels; shape to resemble "ghosts" seated on "broomsticks."

Press 3 miniature chocolate chips into each "ghost" for eyes and mouth. Let stand at room temperature for about 45 minutes or in freezer for about 5 minutes or until set. Peel candies from waxed paper.

**Nutrition Information:**  
1 Serving: Calories 80 (Calories from Fat 40); Total Fat 4 1/2g (Saturated Fat 2 1/2g, Trans Fat 0g); Cholesterol 0mg; Sodium 25mg; Total Carbohydrate 9g (Dietary Fiber 0g, Sugars 9g); Protein 0g Percent Daily Value\*: Vitamin A 0%; Vitamin C 0%; Calcium 2%; Iron 0% Exchanges: 1/2 Other Carbohydrate; 0 Vegetable; 1 Fat Carbohydrate Choices: 1/2

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## There are many colorful choices for fall beds

By DAN GILL  
LSU AgCenter  
Horticulturist

October is a transitional month in Louisiana flower gardens. Many warm-season annuals have finished or are finishing, and gardeners' thoughts begin to turn to cool-season bedding plants for fall, winter and spring color.

When you decide it's time to replant flower beds and containers, you can choose from lots of wonderful cool-season bedding plants available. Excellent choices include pansy, viola, dianthus, sweet alyssum, calendula, snapdragon, petunia, forget-me-not, sweet William, nicotiana, hollyhock, poppies, annual phlox, stock, statice, ornamental kale and cabbage and dusty miller, to name a few.

The colors available in these cool-season bedding plants are virtually unlimited. Now, here's the hard part - don't plant your garden with every color you can get your hands on. I know it is hard to resist, but what you will end up with is chaos that is not as effective as a well-thought-out color scheme.

Color is an extremely important factor in how we perceive and appreciate our landscapes. I'm not going to tell you what colors to plant or how to combine them, as that is mostly a matter of taste. But you should think about your color scheme and what you are trying to accomplish with color in your landscape. Here are some quick tips on color to get you started.

Combine cool colors together or warm colors together for reliably harmonious results. The colors within each group naturally combine well and look good together. Cool colors include reds with a blue tint, burgundy, rose, pink, magenta, purple, violet, lavender, blue, navy and any variations of those colors. Warm colors include reds with an orange tint, orange, gold, yellow, rust, peach and any variations on these colors. White combines equally well with

either group, and true blue flowers also look good with just about any other color.

Use color where you want to focus attention. The human eye is instantly drawn to color. Never use color to "beautify" an unattractive feature in your landscape such as a fire hydrant, storage shed or trash can area. You will simply make sure everyone notices it, and the color will not make it look any better.

Use color where you can enjoy it. Many gardeners lavish their attention and garden budget on their front gardens, and this is a wonderful gift they provide to their neighborhood. But when little or nothing is done in the back area where the family spends most of their time, I think that is a pity. Don't forget to include plantings of colorful cool-season bedding plants in beds, containers and hanging baskets around the patio and other outdoor living areas. Fragrant plants such as alyssum, stock and nicotiana are especially nice.

Generally, reduce the number of colors you use for best results. In other words, use the colors you like in combinations that you like, but don't use every color you like at the same time in the same bed.

It is also important to plant individual colors in masses or groups, especially if the bed will be viewed from a distance (as in a front bed being viewed from the street). If, for instance, you decide to use red, pink and white petunias, it is more effective to plant groups (three or more plants) of red, groups of pink and groups of white in the bed. This allows each color to be noticed. A scattered planting of individual red, pink and white petunias would give the overall appearance of pink when viewed from a distance.

Use pastel colors in areas that will be viewed primarily in the evening. Paler colors show up better in low light, of course. This is also an important consideration when planting shady areas. Also, pastel colors make a space look larger and more open. If you have a courtyard that seems a little cramped, a pastel color scheme would be quite appropriate. Cool, pastel colors also tend to create a

## Healthy living tips

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serene, restful mood.

Vibrant, rich colors energize the landscape and can help make a larger area seem smaller and more intimate. Combining colors that are complementary on the color wheel such as blue and orange, purple and yellow, or red and green is particularly energetic. Combining white with the primary colors, red, blue and yellow is also cheerful and lively. A patriotic red, white and blue color scheme


is sure to brighten an area as well.

Creating an attractive, colorful look is easier than ever. But do a little thinking and planning before you go to the nursery, and you will generally be more pleased with the results. Above all have fun. After all, if the color scheme isn't as great as you thought it would be, it's only there for a season. You can always try something different next time.

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**I, Scott Nunez, want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for allowing me the honor to serve as your school board member for the next four years. It is my personal commitment that each of our students continue to receive the necessary resources to succeed in the safest environment possible.**

**Please feel free to contact me at 905-2252 to discuss any concerns you may have.**



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**Thank You ★ Thank You ★ Thank You**


**Dear Residents  
and voters of Cameron Parish  
Police Jury District 4,**

**Thank you to everyone who voted in the recent election. As a member of the Police Jury, I will do my best to represent your needs and your concerns on all matters that affect Cameron Parish people. I would also like to thank Mr. Broussard, Mr. Richard, and Mr. Laseter for running clean, respectful election campaigns which drew a total of 600 votes in District 4.**

**Congratulations to all elected officials, and thank you to our past leaders. Working together, the Cameron Parish Police Jury can carefully make informed decisions as we represent our people and our way of life. Our government is elected by the people to represent the needs and concerns of the people. Please do not hesitate to contact me about any issues you may have in your area. I will make myself available to discuss your concerns. Also, Police Jury meetings are held monthly (Agenda meeting and Voting meeting) and are open to the public. Check the Cameron Pilot for news updates.**

**Please remember to vote in the next election on  
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**Sincerely,  
Thomas McDaniel  
District #4  
Cameron Parish  
Police Juror 2008  
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On September 25, 2007, Black Bayou Storage, LLC ("Black Bayou") filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") in Docket Nos. CP07-451-000, et al., an abbreviated application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity that would authorize Black Bayou to construct, own, operate and maintain a salt dome natural gas storage facility. The bulk of the project facilities will be located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, but certain of the project pipelines will extend for a short distance into Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

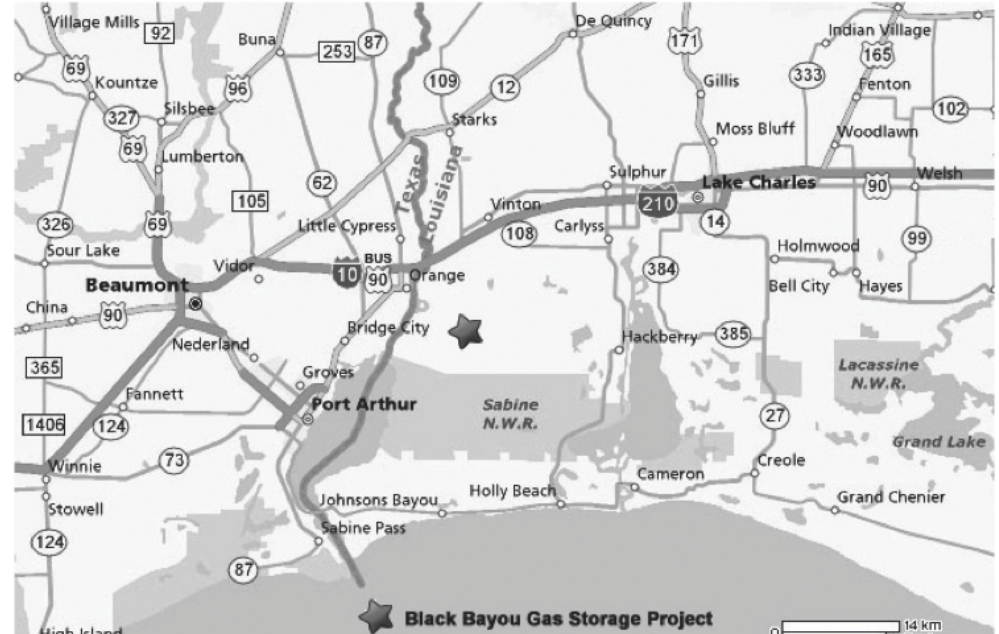
The abbreviated application also seeks (i) a blanket certificate that would authorize Black Bayou to provide open-access firm and interruptible interstate natural gas storage and storage-related services, (ii) a blanket certificate that would authorize Black Bayou to construct, acquire, operate, and abandon certain other facilities, (iii) an authorization for Black Bayou to charge market based rates for its proposed interstate storage services and storage-related services, and (iv) FERC approval for a gas tariff that sets forth the rates and terms of service for interstate storage and storage-related services.

The general location of the proposed natural gas storage facility is shown on the map that accompanies this notice. Those interested in the exact location should consult the maps filed with the abbreviated application. The construction and operation of the proposed natural gas storage facility will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Black Bayou proposes to begin construction of the facility in June 2008 and to begin the initial operation of the facility in May 2011.

A copy of Black Bayou's abbreviated application, excluding privileged and critical energy infrastructure information, has been placed in the Hackberry Branch of the Cameron Parish Public Library located at 983 Main Street in Hackberry, LA as well as in the Central Library of the Calcasieu Parish Public Library located at 301 West Claude Street in Lake Charles, LA. Any person affected by this application who wishes to comment on the application and/or participate in the FERC proceeding in Docket Nos. CP07-451-000, et al., may do so by writing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of External Affairs, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, or by contacting the Commission by phone at (202) 502-8004.

In addition, a FERC pamphlet, *An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?*, which addresses basic concerns of landowners and explains the FERC process for the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, is available from the FERC Internet web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/for-citizens/citizen-guides/citz-guide-gas.pdf>.

A separate notice has been mailed to each affected landowner and local/state government office. If you have any questions regarding this Notice, you may contact Mr. John Boone at (866) 923-0211 or Mr. John R. Staffier at (202) 638-6588.



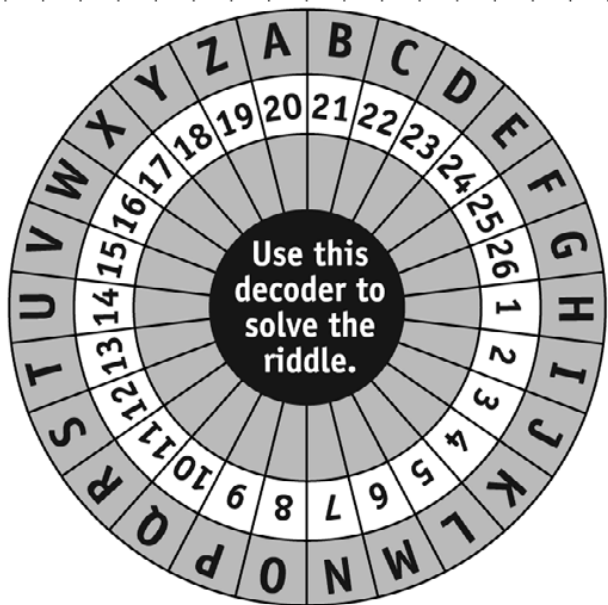
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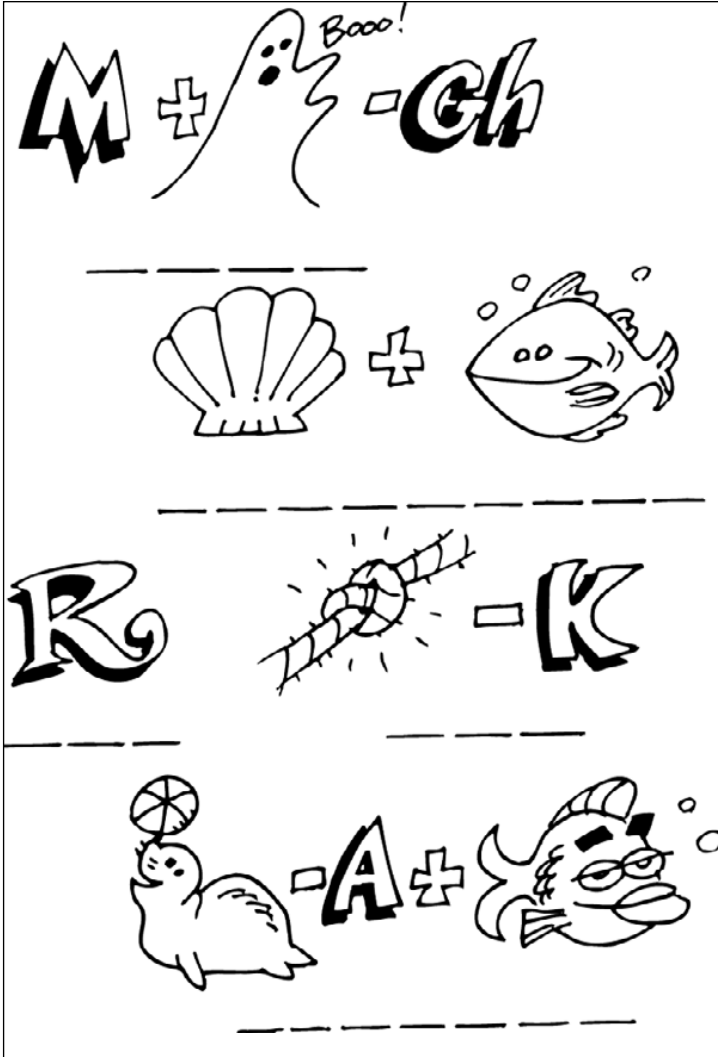
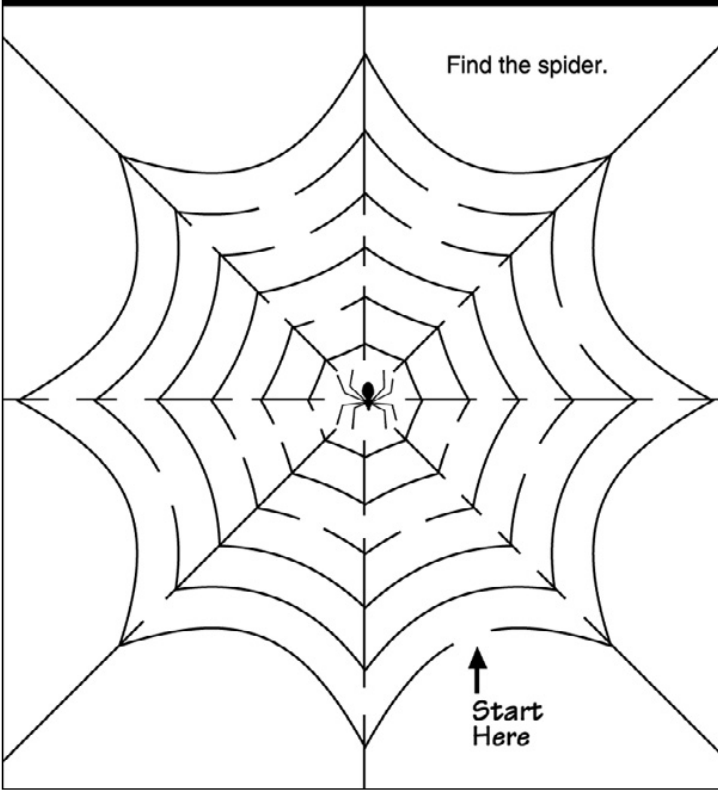
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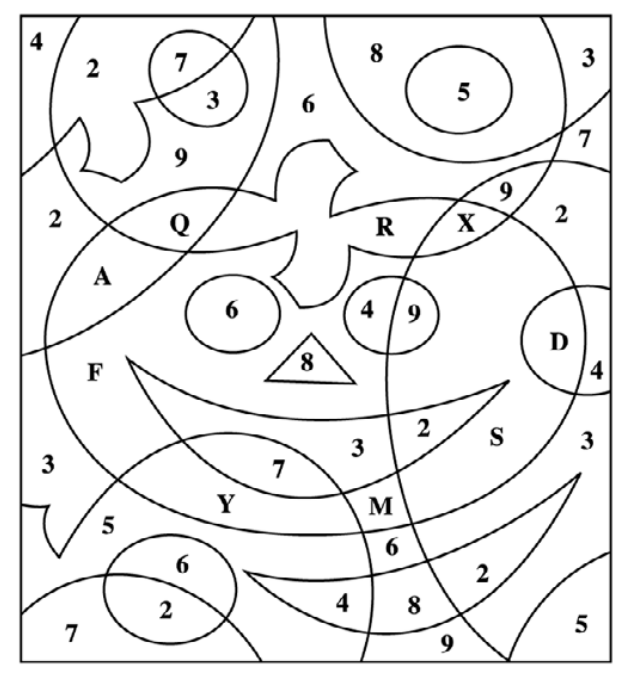
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Color in each space that contains a letter.

## Edible Spooky Spiders

From Denise Witmer

- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 50 marshmallows
- Small pretzel sticks
- 1 package mini candy-coated chocolate pieces
- Parchment paper

Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. Break pretzel sticks in half. Poke these into the flat side of a marshmallow so that there is three on each of two sides. These are the legs of your spider. Melt chocolate chips with the butter in a double boiler. Dip the marshmallows spiders and coat them with the chocolate using a spoon. Place on the cookie sheet, put on two mini candies for eyes and allow to cool

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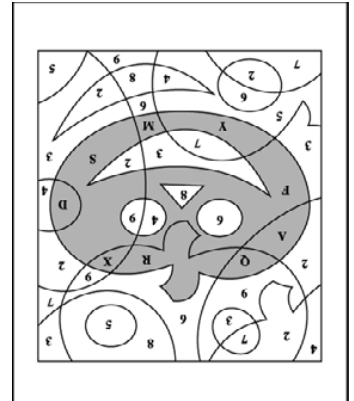
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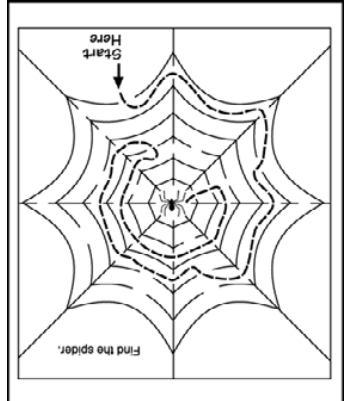
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# ANSWERS



Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green. Great for unique monster carvings!



Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.

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Wilson "Boogie" LeJeune, LTCE, Agency Mgr.  
Tim Dupont, LTCE, Special Agent  
**905-4807**

## To The People Of Cameron Parish...

Thank you for your support and vote. I am committed to Cameron and in the coming weeks, I will begin my search for office space in the community. I will be accessible to listen to your concerns and thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent the people of Cameron Parish.



God Bless,  
*Jonathan Perry*

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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## Dear Constituents of District 5:

I want to thank each and every one of you for your support throughout my campaign as well as on Election Day. I look forward to serving another four years as your Police Juror. I want to encourage and invite all of you to share our concerns, thoughts, and ideas about how we can make District 5 and our Parish a better place for us and our families. Please feel free to contact me at home at 542-4745 or on my Sprint phone, 274-9851.

Warmest Regards,  
*Scott Trahan*  
Scott Trahan

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Creepy Snippets

If you see a spider on Halloween, it is the spirit of a loved one watching over you.  
 Worldwide, bats are vital natural enemies of night-flying insects.  
 The common little brown bat of North America has the longest life span for a mammal it's size, with a life span averaging 32 years.  
 In about 1 in 4 autopsies, a major disease is discovered that was previously undetected.  
 The Ouija Board ended up outselling the game of Monopoly in its first full year at Salem. Over two million copies of the Ouija Board were shipped.



Halloween Trivia

How much do you know about Halloween? The thing about Halloween trivia is that no two people seem to agree on the facts. Based on folklore, legends, stories and a lot of sources, here is some Halloween trivia.

- The earliest Halloween celebrations took place more than 2,000 years ago among the Celts. They lived in what is now Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern France.
- Halloween is a shortened version of "All Hallows Eve," the evening before All Saints' Day, November 1.
- Americans spend \$2.5 billion every year on Halloween. It is the second largest commercial holiday in this country.
- Some say Irish settlers brought the idea of bobbing for apples to America.
- The first jack-o-lanterns were turnips the Irish hollowed out and put candles in. They believed the jack-o-lanterns kept spirits from the house.
- Celts believed black cats were once people who had been turned into animals with evil magic.
- The belief that black cats are bad luck came from Europe during the Middle Ages. Black cats were considered friends of witches. People believed witches could turn into black cats, so all black cats also were suspected of being witches.
- Dia de Los Muertos, Day of the Dead, is the Mexican Halloween. It is celebrated November 1 and 2. Mexicans believe the souls of the dead return to their families during this holiday.
- The tradition of Halloween costumes comes from the Scottish. They believed the dead walked among the living on this night and might steal their souls, so they wore costumes to confuse the dead.
- Trick-or-treating was brought to North America in the 1800s. It was based on an Irish tradition in which wealthy landowners gave food to the poor. They believed ghosts would be happy with them for doing this and spare them from "tricks."
- People known as "guisers" would go from house to house in the 1600s and 1700s. They would wear weird masks and sing and dance to keep evil away.
- Poisonous mushrooms called jack-o-lanterns are bright orange-yellow. On rainy nights, they glow in the dark.
- In 1995, the Los Altos, California, school system banned Halloween celebrations.

# Just Kidding

## Connect the Dots

## MAZE

## SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

DECATHLON	JAVELIN	RELAY
DISCUS	MARATHON	SHOT-PUT
HIGH JUMP	PENTATHLON	TRIPLE JUMP
HURDLES	POLE VAULT	WALK

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

W T R I P L E J U M P  
 A S A R E L A Y S D F  
 L E H G N D I S C U S  
 K L J K T W A K L M M  
 N D E C A T H L O N A  
 I R W E T D I S C U R  
 L U A S H O T P U T A  
 E H P O L E V A U L T  
 V W A L O J A V E L H  
 A J U M N T R I P L O  
 J W H I G H J U M P N

## HIDDEN PICTURE

Color in each space that contains a letter.

Bloody Peanuts

If you're looking for something easy and quick, you'll love this recipe. With only two ingredients, you can't go wrong. Don't skimp on the barbeque sauce. Look for a good brand, pick one of your favorites. A cheap brand will not turn out as well.

1 can of peanuts  
 Up to 1/2 cup of BBQ sauce

Combine the peanuts and

barbeque sauce until the peanuts are entirely coated (not too heavy.) Spread them out on a foil-lined cookie sheet.

Bake at 300° for about ten minutes. Times will vary depending on how thickly coated the peanuts are. Check frequently and remove from the oven when the peanuts appear to be covered with dried blood.

Let sit until completely cooled. Transfer to a serving bowl.

**Ghoul-Ade Halloween Drink**

This recipe makes some creepy black Halloween punch for your party. It's made with Kool-Aid, is inexpensive and it makes for some good witches brew!

1 envelope of orange Kool-Aid,

unsweetened  
 1 envelope of grape Kool-Aid, unsweetened  
 2 cups sugar  
 1 quart (bottle) chilled Sprite, 7-UP, or ginger ale  
 3 quarts of cold water

Mix the Kool-Aid packets together with the sugar and water in a large pitcher(s). Before serving, add the Sprite. Serve over ice cubes.

## Whip Up Some Buggy Brew

Looking for a great drink to serve at your Halloween party? Just put 1/2 gallon of lime sherbet in a punch bowl and let soften. Then add 2 liters of lemon-lime soda. Throw in some raisins (or bugs) and let them float around.

**Add A Severed Hand**

If you'd like, you can add a severed hand to your punch. All you have to do is get a couple clean rubber gloves from a parent. Fill them with water and tie them at the wrists. Then freeze the gloves for at least a day. Before your party, remove the gloves from the "hands" and place in the punch bowl.

From ghoulies and ghosties and long leggety beasties and things that go bump in the night, Good Lord, deliver us! ~ Scottish saying

## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

ANSWER: FIVE AND SIX

## ANSWERS



THESE HORSES ENJOY the beautiful fall weather along Hwy 82 in Johnson Bayou. (Photo by Juanita Sandifer.)



THE TARPON Dazzler dance camp was held Saturday, Oct. 20. The participants are shown above. (Photo courtesy of Tracy Lannin.)

### Trunk or Treat to be Oct. 31st

There will be a Trunk or Treat in the Grand Lake Elementary Parking lot on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 until 7 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to attend.

If you would like to hand out candy, please be in the parking lot at 5 p.m. to set up.

## South Cameron High School News

### LIBRARY DONATION

Memorial books were donated to the library by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vidrine - Louisiana: An Illustrated History by: C. E. Richard in memory of Mrs. Macilda Theriot; Louisiana Cowboys by - Bill Jones in memory of Mr. Patrick Pinch.

### REPORT CARDS

Students will receive report cards on Thursday.

### TARPON SWEATSUIT ORDERS

Tarpon Sweatsuits are on sale in the school office. Students may purchase - Hooded sweat top \$25 adult, \$20 youth; Sweat pants \$15 adult, \$12 youth; Regular sweat top \$18 adult, \$14 youth; Short sleeve t-shirt \$10; Long sleeve t-shirt \$12. This year's wearable items are red with a blue and white print.

### DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Driver's ed grades are available in the office. Retakes will be on Monday, Oct. 29, at 4 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

### DANCE CAMP PARTICIPANTS

Tarpon Dazzler Dance Camp was held on Saturday, Oct. 20.

The attendants were: Brailyn Benson, Kallan Conner, Alyssa Constance, Jaycee Dockins, JoLee Gaspard, Chloe' Oliver, Kalyn Savoie, Laura Trahan, Addie Troclair, Shelby Welch, Gracie Benoit, Victoria Conner, Brailee LaBove, Hannah Mhire, Kailey

Murrell, Sydney Pearce, Alli Camille Primeaux, Marley Thibodeaux, Hanna Willis, Brilee Baccigalopi, Cassidy Conner, Kate McDaniel, Katie Mhire, Taylor Clement, Morghan Dimas, Marissa Dupont, Cadie Ann Manuel, Briley Richard, Tori Smith, Kayleigh Fuselier, Clarisa Gary, Jacee Miltenberger, Carlie Beth Nunez,

J'Nae Nunez, Jaylyn Smith, Madison Bonsall, Kinlee Boudreaux, Hannah Guidry, Mary LaBove, Linlee LaLande, Shelby Primeaux, Sierra LeJeune, Andrea Shipman. The Tarpon Dazzlers, Blair Belanger, Rachael Fountain,

Jerica Boudreaux Falon Welch, Molly Alexander, Katelyn Horn, Devon Richard, Hallie Whittington, Kristin Broussard, Lakin LaBove, Jerrica Mock, and Meagan Wigley, instructed the students on various dance techniques.

Participants received t-shirts providing by Southern Screen and a game pass for Friday, Oct. 26. These young dancers will perform at half-time of the Oberlin game.

The Dazzlers would like to thank the parents of the danceline and Southern Screen for their gracious help in making this event a great success.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Oct. 25 - Report Cards  
Oct. 26 - Football Oberlin (home)  
Oct. 29 - GEE Retest  
Nov. 2 - Football Elton (home) Senior Night

## School lunches told

Cameron Parish Schools lunches are as follows:

Friday, Oct. 26 - Baked ham, lettuce cup, sweet peas, yellow cake, pineapple topping, wheat sliced bread, milk  
Monday, Oct. 29 - Hamburger, oven fries, lettuce cup, chocolate chip cookies, hamburger bun, catsup, milk  
Tuesday, Oct. 30 - Enchilada casserole, tossed

salad, baked potato, chilled peach slices, wheat sliced bread, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 31 - Chili con carne, apple/orange wedges, whole kernel corn, royal brownies, crackers, milk

Thursday, Nov. 1 - Beef nachos, salsa, pinto beans, fresh vegetable, cinnamon rolls, tortilla chips, salad dressing, milk



CAIGE JINKS of Johnson Bayou helps "Secrets" feed her 9 puppies. The little ones are just beginning to eat on their own. Caige will soon get to take his pick of the litter home with him. (Photo by Juanita Sandifer.)



MARGARET YOUNG of Johnson Bayou and her sister, Melba, collected reprints of past Cameron Communication phone book covers and enjoyed pizza and prizes at the recent open house sponsored by Cameron Communications. (Photo by Juanita Sandifer.)



POLICE JURY President Darryl Farque presented Maxine and Dustin Dion with a Cameron Recovery spur on the day of the groundbreaking for their new day care center in Grand Lake. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



SHOWN VIEWING an Early Voting machine used in Cameron Parish prior to the Oct. 20 election were Diana Perkins and Joel Racca. The machine was demonstrated at Brown's Grocery in Grand Lake and also for the Council on Aging in Grand Lake. The machines will be used for early voting for the Nov. 17 election, according to Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar of Voters.

## Birders returning here for meeting after two years

By CYNDI SELLERS

After an absence of two and a half years, the Louisiana Ornithological Society will be meeting again in Cameron Parish this weekend. The LOS for decades had held their spring and fall meetings in Cameron because of the abundance of migratory birds to be seen here. Hurricane Rita destroyed or seriously damaged the available housing and meeting space for the 100 plus regular attendees.

LOS member Judith Oneale has been coming to Cameron for years and says the members are very excited to be able to meet in Cameron Parish again.

Of course, birders (as they prefer to be called) have not been absent over the past two years. Individuals have been coming to Cameron Parish to study the recovery of the bird populations and have been posting a number of uncommon finds, including the Greater Flamingo reported in

this paper recently.

Other recent sightings include such exotic sounding birds as the Flammulated Owl, Say's Phoebe, Bell's Vireo, Parasitic Jaeger, and Ruff. The highlight of the LOS weekend is always the Saturday night meeting when everyone reports which birds they have seen during the day, which can number nearly 200 species.

This year's meeting will be held at the Creole Multipurpose Building, with educational talks Friday and Saturday night. Novice birders are welcome to attend; there is a small registration fee. Dinner is available on Saturday night.

It is advisable for newcomers to birding or the area to attend the 6 p.m. Friday evening meeting so they can pair up with experienced birders for the Saturday bird count. Marianna Tanner Primeaux will be helping at the registration table and will assist newcomers.

## KC Halloween party in G. C.

The Evans P. Mhire Council #8324 Knights of Columbus will host a Haunted House and Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Grand Chenier Park Pavilion.

Hot dogs will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Costume Contest. There will be no charge for admission in the contest or the hot dogs



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