

DISTRICT JUDGE Ward Fontenot, center, is pictured above with U. S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, left, and Chief Justice Pascal Calogero of the Louisiana Supreme Court taking part in a mock trial celebrating the Louisiana Purchase.

PRESIDES OVER MOCK TRIAL Fontenot shares bench with Supreme Court/State judges

Judge Ward Fontenot, who presides over the 38th Judicial Court in Cameron Parish was in some very distinguished company recently when he presided over a mock trial in New Orleans with U. S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and Chief Justice Pascal Calogero of the Louisiana Supreme Court serving on his panel.

One of the many ceremonies this year celebrating the Louisiana Purchase was a simulated trial which was held in the federal court house in New Orleans. The proceeding was conducted in the French language reflect-

ing the fact that Louisiana was a French colony at the time of the purchase.

Selected to preside as chief judge was Judge Fontenot and the panel of judges also included U.S. Supreme Court Justice Scalia and Louisiana Chief Justice Calogero.

The concept of a trial was based upon the complaint by the inhabitants of the colony of Louisiana that their interests were not considered by either France or the United States at the time of the sale. Nevertheless, history bears out that the sale was good for France because it gave

Napoleon revenue for his continuing war with Britain and the sale more than doubled the size of the United States.

The Louisiana Purchase is still referred to as one of the greatest real estate bargains in world history. Although contemporary accounts show that the French inhabitants of Louisiana were very apprehensive about their colony being part of a new country, the inhabitants became Americanized very rapidly. The port of New Orleans was proved to be a vital importance to the economy of the young nation.

Election to be held Tues.

By JERRY WISE

Most people will be relieved when next Tuesday comes as it will mark the end (maybe) of some of the most contentious political campaigning in recent history.

Of primary interest is the presidential race of which Republican George Bush and Democrat John Kerry are the primary contenders.

However, Ralph Nader, running on The Better Life ticket, is expected to get some votes.

There are six other candidates representing minor parties. (See the sample ballot

elsewhere in this issue for this listing.)

The vice-president has Republican Dick Cheney and Democrat John Edwards as the main contenders, but the six other parties also have VP candidates.

In the race for U. S. Senator to replace retiring John Breaux the candidates are David Vitter, Republican; Chris John, John Kennedy, Sam H. Melton, Jr. and Arthur Murrell, Democrats; and Richard Fontanesi and R. A. Galen, no party.

Seeking the 7th Congressional seat being vacated by John are Charles

Boustany, Jr. and David Thibodaux, Republicans; and Malcolm Carriere, Don Cravins and Willie Landry Mount, Democrats.

There are also four constitutional amendments on the ballot:

No. 1 would guarantee the right to hunt and fish.

No. 2 clarifies rules on homestead exemption.

No. 3 provides veterans with preference in seeking state police jobs.

No. 4 establishes the Agricultural and Seafood Products Support Fund.

New York Times features area

By JERRY WISE

The Creole Nature Trail and Cameron Parish has just received the kind of publicity that would cost a million dollars had there been a charge.

On Sunday, Oct. 24 the New York Times ran a page-long article along with color photographs of what it entitled "The Wilds of Cajun County" describing a several day tour by a Times travel writer and a photographer along the nature trail.

In addition to the New York Times, which has one of the largest circulations in the nation, hundreds of daily newspapers that subscribe to the N. Y. Times News Service also ran the story guaranteeing wide circulation throughout the United States.

The article was written by Jennifer Moses who lives in Baton Rouge and the photos were taken by Suzanne DeChillo.

In her article, Moses tells about the trip that she and her 15-year-old son make along the 180-mile long Creole Nature Trail and the view of wildlife in the Sabine, Rockefeller and Cameron Prairie wildlife refuges and a visit to the Peveto Woods Bird and Butterfly Sanctuary.

The article mentions Stella's Restaurant, where

the writer and son had seafood, and the Dyson House B & B where they spent the night.

The writer was very impressed with all of the wildlife on view along the highways--alligators, ducks, geese, turtles, hummingbirds, etc.

The article gives telephone numbers for the refuges, restaurant and B & B as well as the Cameron Parish Tourist Commission and Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau.

(The article ran in the Sunday, Oct. 24 issues of the New York Times and Beaumont Enterprise and

probably in a number of other area daily newspapers. It can also be found on the New York Times' webpage on the Internet.)

Groundbreaking set Thursday

A groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion of Grand Lake High School will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 28 at the school site.

Gayle Zembower is the architect for the project and Bessette Development is the contractor.

Also to be recognized will be Audrey Nunez LeDoux and Leana Nunez Hector, for the property for the expansion was obtained.

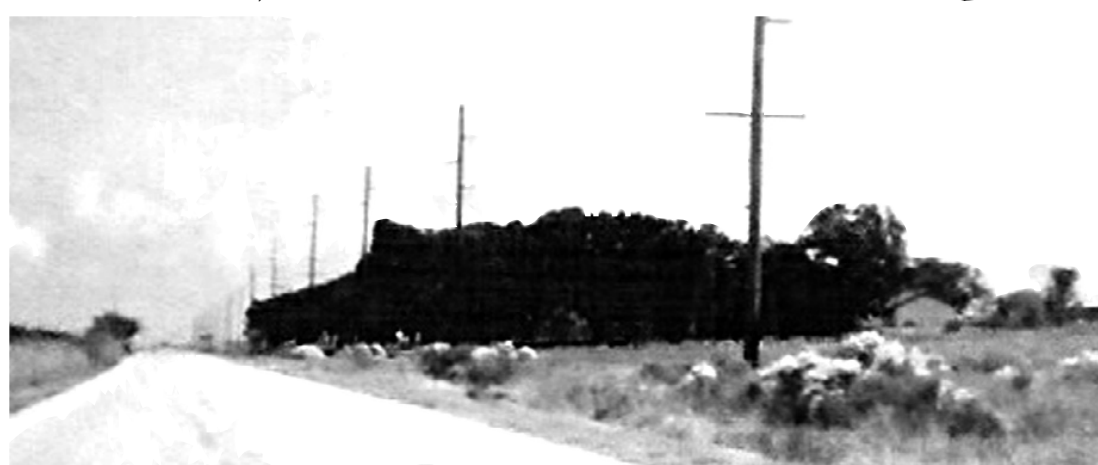


Veterans to be honored

All veterans as well as family members of our community are invited to attend this year's annual assembly, to be held Thursday, Nov. 11 at Grand Lake High School.

The ceremony will feature a guest speaker, music by students, essay readings, as well as a reception to follow, honoring all of our guests.

Please make plans to attend the program, held in the front gym at 9 a.m.



THE TREE LINE of the Sabine National Refuge Headquarters, approaching from the south, appears like a giant alligator.



THE ELLENDER BRIDGE just re-opened after being closed due to two barge accidents within a week of each other. Repairs took most of a week before the bridge was re-opened to vehicles.

Ellender Bridge opened again; Hackberry folks are thankful

The Ellender Bridge over the Intracoastal north of Hackberry was reopened to vehicle traffic Tuesday after being closed for five days for repairs after it was hit by a barge.

Thursday, Oct. 21, at approximately 11:20 a.m. a 52 foot Spud Barge struck the south west span of the bridge. This accident caused extensive structure damage to the bridge.

Dept. of Transportation assessed the damage and determined the bridge should be closed for several days to vehicle traffic while repairs were being made.

Dept. of Transportation requires any motor vessel in excess of 50 feet in height to make notification to their office four hours in advance for the bridge to be opened. The Spud Barge being 52 feet in height, coupled with strong south winds, and high water were contributing factors to this accident.

Road closure signs were put up on the north and south side of the Ellender Bridge, also north of Kelso Bridge in Hackberry and on Hwy. 27 by

the intersection of 27 and 82. Foot traffic was the only way to cross the bridge. No vehicles were allowed while repairs were being made.

The Ellender Bridge was built in 1977 to replace the pontoon bridge that had been there for years. The bridge is 2,904 ft in length. The bridge is also part of the Evacuation Route.

The other routes to take to leave out of Hackberry are by going to Holly Beach, traveling west going through Johnson Bayou, over the Causeway Bridge into Texas. Estimate miles are 119 miles this way. The other route is going to Holly Beach, traveling east to Cameron, over the Cameron Ferry II, towards Gibbstown Bridge, then into Calcasieu Parish. This is approximately 166 miles round trip back to Hackberry.

Having the bridge closed affected local merchants, schools, and other employees coming to Hackberry for their jobs and also leaving Hackberry working out of town. The basketball game between Hackberry High School and Hamilton

Christian School was cancelled Friday night due to closure of the bridge.

Medical emergencies in Hackberry were done with patients being transported to the bridge by South Cameron District II ambulance. A transfer was then made to Cal Cam Ambulance who were requested to meet on the north side of the bridge.

Miami Corp. applies for big project

Miami Corp. has applied for a Coastal Use Permit to construct a terracing project to serve as a mitigation bank where companies and individuals can acquire mitigation to offset impacts arising from their projects.

The project is located on the west side of Hwy. 27 north of Creole near the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.

It will consist of 118,949 feet of 12-foot crown terraces constructed in open water designed to slow the force of waves and create marsh habitat.

About 493,381 cubic yards of dredge material will be excavated from adjacent borrow ditches. Terraces will be constructed on an as-needed basis. Planting selections will be done in coordination with various state and federal agencies.

Mitigation is often required by state and federal agencies after a project is found to impact wetlands. Improvements to wetlands in another area are then required to offset the wetlands damage.

Jury to meet Wednesday

The Cameron Parish Police Jury will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, Nov. 3 instead of Nov. 2 which is a holiday due to the national election.

One of the items on the agenda is an application from Cameron LNG amending its permit application adding a turning basin, expanding ship berthing and relocating two pipelines.

A liquor permit is being sought by Suna, LLC and Javaid Javaid at Grand Lake. Bids will be accepted on breathing apparatus for the Hackberry Fire Dept. and on equipment for the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Jury surplus may be gone by next year

By CYNDI SELLERS

Police Jurors received the bad news Monday afternoon that due to a serious decrease in Road Royalty funds, the Jury's budget will be extremely tight next year. With no capital projects and no equipment purchases, only the basic needs being met, the projection is for a surplus of only \$500,000.

Many parish vehicles are wearing out, and roads need work, but this amount of surplus doesn't allow for spending on these needs, without cutting somewhere else.

Jurors have until December to study the budget and see if some things can be adjusted to help the situation. However, with the cost of fuel for parish vehicles and lime-

stone for road maintenance going up, even that surplus may be used up before the end of the year.

Some items being considered are the cost of Animal Control, expenses at the Jetty Pier, allotments to the Beachfront Development Districts, and the need for a more aggressive economic development plan.

At the agenda meeting, Jurors agreed to close all parish offices for the General Election, Nov. 2. The Police Jury Annex houses three voting precincts.

The jurors heard from Dr. Charles Boustany, candidate for Congress, and took the opportunity to ask him to work for a bridge across the Calcasieu Ship Channel if he is elected.



JOEY TRAHAN and his son Chazton, welcome Robert Dale Richard of Cameron Communications to their home. The Trahan family of Grand Lake is the first PowerHouse customer to be connected exclusively to fiber optic telecommunications.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour Sunday.



Funeral

ALFRED VAUGHAN

Alfred Vaughan, 65, died Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, in Creole.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Creole. He was an active volunteer for many years with the Cameron Parish 4-H livestock program, Manager of Young Guns Boys Softball World Champion Team 8-10 years; member of Farm Bureau Insurance Association, and was a cattleman.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey Rutherford Vaughan of Creole; two sons, Sterling Alfred Vaughan and wife, Della Gossen Vaughan of Creole, and Andy James Vaughan, of Creole; four grandchildren.

His funeral was held Wednesday, Oct. 20, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The Rev. Joseph McGrath officiated. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.



THESE CAMERON Elementary students received art awards at the Cal-Cam Fair. Shown above, from left are: Dina Mendez, Alex Bonsall, Travis Trahan, Mattie Smith, and Dex Murphy. Poster Contest - 4-6 grade - first-Dina Mendez; second-Mattie Smith; 7-9th Grade - first-Dex Murphy; second-Alex Bonsall; third-Travis Trahan. Art Contest: 7-9th Grade - first-Dex Murphy, pastel; and first-Travis Trahan, tempera.



ON TUESDAY, Oct. 26, Mrs. Cyndie Bailey and Mrs. Missy Dupont hosted a Kids' Pampered Chef Party. Chef hats, aprons, and cookie cutter sets were pre ordered and the kids used them for the show. They made their own cut out ham and turkey sandwiches and decorated a mini brownie into a spider and had a large spider web chocolate chip cookie. Pictured above, standing from left, were: Skylar Barnett, Shyla Conner, Amy Clark, Kylie Davidson, Kerrigan Meaux, Madison, Wyatt Bonsall, Madison H., Hannah Mhire, Brenlyee Meaux; seated: Hanna Willis, Sydney Carroll, Katie Mhire, James and Anna Dupont, Ethan Miller, Morghan Dimas, Niklas and Shadd Bailey, Austin Vincent, Gatlon Welch. Those also attending but not pictured are Annaston and Alaina Picou and Maeleigh Conner.

Halloween party told

A children's Halloween party will be held at South Cameron Memorial Hospital Sunday, Oct. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Treats will be handed out by SCMH Swingbed patients and the Radiology Dept. will X-ray your children's candy. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE NOVEMBER 2!

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

60TH BIRTHDAY
Happy 60th Birthday to Father Roland Vaughn whose birthday was Oct 25.

Happy 51st Birthday to Curtis Fountain whose birthday was Oct 25.

K.C. BARBECUE
The K.C. of Hackberry will have a barbecue Sunday, Nov 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the St Peters Catholic Church Hall and will be \$5 a plate

K.C. QUARTER BINGO
The K.C. Quarter BINGO will be played Monday, Nov. 1 at 4 p.m. at St Peters Catholic Church Hall.

DOLLAR GENERAL STORE
A Dollar General Store is under construction in Hackberry. The store is located on Main St across from Cameron State Bank

Halloween party set at Big Lake

St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Big Lake will host their annual Halloween Party Sunday, Oct. 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. All area children are invited to attend.

There will be games, goodies, face painting, a pumpkin decorating contest for children ages 4 to 12 years old and a costume contest for children ages 0 - 12 years old. Pumpkins must not be carved and must be decorated by the child (with limited help from grown-ups). They may be decorated with paints, crafts, costume materials, stickers, etc.

In order to keep this church-sponsored event light and fun for all they ask that no bloody, gory, or extremely scary costumes be worn to the party.

If anyone in the area wishes to make a donation of candy or prizes, you may drop them off at the church hall in Big Lake between now and Sunday.

Any questions, please call Bobbye Delaney at 598-2651 or Lisa Lannin at 598-4748.



Alliance is working on directory

The Grand Lake - Sweet Lake Action Alliance met recently in the home of Missy and Wade Shaddock in Big Lake. The group is working on the Cameron Parish Resource Directory project.

If you would like to buy an ad in the directory advertising your business, please call Dinah at 532-3030. The directory will be mailed to 6,000 homes and will be available to hand out at the local Chamber.

HBO special unscrambled

Cameron Communications will unscramble the HBO signal for all customers to view Last Letters Home: Voices of American Troops From The Battlefields Of Iraq, on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. This special program is a poignant tribute to America's fallen troops who sacrificed their lives in the war in Iraq.

In an effort to reach as many viewers as possible, HBO encouraged cable and satellite affiliates to open the signal during the telecast, making the program available to a greater number of households. Cameron Communications customers will be able to view "Last Letters from Home."

Last Letters Home features families from states across the country. From their hometowns, family members read aloud their loved ones' moving and eloquent letters, which tragically turned out to be their last.

The authors of the letters are men and women ranging in age from 19 to 51 years old. Filled with pride, regret, idealism and wonder, the letters are remarkable documents that speak volumes.

Family members and close friends are filmed in their homes reading excerpts from the letters, and reveal the thoughts and feelings they had upon receiving the "knock on the door" that every military family dreads.

Trahans get new service

Cameron Communications successfully installed their new state of the art PowerHouse fiber-to-the-home at the Joey Trahan residence in Grand Lake last week. The installation marked the first customer home connected exclusively by fiber optic cable. Over 1600 residences and businesses in Grand Lake are being prepared to connect completely to fiber optic digital telecommunications.

Currently, as Cameron Communications builds out PowerHouse connections, homeowners in Grand Lake can have a fiber termination unit installed on the outside of their residence with no fees or commitment to any future purchase of services. Additionally, Cameron Communications is offering three months of free service for a limited time to homeowners who want a termination box on their premises. Although initially there will be no electronics, installation of a termination unit insures the site will be ready and available for service when the homeowner desires.

John Maginnis to speak at Author's Dinner on Nov. 10

Libraries Southwest is holding their annual author's dinner and Carlberg Award Presentation on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Pat's of Henderson Restaurant. There will be a cash bar starting at 6:30 p.m. with the dinner starting at 7 p.m.

The meal and program is available for \$25 by pre-registration with money and registration being collected at all library branches.

Libraries Southwest is a non-profit corporation of libraries, librarians, trustees, and individuals interested in the promotion and enhancement of libraries and library services in Southwest Louisiana.

John Maginnis, who has been writing about Louisiana politics since 1972 publishes the Louisiana Political Fax Weekly, a newsletter delivered by fax machine and e-mail, will be the guest speaker at this year's author dinner. He also writes a weekly syndicated column that appears in 24 daily and weekly newspapers around the state. He is the author of two books on Louisiana politics, "The Last Hayride" written in 1984, and "Cross to Bear" written in 1992.

The Carlberg award was established to honor the memory of Lynda Carlberg,

former Calcasieu Parish Library System director from 1978-1997. Lynda, who was killed in a car crash in 1997, was active in state regional and national Library activities and many local community activities. She was the heart of the Libraries Southwest organization. The Carlberg award was established to honor special individuals for their contributions to libraries all over the state. Previous recipients of the Libraries Southwest Lynda Carlberg Award are Sallie Farrell- 1998, Minnie Lou Lynch- 1999, Tom Jaques-2000, and Joy Lowe-2002.

This year's recipient is Ralph Boe, director of LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network. When he assumed this position in 1992, his task was to automate the five Louisiana libraries that initially composed LOUIS..

Libraries Southwest institutional members are Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jeff Davis, St. Martin and Vernon Parish Libraries, McNeese State University and Northwest University Library and Fort Polk Libraries.



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SOUTH CAMERON High School students Jacob Trahan won first place in Creative Writing and Aaron Doxey won third place in the Talent Show at the recent District Beta Convention in Lake Charles.

South Cameron High School News

SENIOR NIGHT
On Friday, Oct. 29 the Senior football players, danceline and cheerleaders members will be honored. The social will begin at 5:30 in Tarpon Hall.

Those seniors and their parents being honored are: Andre Savoie, Dane Dupont, William Mallett, Jared Cheramie, Jared Morales, Justin Landry, Wesley Treme, Kendall Broussard, Heather Nunez, and Lexie LeBoeuf.

ART CLASS NEWS
The Eighth grade art class participated at the Cal-Cam Fair Arts and Craft show. The winners were Amanda Wickes, 1st place, Gabe LaLande, 1st place and Jared Andrews, Best of Show.

TARPON SWEATS
Students can get order forms from the coaches office or Southern Screen to get this year's Tarpon sweats.

PICTURE RETAKES
On Nov. 11 students will be able to take retakes. This is also for students that were absent the first time pictures were taken. Club group pictures, club officers pictures and class officers pictures will also be taken that day.

SENIOR BETA NEWS
SCHS Senior Beta members are selling cookie dough and cheesecakes. See a Beta member if you wish to order.

Congratulations to Jacob Trahan for winning 1st place in Creative Writing and Aaron Doxey for winning 3rd place in the Talent Show at the recent District Beta Convention in Lake Charles. Both winners will compete at the State Convention in January held in Lafayette.

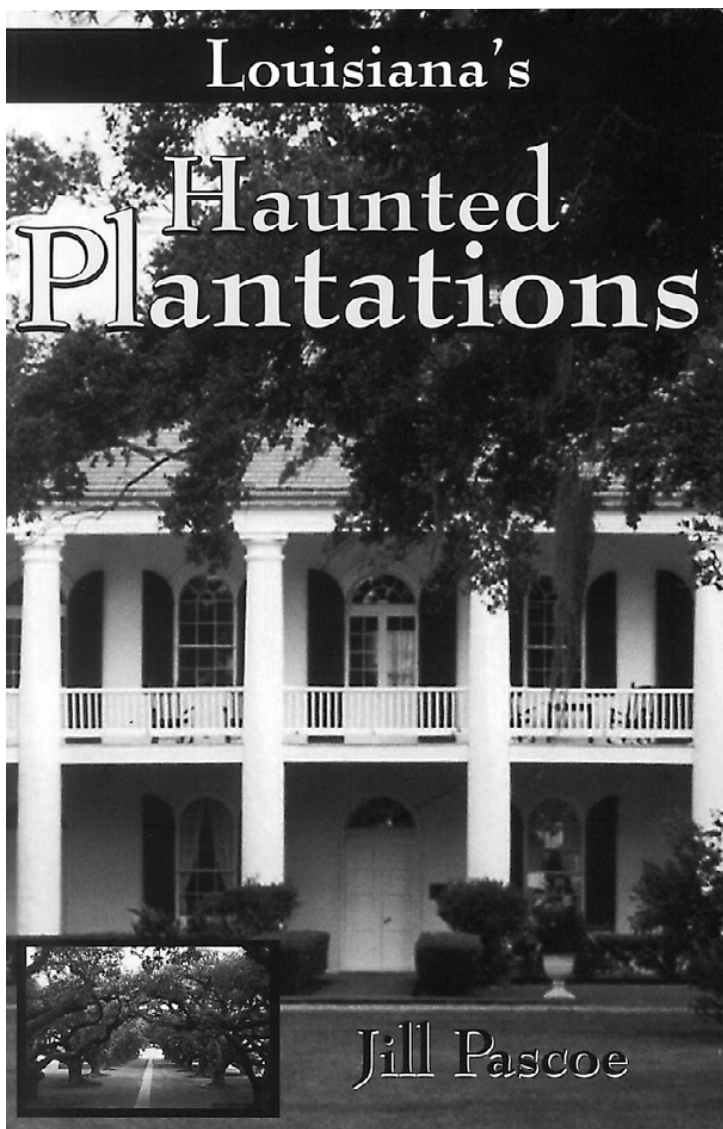
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Oct. 28 - JV Football East Beauregard (away)
Oct. 29 - Senior Night East Beauregard (home) Six Weeks Test 7th hour
Nov. 2 - NO SCHOOL, Election Day
Nov. 3 - Six Weeks Test 3rd and 6th hour
Nov. 4 - Six Weeks Test 2nd and 5th hour
Nov. 5 - Six Weeks Test 1st and 4th hour. Football Oberlin (away)



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Haunted plantation homes are new book's subject

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Jill Pascoe lives and writes in Louisiana. She has worked in other states at several historic homes reputed to be haunted. This work combines her interest in history and love of a good ghost story. This is her first book.

Louisiana's Haunted Plantations is available for US \$16 in select bookstores, at amazon.com, or at www.irongatepress.com.

Cameron Parish Library News

MEMORIAL BOOKS
The Olympic Games, Herman Precht by Jaimie, Tina, Christina And Jolie Boudreaux;

The Smithsonian Book Of Flight, Jimmy Trahan by Freddie Theriot;

We Were There, E. J. Dronet by Dale Boudreaux, Eldie Cheramie, Ruth Conner, Sally Domingue, Lee Anna Caldwell and Bobbie Boudoin;

Acts State Of La. Vol. 1 Regular Session 1970, James and Effie LeBoeuf by George LeBoeuf;

India, Harold Savoie by Sis and J. L. Duhon;

Military Records Of Louisiana, Ernest Thibodeaux by Veterans Of Foreign Wars;

Teens Under The Influence: The Truth About Kids, Alcohol & Other Drugs, Herman Precht by Frankie and Mary Henry;

Bottom Of The Ninth, Charlie January by Frankie and Mary Henry;

The Life Of A Lab, Ray Burleigh by Frankie and Mary Henry;

10,001 Food Facts, Chef's Secrets & Household Hints, Wayne Montie by Frankie and Mary Henry.

NEW NOVELS
New novels at the library include:

Fie Along The Sky, Sara Donati; Sugar Cookie Murder, Joanne Fluke; Dark Voyage, Alan Furst;

Murder List, Julie Garwood; The Parisian Affair, Judith Gould; Incubus Dreams, Laurell K. Hamilton; Lake Of Sorrows, Erin Hart; To The Stars, L. Ron Hubbard; Blind Alley, Iris Johansen; Double Homicide, Jonathan Kellerman; The Dark Tower, Stephen King.



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DEPUTY DAVID HEBERT spoke to patrons at each library branch about Halloween Safety. Deputy Hebert gave handouts about how to choose a safe costume, where and how to trick-or-treat safely, and other safety tips. If you missed the seminar by Deputy Hebert, you can pick up some safety handouts at the Cameron Parish Sheriff Department. Deputy Hebert talked about masks with several young library patrons at the Cameron Parish Library.

Children's night Nominations to be Nov. 6

Cameron Pentecostal Church will be having Children's Night at the church Saturday, Nov. 6, beginning at 6 p.m.

George Mulligan and his group of friends will be putting on a puppet show and magic show.

Children of all ages are invited to attend and may be chosen to help in the show. There will be food served after the program.

For more information, please contact the church at 542-4436 or Ed Smith at 542-4515.

The Cameron Fur Festival is currently accepting Fur King Nominations. The Festival will be honoring the menhaden industry this year. All nominations from this industry will be greatly appreciated. Please submit a short biography describing the nominees activities in the menhaden industry. Mail all nominations to Fur King Nominations, P.O. Box 77, Creole, LA 70632. Deadline for nominations is Nov. 10.



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MRS. RUTH BILLEDEAUX and Mrs. Sheila Soriez's first graders at Hackberry High School are pictured with their butterflies for their migration. Standing, from left, are: Kayleigh LaBove, Logan Tingler, Paul Menard, Kory Kyle, Tristan Cormier, Jaime Little, Hailee Swire, Christian Leonard, Abbie Delcambre; seated are: Jaci Granger, Kadie Reon, Hallie Buford, Bailey LaBove, Brianne Beard, Kelsey LeBouef, Maygan Raffield, and Cole Benoit.



MRS. KATHY BACKLUND'S fifth graders at Hackberry High School are pictured with their butterflies for their symbolic migration. Standing, from left, are: Cullen Beckmann, Michael Ancelet, Colin Reed, Mathew Little, Vincent Batchelor, Waylon Raymond, Thomas Ducote, Eddie Bird; seated are: Katherine Batcheller, Amberlee Baque, Lesley Sanner, Taylor Boudreaux, Holley Landry, Meagan Johnson, Torri Stansil, and Kirstin Carriere.

Hackberry students study butterflies' migration

Students in both first and the fifth grades at Hackberry High School have been learning about the Monarch Butterfly's migration. The children all made paper butterflies that will migrate to Mexico for the winter.

The butterflies fall flight is timed to correspond with the real Monarchs' journey south. The paper butterflies will arrive in Mexico around the time of the Dia De Los Muertos (Nov. 2), just as the

real Monarchs do.

Mexican students from the sanctuary region will greet the butterflies and watch over them during the winter months. When the real Monarchs' depart from Mexico to journey north the paper butterflies return.

Each butterfly will carry a special message from the Mexican students to students in Canada and the U.S. who made them.

4-H Contest Day to be held Nov. 6 at Cameron Elem.

Cameron Parish 4-H invites all 4-H members to participate in Contest Day on Nov. 6. Contest Day will be held at Cameron Elementary with registration from 8-9 a.m.

Contests include cooking, sewing, public speaking, speeches, and handicrafts. Also, new for this year are many qualifying contest for 4-H University (formerly

known as Short Course).

For more information on categories and age requirements please check your 4-H Events Packet or check the website at www.lsuagcenter.com/parish/cameron/4-h/cam4-h.htm.



Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes

By Geneva Griffith



I found out this week that the "Steel Magnolia" house we visited in Natchitoches recently, during their parade of plantations, used to belong to the late Herman Taylor, who was a friend of mine and I wasn't aware of it. I remember now that it had a "T" in a tile in the sidewalk in front and tiles imbedded in the back with "Taylor" written on them. The home is now a bed and breakfast. It is now the most photographed house in town.

My daughter Cherie and I went to Lake Charles this week to the funeral of my neighbor on Oak Grove, Mary Jane Miller, a unique person known for doing everything and doing it well. She built a log cabin home, that turned into a three-story mansion.

She said she had to be her daddy's boy because there were five girls in the family and no boys. She did everything she set out to do, even alligator hunting. She was also a great lover of animals, having 14 cats of her own. Her sister, Rosalie Shetler, was Cherie's best friend from the time they started to kindergarten together.

We are going to have my great-grandchild, McCall, with us here for a week to give her mother a little rest. She is crawling and going everywhere and enjoying every minute of it. She is undoubtedly the happiest child I have ever seen.

We are really enjoying our water aerobics class which we go to three times a week. We plan to use what we have learned in our outdoor pool next year here at the Village which is only heated by the sun.

I saw so many of my old friends from Cameron Parish, at the funeral the other day and everyone told me how much they enjoyed my column. That means everything to me and gives me a reason for doing it.

I heard a whippoorwill out in the woods in back the other day. I also saw a red bird. It made me wonder if it followed me here from Cameron Parish. You know that I believe in red birds as well as angels.

I have a guardian angel that only appears to me when I am sick and need her. She first appeared to me when I was sick and operated on in Memorial hospital in Lake Charles. She only appeared two days, and was gone when I got better.

Everyone laughed at me until I dressed a little doll like I remembered she was dressed, so I wouldn't forget.

I have a terrible memory and have a hard time remembering names. That is one reason I bought this condo, next to a woman, also named Geneva. I bought it from a lady named Genevieve, who was moved to a nursing home in Jennings, who had a roommate in the bed next to her that was also named Geneva.

I had already paid down on another house here, and changed my mind when Cherie said "I think that this is a sign that God is telling us something."

Also, when her daughter saw my Cameron State Bank check she realized she had been to my house before, her husband was in Cherie and Pat's wedding, and the reception was at my home.

Giant jewfish was the object of underwater hunt in 1971

By GENEVA GRIFFITH
(Cameron Pilot, Nov. 4, 1971.)

The spotting of a six-foot jewfish this summer near an offshore rig brought a group of Texas scuba divers to Cameron last weekend. The 16 divers from the Hammerhead Divers Club came from the Beaumont area.

The Cameron trip was made on the charterboat "Sunrise II" owned by Claude V. "Pete" McCall. The sleek 65-foot boat is headquartered at the Cameron Gulf Docks, and the trip got underway at 4 a.m. with the destination being "Oil City."

Capt. McCall explained that the name was given to a group of offshore oil platforms about 35 miles from Cameron, however, each year more and more platforms are

appearing on the scene, so there is getting to be no distinction in the name, since there are a complete line of platforms all the way in.

The first stop was at the Mobil rig in Bloc 64. As soon as Capt. McCall cut the boat motors, many of the divers were on the rail to dive over. Most of them preferred to jump in the water from the bow of the boat near the rig, instead of using the ladder at the back of the boat, so they wouldn't have so far to swim to the rig.

They dove down to the 60-foot bottom in search of fish. It wasn't long until many of the divers were back at the ladder with strings of red snappers which had been taken with the deadly spear-gun.

Angel Tree applications now being taken

The Cameron Community Action Agency is now taking applications for the Salvation Army Angel Tree for Cameron Parish residents through Nov. 7.

Applicants must bring proof of child's age or senior citizen's age, social security number, household income, all household bills, proof of food stamp recipient, clothing and shoe sizes and three gift wishes. Copies of all bills and proof of income must be viewed by the agency. Call 775-5145 or 598-5158 to set up appointment time.

Bank gives School lunch menus told books to students

Every first and second grader in all five public schools in Cameron Parish will be the "star" of his or her own storybook. This is being made possible by Cameron State Bank to encourage students to read, by being the main character, or star of the story. Each student will read about him or herself on every printed page. These books, reinforce the importance of staying drug, alcohol, and tobacco free.

These books are free of charge to the student. They will be distributed throughout Cameron Parish starting with an assembly at Grand Lake School on Oct. 27 at 1 p.m. Cameron State Bank will have a representative at the school to help distribute the books. David Hebert, the D.A.R.E. officer for Cameron Parish will also be there to speak to the children about the danger of drugs.

Pageant to be held Oct. 30th

The 26th annual NAACP pageant will be held Saturday, Oct. 30 starting at 6 p.m. at the Cameron Recreation District 6 Center on Trosclair Road.

For more information call Louise Cole at 775-5240 or Mary Cockrell at 775-5967.



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Libertarian Party MICHAEL BADNARIK of Texas RICHARD V. CAMPAGNA of Iowa	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Willie Landry Mount, Dem.	11 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Constitutional Amendments

No. 1-Guarantee right to hunt and fish	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
No. 2-Clarify rules on homestead exemption	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
No. 3-Provide veterans with preference for state police jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
No. 4-Establish Agricultural and Seafood Products Support Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Refuge to open for pre-season scouting

Refuge Manager Terry Delaine has announced that the waterfowl hunt areas at Sabine National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) will be open for pre-season scouting Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 30 and 31, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Hunters may walk-in or launch a boat to scout for potential hunting spots. Weapons and all waterfowl "blind" materials must be left at home until the season is officially open. Fishing equipment is not permitted in any area closed to fishing. Delaine reminds youth hunters that the refuge will be open for the Youth Waterfowl Hunt on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6 and 7. The regular waterfowl season will open the following weekend on Nov. 13. Waterfowl Hunting is permitted on the refuge on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday mornings throughout the Louisiana western zone waterfowl season. Permitted hunters may enter the refuge at 3 a.m. and must complete their hunt by noon. Free refuge hunting permits may be obtained at the refuge visitor center or at West Cove Recreational Area. Vastar Road will be open throughout the waterfowl season for hunters to access the 10,000 acre hunting area opened four years ago. The entrance to Vastar Road is the wooden bridge across the highway from the West Cove Recreation Area and south of the Wetland Walkway. Hunters can park in pull-off areas along the road and walk in or hand launch small boats. However, vehicles must be parked completely off the road to avoid traffic violations. No vehicles with boat trailers are allowed on Vastar Road. The boat launch on the south side can accommodate two boats at a time, and the north launch accommodates one at a time. Additionally, there is a two-slot salt water launch on the north side for those hunters who choose to hunt east of Highway 27 in

the brackish marsh. Remember to obey all "No Wake Zone" buoys. Every hunter must be in possession of a signed and dated free hunt permit while hunting. Permits may be picked up at the West Cove Boat Launch area and at the Sabine NWR Visitor Center on Highway 27. Each hunting party is required to fill out a Waterfowl Harvest Data Form after each hunt and drop it in one of the designated drop boxes. Every party, whether successful or not, needs to fill in the Data Form. Information on lack of success is just as important to us as success. Youths under age 16, participating in the hunt, must have proof of successful completion of a Hunter Safety Course. All youths attending the hunt must be under the supervision of an adult age 21 or over. Each adult may supervise no more than two youths. Please remember, haul out all trash, including spent shotgun shells

Cool Fuel for School

- Breakfast-The cool aisles in the supermarket have a number of convenient, nutritious breakfast selections: whole-grain waffles, pancakes, French toast, fruits, bagels, breakfast bars, bowls and sandwiches, juices and more.
- Lunch-If you want to pack "cool" lunches, try healthy, nutritious and tasty options, like mini-bagels with peanut butter or tortilla roll-ups, accompanied by a variety of yogurts, cheeses, jello, puddings, juices and more.
- After-School Snacks-Convenient options that are easy to prepare include pizza snacks, fruit and yogurt, mozzarella sticks, chicken nuggets, jello and whipped topping, frozen yogurt, popsicles and more.

Cameron Outdoors



By LOSTON MCEVERS

The month of October is coming to an end, that means the end of Daylight Saving Time moving back to the old time. This means old man winter is slowly approaching us and yes it's hunting time. That also means that there's only 57 days left before Christmas. This year, the month of November is an important month, as we see a national election on Nov. 2 such as President and U. S. Senators and Representatives, plus we have four state amendments. Seabobs begin appearing along the coast, the major migration period begins for most waterfowl. Largemouth bass begin moving away from the banks. We have two important holidays this month, Veterans Day, Nov. 11 and Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 25. Don't forget, a good seafood dinner for Thanksgiving is a great plan but duck, dove or deer isn't bad either, unless you're diehard and got to have turkey and ham. November is "pecan picking time," just right to have those old grandma pecan pies for Thanksgiving and christ-mas.

The second split of dove season ends Nov. 14. Hunters are killing a few doves. The Cameron area has done well, so far during this second split. These are other dates for our hunters and outdoorsmen for November. Still hunting for deer in Area 3 goes through Nov. 28. Muzzleloader is Nov. 29 - Dec. 3 for Area 3, Nov. 6 - 7 Youth Waterfowl Days for west zone, Nov. 6 - 12, blue, snow, ross, and specklebelly season, the first split of our duck season in the west zone is Nov. 13 - Dec. 5. This will also include the hunting of coots, pintail shooting will be Nov. 13 - 21, while gallinules and rail season is Nov. 13 - Jan. 12, 2005. Quail season opens Nov. 13 and there's still rabbit and squirrel season that are open. As you can see there's plenty of hunting for November. Cameron Parish also has six doe days for Nov., the 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 28. If you want to shoot something faster, snipe season opens Nov. 6 - Feb. 20. Our trappers will see their season open on Nov. 20 through mar. 31, 2005.

There's plenty of different hunts for everyone, plus there's still plenty of fishing, especially saltwater for specks and redds.

AREA FISHING - HUNTING

I was talking to John Demarie a good friend of mine; back when we had fishing tournaments at the old Humble Landing off the Bell City drainage ditch, that we use to always have a great time. John was still playing pro-football for the Cleveland Browns back then and he would always be down during the off-season. In fact he has

a camp on Little chenier where he spends lots of time fishing and hunting. John was telling me his son David had killed a six pointer on Lacassine Refuge. The Superdog Fight Tournament was held last week on the Calcasieu River. This is where all the different dogfights take their qualified anglers and send them to compete. It seems the Calcasieu Anglers took the show, but whenever your used to fishing an area, you're supposed to do better. These Super Dogfights used to be held on Toledo Bend and that does make a difference. These pair of anglers from the Calcasieu River dogfights, Toney Forsythe and Stephen Mouton took first place with five bass weighing in at 8.56 pounds. Second place was Steve Goff and Paul Young, (Sabine River) dogfight, five bass, 8.07 lbs. Third place was Lee and Benji Wilson (Calcasieu River) dogfights, five bass, 7.40 lbs and fifth place, David Kober and Ken Conner, (Calcasieu River) dogfight, five bass, 7.14 lbs. Ken Fournerat took the big bass honors with a 2.49 pounder. Ken was representing the (Gibbstown) dogfight.

These anglers fish for five to six months each year, to qualify and have fun, to fish the Super dogfight. Fish are kept alive during the weekly dogfights at each different location and released alive as well as the Super Dogfight. Some people will do anything for money, breaking the law is one. A notice from the National Marine Fisheries Service office of the General Counsel had notice of a Captain/owner of a fishing vessel for violation on federal shark regulations. An assessment of \$30,000 and a 45 day permit sanction was issued. The La. Wildlife & Fisheries Enforcement Division and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's office of Law Enforcement worked together, determined that a fishing vessel had allegedly taken and sold approximately 3,380 pounds of shark carcasses and 1,125 pounds of shark fins to a Venice fish and shrimp wholesale dealer. Agents identified approximately 1000 pounds of shark fins hidden on top of refrigerated coolers at the Venice fish and shrimp place. The fins had been offloaded at the dock upon the vessel's arrival in the middle of the night. Shark fins represent approximately five percent of the carcass weight of shark. 1125 pounds of shark fins represent over 22,000 pounds of shark, most of which were finned and returned to the water to die during the fishing trip. This has got to be sad to do this to part of Mother Natures plan. These sharks couldn't swim or defend themselves, just die.

Shrimpers, dealers to pay additional fees in 2005-06

Louisiana licensed shrimpers and wholesale/retail seafood dealers who purchase shrimp will pay additional fees in license years 2005 and 2006 to support funding the shrimp anti-dumping petition. To assist the Louisiana shrimp industry and counter the illegal importation of unfairly priced foreign shrimp into the U.S., Act 904 of the 2004 regular legislative session, requires commercial fishermen who purchase gear licenses for a trawl, skimmer or butterfly net to pay a new annual fee for license years 2005 and 2006. Endorsed by the Louisiana Wild Caught Shrimp Trade Action Advisory Council, the act stipulates payment only once during each of the two years, irregardless of the number of shrimp net gear licenses purchased. The additional annual fees are \$10 for residents and \$40 for nonresidents, which will increase the total annual fees to \$20 for residents and \$80 for nonresidents. All new fees collected are to be deposited into the Shrimp Trade Petition Account. This new fee is in addition to the shrimp gear fee currently collected for deposit into the Seafood Marketing

and Promotion Account for shrimp marketing and promotional activities administered by the Louisiana Seafood Marketing and Promotion Board. Additionally, any wholesale/retail seafood dealer who is required to pay shrimp excise tax will also pay a new annual fee of \$150 for residents and \$600 for nonresidents. Any wholesale/retail seafood dealer who bought, sold, acquired, handled or purchased in excess of 250,000 pounds of shrimp equivalent to head on weight during the previous license year will pay an additional annual fee of \$1,000. These fees are also for deposit into the Shrimp Trade Petition Account and will be assessed for license years 2005 and 2006 only.



Fishermen concerned about Oyster Bayou marsh project

By CYNDI SELLERS

Shrimpers and fishermen expressed their deep concern Thursday night about a proposed drainage/marsh management project which would have far reaching effects on the wetlands west of the Calcasieu Ship Channel. They worry that a structure on Oyster Bayou will turn the marsh behind it into a "private shrimp farm" and put many of them out of business. Biologist David Richard says that the project is necessary to keep thousands of acres of marsh from being "flushed" out to sea due to the severe tidal action in the Calcasieu Ship Channel. "This project is not designed to hurt anyone," he told the over 50 people gathered at the Police Jury Annex to hear details of the plan.

Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District #7 has asked for a permit for a fresh water introduction project in the Oyster Lake area. The project is to include cleaning out and re-opening the First Bayou channel and weir, channeling the flow of excess fresh water from the Cameron Meadows area through the structure by limiting flow through the Hwy 27 roadside canal with plugs and flap gate structures. The fresh water will then begin to flow through Mud Lake in a more natural fashion, eventually reaching Oyster Bayou. There a large water control structure is proposed to limit the amount of salt water entering the estuary from the ship channel. The structure will have four ten foot wide openings, one of which will function as a "boat bay."

The boat bay is planned to remain open to a depth of 6-8 feet to allow access to the bayou and a natural mixing of fresh and salt water at a salinity which would promote diverse biological production. The project is to be funded through a \$1 million grant through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA), which has already been matched by \$2 million in private and corporate funds expended in previous projects in the area.

According to Richard, landowners west of Hwy 27 are experiencing marsh loss from an overabundance of fresh water, while in the Mud Lake/Oyster Bayou area excessive salinity is killing that marsh as well. This project has been carefully planned out over many years to correct both these problems at the same time. He pointed out that the hydrology of Cameron Parish has been drastically altered by man-made features. West Cameron is surrounded by the Calcasieu and Sabine

Commercial fishermen's seminars set in N. Orleans

By KEVIN SAVOIE Area Fisheries Agent

On Wednesday, Dec. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m., the LSU AgCenters Sea Grant Marine Extension Program, in cooperation with the National Fisherman Magazine sponsors a day of commercial fishermen's seminars at the International Workboat Show at the Ernest M. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans.

This year, instead of spreading the seminars over a variety of topics, the program will focus on the situation within the shrimp industry. Only three possible solutions to these difficult economic times within the shrimp fishery exist: reducing imported shrimp, increasing demand specifically for US-produced shrimp or changing shrimp management to produce more profit per fisherman. In addressing the first option, the Southern Shrimp Allowed pursued and won an antidumping petition against the six largest shrimp exporters. For four of the six countries the tariffs was quite low though and the likelihood of increased imports from countries not petitioned against is high.

Efforts to promote domestic shrimp have begun with formation of a corporation, Wild American Shrimp Inc, to handle promotional funds and direct promotion efforts. Promotion will be long term work. The third option is the subject of the seminars.

River Ship Channels and the Intracoastal Waterway, all of which bring in large amounts of salt water and strong tidal flows never intended by nature.

With the probability of the Sabine Channel being deepened to 50', the Lake Charles Port Board would probably ask for the same, and the effects on Cameron marshes would get worse. "All we can do is try to protect what we have," he said.

People who depend on the estuary for a living are concerned about how this project will affect quantities of shrimp, fish, and oysters. Many pointed out that the existing water control structures are not being operated as promised, trapping shrimp and other marine life behind what have become dams. They feel that most of these projects are designed to benefit duck hunters at the expense of fishermen.

Fishermen protest that before the weirs were built, there was an abundance of shrimp in Calcasieu Lake, but now they are hard to find, and many shrimpers have gone out of business. Richard responded that the huge catches of the 1950's through 1980's were possible because salt water was killing the marshes, provided lots of food for shrimp. Without intervention, he said, the marshes would have disappeared altogether, leaving no shrimp or anything else.

Shrimper Ron Gaspard asked whether an economic impact study had been done for the project, and whether the Department of Natural Resources required one before altering the marsh. Richard said it was not required for this type of project, and so hadn't been done.

Jennifer Jones asked whether there was funding to operate the structures, Richard replied that the \$1 million grant which will pay for the project did not include operation money, but that it was being sought through CWPRA funds. He expects a response soon.

He acknowledged that some weirs have not been operated as they should have been in the past, and that the early designs did not allow proper movement of different types of marine life through the structures, but said the structures in this project are the latest design, with vertical slots which will accommodate everything from flounder to crabs, to shrimp in the water column.

The project has not yet received a permit, and Parish Administrator Tina Horn encouraged anyone who wants to have an impact on it to send written comments stating their concerns and asking for a public hearing.

Discussion will open with a presentation by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on what they learned from their intensive series of public meetings on their shrimp business plan and what they plan to do.

The NMFS presentation will be followed by three presentations on the challenges and opportunities in charged shrimp management as seen from the state level. John Roussel of Louisiana, Corky Perret of Mississippi and Robin Riechers from Texas will make these presentations.

Banana- Strawberry Smoothie

2 bananas
1 cup frozen strawberries
1 8-ounce carton vanilla low-fat yogurt
1 cup milk

Peel and cut bananas into chunks. Combine with frozen strawberries, yogurt and milk into a blender. Blend on high speed for 1 minute or until mixture is smooth. Makes 2 servings.

To help celebrate the Frozen and Refrigerated Fuel for School Festival, NFRA has created a \$12,500 Fuel for School Sweepstakes. For contest dates, official rules and entry form, visit www.BringUsToYourTable.com