

Lindsey Primeaux

Primeaux' granddaughter is model now

J. T. and Bobbie Primeaux of Creole got a big surprise recently when they looked at the Academy store's Sunday circular in the Lake Charles American Press and recognized the picture of their 10-year-old granddaughter, Lindsey, modeling a warm-up suit.

Lindsey is the daughter of Scottie and Holly Primeaux of League City, Tex. and recently started modeling as a hobby working with the Paige Parks Modeling Agency in Houston. The Academy circular came out in papers all over the nation.

Lindsey has a sister, Lexi, 12, and a brother, Peyton, 12. Her other grandparents are Jerry Todd and Joy Todd.

J. T. and Bobbie Primeaux are long time Creole residents who have been displaced by the hurricanes. However, they intend to return to Creole.

Picou killed in accident

Justin Picou, 20, a former resident of Cameron living in Sweetlake, died as the result of a single vehicle accident on Sunday, Oct. 19 on Helms Road near La. 397 in Calcasieu Parish.

The accident occurred at around 5:30 a.m. when Picou's truck traveled off the south side of the road and he overcorrected, crossing the center line and going into the north ditch. The truck reportedly overturned several times and Picou was ejected from it.

Libraries closed

All branches of the Cameron Parish Library will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 4, for the Presidential election.

The Grand Chenier Library will be used as a polling place, but will not be available for patron use.

Set your clocks back one hour Sunday morning.



TENTS SET up in the former FEMA RV park in Cameron highlight the lack of temporary housing in lower Cameron Parish following Hurricane Ike. Colder temperatures of approaching winter make the situation more serious, yet no plan has been approved to provide temporary housing in lower Cameron Parish. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Temporary housing is big problem here

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Floodplain Management and Disaster Assistance departments of the Federal Emergency Management Administration seem to be working at cross purposes when it comes to temporary housing in lower Cameron Parish after Hurricane Ike.

The Police Jury received reports on Monday concerning the progress, or lack thereof, in providing housing for those whose homes were damaged or destroyed. It seems FEMA's Disaster Assistance program will not use travel trailers again, because of formaldehyde concerns, but has asked RV parks to prepare for park model trailers.

However, since park models are considered mobile homes, they will not be allowed in the floodplain, according to Floodplain Management. Mobile homes cannot be placed in a V-zone, and FEMA has decided to use the preliminary Digital Flood Rating Maps (DFIRMs) to determine the zones, even though the parish has not accepted them. Under the DFIRMs, most of the parish is in a V-zone.

This puts the Police Jury in the position of asking for a waiver or variance of their own rules requiring elevation. And FEMA has previously threatened dire consequences if variances are given, President Sonny McGee pointed out.

Meanwhile, residents are still living in motel rooms, with relatives, or even in tents, even though water, electricity, and sewer have been available for a month in most areas.

A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday morning with the Louisiana Recovery Authority, parish officials, and FEMA to try to resolve this dilemma. LRA Director Paul Rainwater has sent a letter to FEMA requesting a

waiver of the floodplain management rules, allowing the parish to use the current Advisory Base Flood Elevation maps to determine where mobile homes can be located.

Parish Administrator Tina Horn has sent a similar letter, noting that 400 Cameron Parish residents have requested housing assistance, and many need to be located close to work or their damaged homes.

Residents are still being encouraged to contact the

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) in Grand Lake, Hackberry, or Lake Charles and check on the status of their housing requests. FEMA has advised that re-application is not a good idea, since it will trigger fraud investigation, but it is recommended to check the status and make sure housing is requested. Also, FEMA registration numbers from Hurricane Rita are not good for Ike or Gustav. Each disaster requires a new FEMA number.

'Big election' to be held next Tuesday

By JERRY WISE

After months of intensive and combative campaigning by the presidential and vice-presidential candidates, Cameron area voters are sighing with relief as the "big election" rolls around next Tuesday. The presidential election is the only one held on Tuesday in Louisiana. All other elections are conducted on Saturdays.

The big attention Tuesday will be on the race in which Democratic candidates Barack Obama and Joe Biden and Republican candidates John McCain and Sara Palin are seeking the offices of president and vice-president respectively.

There are seven other parties and candidates listed but none are expected to make more than a token showing. (See the sample ballot in this issue for a list of all the candidates.)

And of course, what is always confusing, you are not actually voting directly for these candidates but for the presidential electors who will meet after the election and cast their ballot based on how the voters voted.

In the race for U. S. Senator incumbent Mary Landrieu, a Democrat, is being challenged by John Kennedy, Republican. There are three other minor candidates on the ballot but they too will not receive many votes. (See sample ballot.)

For 7th District Congressional Seat, Charles W. Boustany, Jr., Republican, is opposed by Don Cravins, Jr., Democrat, and Peter Vidrine, no party.

Seven proposed amendments to the Louisiana Constitution also will be voted on Tuesday. A summary of these can be found elsewhere in this issue.

The Cameron parish elections, which were postponed from Oct. 4 due to the hurricane, will be decided on Nov. 4, the same time as the presidential election. These races are:

Ward 3 Constable, Davy Doxey and Ronald G. Nunez.

Ward 6 Constable, "Gwen" Sanner Constance and John H. Poole.

Ward 3 Justice of the Peace, Harold W. "Buddy" Hardie and Vernon Primeaux.



THIS COUGAR was sighted Sept. 29 in Allen Parish. The mountain lion, cougar, panther or puma are names that all refer to the same animal. Their color ranges from lighter tan to brownish grey. The only species of big cats that occur as black are the jaguar and leopard. Jaguars are native to South America and leopards are native to Africa.

Two cougars sighted in Cameron Parish

By JERRY WISE

Although they have thought to be extinct in western Louisiana, two cougars were recently sighted in Cameron Parish--and the report comes from a very good authority--a Louisiana wildlife enforcement agent.

Lt. Remy Broussard, state wildlife enforcement agent supervisor for Cameron and Calcasieu parishes, reported seeing two of the rare felines south of the Intercoastal Canal in the Gum Cove area of northern Cameron Parish.

His sighting was made on Oct. 1 while Lt. Broussard was flying over the area in a National Guard helicopter helping evacuate Hackberry residents who were stranded by the high water following Hurricane Ike.

He said the animals appeared to be full grown cougars (also known as mountain lions or panthers.) He said it was possible that they could be the same cougars that were spotted in Natchitoches on Sept. 4 and in Allen Parish on Sept. 29. These sites are about 100 miles apart.

Photos of a cougar at a site near Oberlin were made by a camera that had been set up in the woods and can be seen on the internet at the Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife site.

Broussard said cougars probably live on deer and wild hogs which are plentiful throughout this area.

A news release from the Louisiana Wildlife Dept. on the Natchitoches and Allen parish cougar sightings stated the following:

NEWS RELEASE

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has received photographic evidence of the second and third documented cougar occurrences in the state in recent history.

Private citizens sent trail camera pictures from two different sites to the department in September. LDWF Large Carnivore Program Manager Maria Davidson and LDWF Natural Heritage Zoologist Beau Gregory then conducted site investigations that confirmed the authen-

ticity of the photographs.

"The department interviewed the photo providers and investigated the sites and photographs. After inspecting all the evidence, we have concluded with the best of our abilities that the photos are in fact real and of a cougar," Davidson said.

The first photograph was taken in Natchitoches parish on Sept. 4, and the second was taken in Allen parish on Sept. 29. The sites are approximately 100 miles apart, leading to speculation that the same cougar could be in both photos.

"Given the time lapse between the two pictures it is certainly possible for a cougar to have traveled that distance," Davidson said. "Both animals have the same general appearance of a young cougar, but it is impossible to determine conclusively if the animals are one and the same. It is also impossible to determine if the animals in the photographs are wild free-ranging mountain lions, or escaped captives."

Although it is illegal to own a cougar in Louisiana, it is possible that there are some illegally held "pets" in the state. Anyone holding a captive cougar in Louisiana must have a permit issued by LDWF, as captive cougars may compromise public safety. LDWF may issue permits to existing owners in the state in order to reduce difficulties associated with determining the validity of reported cougar sightings.

The mountain lion, cougar, panther or puma are names that all refer to the same animal. Their color ranges from lighter tan to brownish grey.

The only species of big cats that occur as black are the jaguar and leopard. Jaguars are native to South America and leopards are native to Africa. Both species can occur as spotted or black, although in both cases the spotted variety is much more common. Although the department receives numerous calls about "black panthers", there has never been a documented case of a black cougar anywhere in North America.

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475 persons vote early

By CYNDI SELLERS

Early voting for the Nov. 4 general election went "very, very well," said Registrar of Voters Suzanne Sturlese. "A very encouraging 475 voters cast early ballots, and that is not including the handfuls of mail-in ballots arriving every day."

The last day to request a mail-in ballot is Oct. 31. "If we get a hundred requests on

that day, we'll mail them out," Sturlese said, "but they must be returned to our office by the end of the day on Monday, Nov. 3, to be counted."

The phone number to call to request a mail-in ballot is 775-5493. On Tuesday all parish offices in the hospital and at the court house will be closed as those areas will be used as polling places for the presidential election.



THE 2008 HACKBERRY High School homecoming court is shown above: (standing, from left) senior maids Lauren Broussard, Megan Swire, Allyson Sanner; (seated) junior maid Emily Bird, sophomore maid Erica Duhon, freshman maid Lesley Sanner, and junior maid Meghan Shipp. The court will be presented and the queen crowned at the homecoming game on Thursday, Nov. 13, at the SPAR center in Sulphur at 5:45 p.m.



TONY CHACHERE'S and Coastal Environment Operations hosted Industry Appreciation Day with a jambalaya cookout in Cameron on Thursday, Oct. 9. More than 600 workers and citizens of Cameron were fed. Pictured helping with the serving were, from left: Ray Hay, Randy Boudreaux, Tanya Bellard, and Scott Henry. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Funeral



JUSTIN PICOU

Justin Scott Picou, 20, of Sweetlake, died on Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008 in a vehicle accident.

Justin was born Sept. 15, 1988 in Lake Charles; lived in Cameron until 2005, and most recently lived in Sweetlake. He was a 2007 graduate of South Cameron High School, where he excelled in football, baseball, and wrestling.

Justin broke numerous school records and also won several state championships for wrestling. He also served on the Student Council and was a member of 4-H. He was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church and previously was an altar server for Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Justin worked as an operator for Island Operators for the past year. He also volunteered as a coach for the Grand Lake Hornet Little League football team for the past two years. An avid hunter and fisherman, he also was a hunting guide at Big Pecan Hunting Lodge and a fishing guide for Blue Water Expedition.

Justin is survived by his parents, Jerome Picou and fiancée Bonnie Breaux of

Sulphur, and Patricia George and husband Ray of Sweetlake; brother, Joshua Picou and wife Emily of Dutchtown; half-brother, Jeremy Newman and wife April of Lake Charles; step-sisters, Michelle George of Grand Chenier and Heather Guillory of Lake Charles; grandparents, Wilma Picou of Sulphur, Lizzie Dean of Alexandria, and Donald and Wiladean George of Lake Charles; niece, Aubrey Picou; nephews, Drake, Zach, and Timothy Godette; girlfriend, Crissa Morales of Sweetlake; and numerous friends and other family members.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Ralph Dean and Jean Picou, Sr.; and aunts, Angela Powell and Karen Sisson.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30, at Christ the King Catholic Church. Fathers Joseph McGrath, Wayne LeBleu and Danny Torres will officiate. Burial will follow in Sweetlake - Grand Lake Cemetery.

Visitation was held at Johnson Funeral Home on Wednesday from 3-10 p.m. with a scripture service at 6:30 p.m. and Rosary at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Thursday from 8 a.m. until the start of the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to FSMA (Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy), P. O. Box 196, Libertyville, IL 60048-0196.

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



How Boone's Corner got its name; G. Lake history

By **MRS. AGNES HEBERT**

The letter to the editor of the Cameron Pilot recently, certainly caught my attention.

I remember Charles Paulsboe and his brother Mike. They were students at Grand Lake High School at the time I was a teacher there.

As to his inquiry about the history of Boone's Corner; since I was the original partner in the store back in 1955--I feel qualified to offer some reflections of those times.

The Grand Lake School was established before my birth in 1932; but when I was enrolled in first grade in 1938, my sister Bessie was a senior in the 11th grade. My brother Bob graduated the next year. The school was located on Big Lake Island where the present day park and water tower are now located.

When I was in the 8th grade a transition began to lengthen to 12 years of schooling. In 1950, I was a member along with other seniors across Louisiana to complete the first 12 year course.

The Grand Lake and Sweetlake schools were combined and a new plant was constructed at the present site midway between the two communities.

In 1963, my high school principal who was now Cameron Parish Supt. of schools, Mr. U. E. Hackett hired me on the Grand Lake faculty.

I was a witness to the growth of the school and communities. For many years I taught in temporary classrooms even as we built additions. I taught three generations of families, but when I retired in 1995, there

were many students whose families I did not know--something unheard of before.

Just prior to Hurricane Rita, a new elementary wing was completed leaving the former elementary wing free to be used by displaced Cameron students.

Our current principal Mr. David Duhon is a former student as are several teachers. Both of the School Board members representing our area are products of our school. Scott Nunez represents the Sweet Lake area and Karen Nunez represents the Grand Lake area.

One of the earliest bus drivers at Grand Lake was my father, Alcea Hebert. He had purchased 10 acres of land in 1920 at the corner of what is now Highways 384 and 385. When he died in 1943, my family inherited that site and I was fortunate to receive my share at the corner.

Boone and I were married during the Korean War in 1952. When he was discharged from the Army, he attended SOWELA Tech. In 1955, we built a wood and tin building with every cent we had. Mr. Wilmer J. Boudreaux, a Gulf Oil distributor helped us put up gas pumps and a lift. Boone changed oil, repaired tires and gradually put in a small line of groceries.

During the time that Conway LeBleu was our State Representative and he received very emphatic complaints from Alabama Coach Bear Bryant about the lack of directions to give his friends to come and enjoy hunting in the Big Pasture with Patin Faulk, most famously known along with his son "Dud" for their duck calls.

Since Coach Bryant stopped at our store to get his favorite refreshments, he



ERNEST "BOONE" HEBERT posed for this photo for the Pilot some years ago. Because his convenience store was called "Boone's" by his customers, the location in Grand Lake became known as "Boone's Corner" which was given official recognition by the highway department when it erected this sign. The store is now operated by his son, but Boone still helps out when needed at "Boone's Corner."

wanted to know how to give strangers to the area definite directions. Rep. LeBleu convinced his friends in the Legislature to pass an act designating Hackett's Corner and Boone's Corner. The are on the maps and have road signs for directions.

In 1975, we built a new building and after our son, Butch took over management, he has added pavement, diesel pumps and covered canopies.

Claude Leach rents space for his ice business and after Hurricane Rita, Farm Bureau Ins. relocated on our property.

When we first moved here, there weren't many neighbors nor much traffic. Oh! how times have changed! Instead of counting sheep to put me to sleep, I can now count traffic; not only on the highway, but helicopter traffic overhead is heavy also.

Our communities have been enriched with the additions of many friends and neighbors from lower Cameron Parish. However, with the loss of soil barriers in the marshes, with each storm we experience more serious flooding. Hurricane Rita left both wind and water damage. Hurricane Ike pushed the surge up Big Lake all the way to Lake Charles and when the water receded it overflowed into the Big Lake, Grand Lake and Sweetlake communities.

Wind, or water, which is worse, the people of Cameron Parish can tell you "They're both bad!"

So, to Charles Paulsboe; we remember you. Ernette says to tell you "Hi".

Our entire parish is greatly changed.

Grand Lake/Sweetlake is still a nice place to live and Cameron Parish survives despite Hurricane Audrey (1957), Hurricane Rita (2005) and Gustav and Ike (2008).

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Flu shots available now in Cameron and Calcasieu

Flu shots are now available at parish health units in the Lake Charles area. The Department of Health and Hospitals is making these important shots available to people in certain high-risk groups, including children and older adults.

In defining high-risk groups, the Department of Health and Hospitals - Office of Public Health follows guidelines adopted by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. These recommendations are: Adults aged 65 and older

All children 6 months old through 18 years
Any person with a serious illness such as a chronic disease that weakens their immune system
Pregnant women

The flu shots are available at Parish Health Units at a cost of \$10. Medicaid or Medicare participants must bring their insurance card in order to cover the cost. Parents are also asked to bring their child's vaccination records.

For a list of Parish Health Units in the state, click here. Parish Health Units are open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, but some health units may be providing flu shots during special or extended hours. Individuals are encouraged to check with their local health unit for details.

Due to Hurricane Ike, the Cameron Parish Health Unit has been closed indefinitely. The Pointe Coupee Parish Health Unit has also been closed due to damages sustained by Hurricane Gustav,

but is expected to open within two weeks.

Each year, millions of individuals get the flu, with more than 36,000 people dying from this virus. While many are ill for about a week and view the flu as nothing more than an inconvenience, there are many people for whom the flu can be deadly.

Health officials also stress that good hygiene is the best way for people to protect themselves from the flu and other viruses that cause colds, sore throats and bronchitis.

"We also want to remind people that fighting the common cold and the flu with antibiotics does not work," said Office of Public Health Assistant Secretary M. Rony Francois, MD, MSPH, Ph.D. "Antibiotics do not fight these viruses and only increase the risk of developing resistant strains of bacteria."

In addition to the flu shot, Dr. Francois recommends that Louisianans keep their immune system strong by eating a healthy diet, getting an adequate amount of sleep daily, managing their stress, and engaging in regular physical activity.

For more information about obtaining a flu shot, please contact your local Parish Health Unit.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS CAMERON PARISH
Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Ln., Grand Lake, LA, Walk-in clinic: Thursday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
South Cameron Memorial

S. Cameron COUGAR High School

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The faulty, staff, and students are extremely grateful to the following organizations for their generous donations of necessary supplies:

- Sam Houston High School - monetary donation
- Pitkin High School - Marcus Sesvold's Sr. project - student desks and student tables
- Starks High School - school supplies
- Lake Charles Toyota - welcome cake
- Moss Bluff United Methodist Church - school uniforms
- Capital One - Ms. Morse - school supplies
- Cameron Communications - school supplies and welcome signs

CALENDER
Oct. 30 - Progress Reports will be sent out (1st Nine weeks report cards)

Oct 30 - Sixth grade Science Expo Day - LC Civic Center

Oct 31 - SC vs Oberlin - Away

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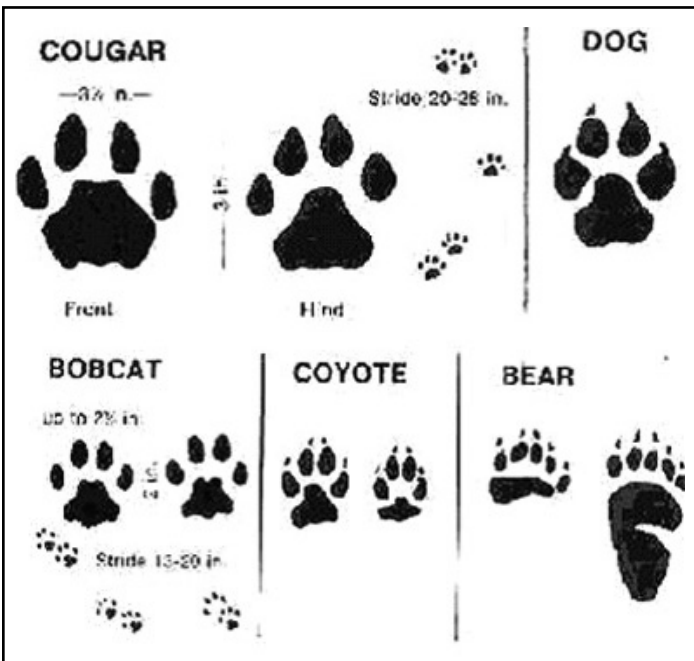
Nov 11 - Graduate Sales Orders 9 a.m.

The first recently documented cougar sighting was in 2002 by LDWF Program Manager Michael Carlross on Lake Fausse Point State Park. That sighting was later confirmed with DNA analysis from scat found at the site.

The department receives many calls reporting sightings of cougars throughout Louisiana. The vast majority of these reports cannot be verified due to the very nature of a sighting. These animals can move through an area and leave little or no evidence to be found. Many of the calls are found to be cases of mistaken identity.

Dog tracks make up the majority of the evidence submitted by those reporting cougar sightings. Other animals commonly mistaken for cougars are bobcats and house cats, usually seen from a distance or in varying shades of light.

The significant lack of physical evidence leads the department to conclude that Louisiana does not have an established, breeding population of cougars.



Cougars are still around

(EDITOR'S NOTE--The late W. T. Block, who contributed historical articles to the DeQuincy News and Cameron Pilot for years, did a column some years ago on panthers, or cougars, in southeast Texas and western Louisiana. Here is what he had to say on the animal then.)

As a child during the 1920s, I listened to many panther stories from the old-timers, and their common description for them was "black panthers." On the other hand, Galveston News microfilm between 1842 and 1914 published many instances of panthers encountering humans, including some human deaths, but never once that I recall did the paper refer to the animal's color as black.

The only panthers referred to in current literature are the Florida (felis coryi) panthers of the Everglades, which are actually charcoal gray in color, and are most endangered

species in America. Nevertheless between 1972 and 2002, there were 44 panthers killed on the highways there, and in October 2002, two Florida biologists rescued two panther kittens, the mother of which had been killed.

My dictionary describes a panther as a "cougar, puma, or mountain lion, as well as the black mutations of the African leopard or South American jaguar," it does not mention any such mutation of the cougar.

However, a century ago, a small jaguar, known in Texas as a "Mexican lion," drifted as far north as the Arizona border, and sometimes crossed the Rio Grande River into Texas. Today it is known that a few West Texas cougars (felis concolor) have wandered into East Texas.

The only time people dislike gossip is when you gossip about them.

-Will Rogers

Letters

600 fed here on Oct. 9th

Dear Editor:
Tony's Chachere's, along with Coastal Environmental Operations, Inc. hosted Industry Appreciation Day with a Jambalaya cookout in Cameron on Thursday Oct. 9. Over 600 workers and citizens of Cameron were fed.

Special thanks goes out to Tanya Bellard with Tony Chachere's and her staff for preparing the jambalaya and distributing the lunches, Pam with Lake Charles Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. who donated drinks for over 600 people, John Canik with the Kountry Store for donating the ice, Rusty Welch with Rusty's Airboat Service for helping in the preparation of the cookout, Dirk DeSonnier with Ready Rental for the use of his facilities, Coastal Environmental Operations Staff and Scott Henry for arranging the cookout and delivery of the lunches.

It is in times like these that a little does go a long way and the appreciation was felt all around. Thanks to everyone who helped in making this a success.

/s/ Randy Boudreaux

Justin Picou will be missed

Dear Editor:
I know how much he will be missed. He coached our young men in football at Grand Lake Elementary and earned a lot of friendship from them. Our young men really like him, even when he yelled just a little. Justin will always be remembered by the big heart that he had for them.

He knew what potential these young men had and tried his best to bring it out. He was a very well-mannered and polite young man. He will be greatly missed by his football team that he coached for the past two years as well as family and friends. Justin Picou will be dearly missed! Rest in peace my friend!

/s/ Teddy Broussard

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Constitutional amendments to be voted on Tuesday

Following is a summary of the seven proposed Louisiana Constitutional Amendments on which voters will pass judgment on Tuesday, Nov. 4:

Amendment No. 1 - To provide for term limits for members of the Public Service Commission, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Board of Regents, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, the Louisiana Forestry Commission, the State Civil Service Commission, and the State Police Commission.

Amendment No. 2 - To require a proclamation which calls the legislature into extraordinary session to be issued at least seven calendar days prior to the convening of the legislature in extraordinary session.

Amendment No. 3 - To require the legislature to provide by law for the prompt and temporary succession to the powers and duties of a legislator if the legislator is unavailable to perform his functions or duties due to being ordered to active duty in the armed services of the United States.

Amendment No. 4 - To increase the maximum amount of the severance tax imposed and collected by the state on natural resources, other than sulphur, lignite, and timber, which is remitted to the parish governing authority where the sever-

ance occurs from \$850,000 to \$1,850,000, for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and to \$2,850,000 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and thereafter; to require at least fifty percent of the excess severance tax remitted to a parish because of this constitutional amendment to be used within the parish only in the same manner and for the same purposes as money received by the parish from the Parish Transportation Fund.

Amendment No. 5 - To authorize the transfer of the special assessment level on property when the property for which the special assessment level applies has been sold to or expropriated by the federal government, state government, or a local governing authority or political subdivision.

Amendment No. 6 - To provide an exception to requirements of first refusal by the owner prior to sale and certain procedures for declaration of property as surplus property, when property is taken for the public purpose of removal of a threat to public or safety caused by the existing use or disuse of the property.

Amendment No. 7 - To authorize the investment in equities of monies of the state and a political subdivision which have been reserved to provide for post-employment benefits other than pensions.

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Tuesday, November 4

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No. 2 Extra Session - 7 calendar days prior	
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No. 3 Legis.-temp. successor ordered active duty	
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No. 4 Increase gen.severance tax allocat.to parish	
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No. 5 New Prop. purchased / replace prop. sold	
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AGAINST	<input type="checkbox"/>
No. 6 Remove certain restrictions on blighted prop	
FOR	<input type="checkbox"/>
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No. 7 Contributions to post-employ. benefit funds	
FOR	<input type="checkbox"/>
AGAINST	<input type="checkbox"/>

Grand Lake School will honor veterans on Nov. 11

Grand Lake School would like to honor all of its graduates who are currently serving in the United States military at its annual Veterans Day Program.

If you or someone you know is a Grand Lake graduate and currently serving in any military branch, please contact Jan Walker at Grand Lake School.

Please send a military photo and include the person's name, military branch, and where he/she is currently serving.

Photos can be sent to 1039 Hwy. 384, Lake Charles, LA 70607. You may call 905-2231 if you have any questions.

The community and all local veterans are invited to attend the annual Veterans Day Program on Nov. 11 at 9 a.m. in the front gym.



Time to check smoke alarms

As Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov. 2, at 2 a.m. the Carlyss Fire Department would like to encourage residents to adopt the life-saving habit of the Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery program. When you change your clocks in the spring and fall it's also time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detector.

Statistics show that an average of three children per day die in home fires, and 80 percent of those occur in homes without working smoke alarms. The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke alarms is worn out or missing batteries. Changing smoke alarm batteries at least once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce death and injury. Fully functioning smoke alarms have been shown to cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half.

In the event of a fire, a smoke alarm can save your life and those of your loved ones. They are a very important means of preventing house and apartment fire fatalities by providing an early warning signal--so you and your family can escape. Smoke alarms are one of the best safety devices you can buy and install to protect yourself, your family, and your home.

Smoke Alarms powered by long-lasting batteries are designed to replace the entire unit according to manufacturer's instructions. In standard battery powered smoke alarms, the batteries need to be replaced at least once per year and the whole

unit should be replaced every 8-10 years. In hard-wired, battery backup smoke alarms, the batteries need to be checked monthly, and replaced at least once per year. The entire unit should be replaced every 8-10 years. In any event, always follow the manufacturer's instructions for replacement.

Do not disable your smoke alarm if it alarms due to cooking or other non-fire causes. You may not remember to put the batteries back in the alarm after cooking. Instead clear the air by waving a towel near the alarm, leaving the batteries in place. The alarm may need to be moved to a new location. Some of the newer models have a "hush" button that silences nuisance alarms.

You should also: Plan and practice escape plans several times a year.

Make sure your whole family knows when and how to call emergency telephone numbers.

Obtain and learn how to use a fire extinguisher.

Install carbon monoxide detectors.

Consider installing residential fire sprinklers in your home.

If you live in the Carlyss area and cannot afford batteries or detectors, Ray-O-Vac and First Alert have donated a limited amount of batteries and detectors that the Carlyss Fire Department will be giving out to those that live in the district. They can be obtained by coming by the main station at 5151 Volunteer Rd. or call 583-2365.

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Tarpons lose to Warriors at Cougar Stadium Thurs.

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The Hamilton Christian Warriors (6-1, 3-0) handed the South Cameron Tarpons (5-2, 1-2) their second consecutive loss with a 33-19 score last Thursday night at Cougar stadium.

The Tarpons had started the season at 5-0 defeating four class 2A opponents. But, the Tarpons have found their own district to be a very tough one and could be looking at a 3rd place finish in district with two games remaining before the playoffs.

Hamilton took a 13-0 lead in the second quarter on a 47 yard touchdown run by Marcos Partin and an Isaiah Davis 15 yard touchdown pass to Jon Guillory.

Tarpons to play Oberlin; win vital for playoffs

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The South Cameron Tarpons will be on the road this week to take on the (3-4, 1-2) Oberlin Tigers in another key match-up for the Tarpons, who are 5-2 overall and 1-2 in district.

The Tarpons have lost two games in a row after opening the season with five straight wins, and with two games remaining; hope to get back in the win column.

With a power rating that ranks them currently around 14th, one more loss would hurt the Tarpons' chances for a home game, if they win out at Oberlin and next week at winless Elton their power rating will only get stronger.

The Tigers of Oberlin have gotten better each week with their loss to Hamilton Christian a very close game

The Tarpons made the game close with two touchdown runs of 6 and 1 yards by Kyle Little to cut the deficit to 13-13 in the 3rd quarter. From that point on Hamilton scored 20 points to put the game out of reach.

South Cameron's passing game suffered as the Tarpons' first 11 attempts fell incomplete. The Tarpons scored in the 4th quarter on a Dex Murphy 6 yard reception from Kyle Little. Little completed 4 passes for 57 yards on the final drive.

Dex Murphy had a good night running the ball for the Tarpons with 113 yards on 15 carries. Little ended the game completing 4 of 15 passes for 57 yards. Gabe Lalonde caught 2 passes for 27 yards and Dylan Dowd had one grab for 24 yards.

as they lost 34-32, and their game to a very tough Basile was a 14-7 loss.

Oberlin's power rating is currently at 31 so they are playing for a chance to make the play-offs. Both teams have a lot at stake in this game with the winner starting at a 3rd place finish in what has shaped up to be one of the toughest districts in the state.



Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



CHANGE CLOCKS AGAIN

It's that time of the year, to change our clocks back to our old times. Turn your clocks back on Sunday, Nov. 2, get that hour sleep you lost. I always like the month of November, I guess because I was born in November. But it's Autumn weather, hunting seasons are in full swing, and fishing is at its best, both for our saltwater and freshwater anglers. It's also the month hurricane season ends.

We should start seeing major migration of migratory waterfowls coming into our parish. Hopefully our marshes are not in too bad of shape, however there's going to be lots of trails to clean. Where I hunt in Grand Chenier, the canes have blocked the bayou and also the canals as well as the mudboat trails. We're going to also have to rebuild blinds.

Trapping season opens on Nov. 20 across Louisiana, what will take place with our local lower Cameron Parish, is anyone's guess.

AGENT'S JOB

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries agents made a charter boat bust in Bayou Fourchon this late spring on the Captain, deckhands and 18 paid fisherman. Checking out the boat's ice chest, there was 909 Red Snapper, counted measured and 287 were found to be under the 16 inch minimum size. (Day limit is 2 per person, however the captain and deckhand cannot have a legal limit.)

The 18 fisherman were non-Louisiana residents with no out-of-state fishing license and no saltwater licenses. There were 106 citations given and also federal charges on the possession and undersize Red Snapper and also this was all in closed season.

WORLD RECORD BASS

The once world record size largemouth bass caught by Mac Weakley, has been found dead in Dixon Lake in Escondido, California's Municipal Impoundment. It was discovered in the weeds floating. The bass died after spawning and only weighed 19 pounds when the largemouth was caught on March 23, 2006, it weighed 25.1 pounds and was released two years earlier. The bass nicknamed "Dotty", because of a spot below the gill line, was foul hooked and Weakley didn't seek official world record recognition.

HUNTING NEWS

Act 22 of the Louisiana Legislature was signed into law by Governor Bobby Jindal, that changes age requirements for all youth hunts to reflect 17 years old and younger to be able to

hunt on "youth day hunts". This is a two year increase from 15 years of age to 17 years of age.

Act 51 states the use of crossbows during archery season for all licensed hunters. Muzzlerloader season changes to primitive firearm season in the new hunting regulations. Effective now, youth deer, duck, squirrel, and dove hunts, does not apply on U. S. Fish and Wildlife service lands, prior to regular season, special early season youth waterfowl hunts.

MALLARDS

Southwest Louisiana has been a haven for mallard hunting. Greenbacks were always in waters of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Now it seems our East Coastal marshes are still good mallard hunting, but coming towards the west, it's getting tougher.

Lots of Texas hunters lease lands on Louisiana's western side because of good mallard shooting, but things are changing. is it not as much rice planted, saltwater in our freshwater marshes or a shift in migration patterns. Since Katrina and Rita, there's not near the Mallards in our Southwest area marshes as there was before, yes still some but very few.

The start of hunting season, the use of the electric ducks shows up well for mallards and pintails, it gets their attention, but it begins to work against you, especially the second split, using it every day. A big blue heron decoy is good to have by your blind, as the heron is smart and the ducks trust a spot where blue herons are feeding.

Wildlife refuges still have problems since storms

The Sabine National Wildlife Refuge has remained closed since its inundation by Ike's surge waters last month.

The refuge received widespread damage throughout its boundaries. Recreation areas along Highway 27 have damaged bridges, fishing piers, boat launches, parking areas and rest rooms.

Miles of refuge waterways remain impassable due to vegetation and debris. Sabine Refuge will remain closed until repairs are made and it is safe for the public to return.

Refuge managers anticipate that it will take a minimum of six months to begin re-opening. Sabine Refuge will not be open to hunting for the 2008-09 waterfowl season.

Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge is closed to fishing Oct. 15, through March 15. The refuge is currently open to archery white-tailed deer hunting, wildlife observation and photography.

Public waterfowl hunting is available Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays throughout the Louisiana west zone duck and coot season.

Scouting in the waterfowl hunt area is permitted Nov. 3 to Nov. 7. No weapons or blind materials are permitted while scouting. Youth only waterfowl hunting is permitted Nov. 1 and 2. The Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex Hunting Regulations brochure serves as the required permit to hunt on the refuge. Permits may be picked up at the refuge office or hunt station kiosks.

Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Gibbstown unit is currently open to

archery white-tailed deer hunting, wildlife observation and photography. The office, which serves as the Headquarters or business office for the SWLA National Wildlife Refuge Complex including Cameron Prairie, Sabine, Lacassine and Shell Keys refuges, is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

However, the Visitor Center will remain closed until construction is complete on the new exhibits and displays. The Pintail Wildlife Drive is currently closed for repairs.

Cameron Prairie Refuge's East Cove Unit is currently open to fishing, however, it will be closed during the first and second splits of the West Zone duck and coot season Nov. 8 through Nov. 30 and Dec. 13 through Jan. 18.

For additional information about any of the SW LA National Wildlife Refuges, call 598-2216 or view the website at <http://www.fws/swlarefuge-complex>.



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Cattle loss, alligators and coffins are problems here

By **HEATHER REGAN WHITE**
American Press

Local Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries agents worked overtime in Southwest Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike.

Enforcement Agent Lt. Remy Broussard said that during the storm, the LDWF set up a mobile command unit in Jennings.

"We helped pick up those in Hackberry who wanted to leave and who should have already been gone," Broussard told Sulphur Rotarians at their Wednesday meeting.

"We brought them to Ellender Bridge, where they were taken by the National Guard to local shelters or to the homes of relatives," he said.

"It's the same as it was in Rita and Katrina. People don't understand the need to get out."

Broussard said hurricanes take a toll on the department's resources.

"The salt water that came in is rough on our trucks," he said.

He said one of the bigger problems in Cameron Parish was the loss of cattle. FEMA funded the use of Chinook helicopters to distribute water and bales of hay to dry areas to feed the cattle.

Broussard said that it costs about \$9,000 an hour to man, fuel and maintain the big aircraft.

"And these were being used 7-9 hours a day," he said.

Another problem facing agents were alligators.

"The alligators were everywhere. They were looking for fresh water, food and

somewhere to rest," he said. "There was a gator in the emergency room at the hospital in South Cameron. The doors are automatic and he just walked in."

One of the more difficult tasks for the agents was coffin recovery.

"It was a hard thing to do," said Broussard. "The coffins were in remote areas and were found floating up against levees or fences."

He said that of the nearly 200 coffins found, only half were marked as only newer coffins have serial numbers on the outside.

Those that weren't marked were sent to forensic specialists for identification.

Broussard said that among the other critters that came to roost in Cameron were two cougars he spotted from a National Guard helicopter.

"I don't tell biologists that because they don't believe it's possible," he said.

"There was one silver lining," said Broussard. "Hogs came up out of the marsh to the house. I filled two freezers."

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Chenier Ecology

By **KEVIN SAVOIE**

The last group of spotted seatrout was implanted with acoustic transmitters on Oct. 13 and 15 as part of a Calcasieu Lake study. 34 fish were captured by volunteer anglers and transported to the tagging vessel. Once transferred to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries vessel, Ladyfish, they were sedated, weighed and measured.

A yellow dart tag was inserted near the fish's dorsal fin. Sex was determined either visually during surgical implant of an acoustic transmitter, by biopsy sample or by grunting/croaking during handling. Only male fish of the Sciaenidae (drum, redfish, croaker, seatrout.) family grant.

Once the transmitter was implanted and the incision stitched shut, the fish was placed in a holding tank with re-circulating water to recover. After 10 minutes, if the fish looked energetic it was released. This last group of fish brings the total number of acoustically implanted trout to more than 180.

Survival is confirmed when a fish passes within 250 meters of one of the 55 acoustic receivers placed throughout the Calcasieu

estuary. Survival rate of surgically implanted fish is good with more 80 percent of fish living for at least one month. Data will be collected for one more year.

On Wednesday, Oct. 15, a special guest participated in the project. Robert Barham, Secretary of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, caught a couple of fish, transported them to the tagging vessel and observed the entire implanting and tagging process.

In early September, Jody Callihan, PhD student at LSU in charge of the project, was confronted with a monumental task. With Hurricane Gustav threatening to destroy the receivers throughout the estuary, he along with LDWF personnel removed and safely stored all receivers, buoys and concrete anchors.

With Hurricane Ike coming through the following week, the receivers were not re-deployed until the last week of September. It will be interesting to see what effect Ike's huge storm surge has on these fish.

Boaters and fishermen are reminded not to tie off to or tamper with the yellow LSU research buoys. Also, anglers are asked to release any yellow dart tagged spotted seatrout. If the fish is not able to be released please return the transmitter so it can be used again.

To report the capture of a tagged fish call 1-800-891-3977 and give the tag number and date and location of capture. Fishermen providing this information will receive a Louisiana Sport Fish Tagging Program hat and t-shirt, and will be entered in an annual drawing for GPS units and cash prizes up to \$500.

Read more about the project at: www.seagrantfish.lsu.edu/pdfs/lagniappe/2007/05-01-2007.pdf or www.seagrantfish.lsu.edu/news/2007/fish-tags.htm

Contest told

The aroma of holiday spices, candy canes, sugar gumdrops, and gingerbread will soon swirl through the air. The Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau knows that nothing says Christmas quite like gingerbread houses!

Entry forms are now available for the Annual Gingerbread House Contest to be held at noon Saturday, Dec. 6, in conjunction with the Lake Charles Annual Christmas Lighting Festival.

Sponsored by the Lake Charles/Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau, the contest and awards ceremony will be held at Historic City Hall, 1001 Ryan St. Entry divisions include amateur, professional and school groups.

Southwest Louisiana's mascot, Gumbaux Gator, will help present the awards on Saturday, Dec. 6. The Gingerbread Houses will remain on display at the Historic City Hall throughout the month of December, and all visitors to Historic City Hall during that time will be able to vote on the People's Choice Award to be announced Monday, Dec. 29, at the Historic City Hall.

The deadline for entering the contest is Friday, Nov. 14. Entries must be delivered to the first floor of Historic City Hall between 1-4:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5.

For registration information, contact the Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau, at 436-9588 or visit www.visit-lakecharles.org.

Misconception corrected on disaster assistance

Many Louisiana residents are not aware of the disaster assistance available to them and the process for receiving it. Misunderstandings about eligibility, insurance, income qualifications, etc. abound. Here are responses to some of the more common misconceptions:

True: FEMA disaster assistance before my parish was declared a federal disaster. My application was denied and now I cannot get the help I need.

False: If you registered with FEMA, you will receive a letter with information and instructions for reconsideration of disaster assistance at the time your parish is declared. If you have not already registered with FEMA, call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The deadline to apply for Hurricane Gustav is Nov. 3, 08 and for Hurricane Ike is Nov. 12, 08.

False: FEMA sent me a letter denying me for assistance. I have no recourse to get help from FEMA.

False: A FEMA denial may mean that additional information or documentation is required in order for FEMA to consider you for assistance. Read the denial letter carefully and submit any requested documentation. If you have questions about your denial, how to submit documentation, or what to send in, call the FEMA helpline at 1-800-621-FEMA OR 1-888-294-2822.

True: I have insurance, so no other help is available.

False: FEMA will not duplicate insurance benefits, but you may be eligible for help with losses not covered or damage in excess of your coverage ("under-insured") if within FEMA's program limits.

True: I don't have to wait for my insurance adjuster before I apply for disaster assistance.

True: Don't wait for an adjuster before applying for aid or starting repairs to make your house livable. However, you should save receipts for any work done and take photographs of your damage.

True: I already repaired my home, I don't need to apply.

False: You might get reimbursed for expenses not covered by insurance or you may face unexpected expenses.

True: I got help from the Red Cross, so I can't get help from FEMA or the state.

False: FEMA and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness coordinate a number of programs to help disaster victims. These programs are different from the emergency food, clothing and shelter initially provided by the Red Cross and other voluntary agencies. Call FEMA at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or dial 211 for a referral.

True: I got help from the Red Cross, so I'm already registered with FEMA.

False: Registration with the Red Cross is not the same as registration with FEMA. For federal and state disaster assistance, you must apply by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or the TTY number, 1-800-462-7585.

True: I don't have to be poor to qualify for disaster aid.

True: FEMA and state disaster assistance is available to those who suffered damage regardless of income. The programs are based on disaster-related needs and the assistance is income-tax free.

True: I have to be turned down by my bank before I can apply for a disaster loan.

False: If you lived in a declared county you are eligible to apply for a low-interest disaster loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). If SBA cannot approve your home loan application you may be referred to FEMA for possible additional assistance, but that can't happen if you don't return your completed SBA disaster loan application.

True: I must own a business to apply for a loan from the SBA.

False: The SBA low-interest disaster loan is the primary source of long-term recovery assistance for homeowners, renters and business owners. SBA covers uninsured or underinsured losses for real estate as well as personal property.

True: I rent an apartment. I can't get help.

False: There are several types of assistance available to renters. One type of grant helps renters with temporary housing if they have to move because of disaster damage or loss. Renters also may qualify for an SBA low-interest disaster loan for personal property damages.

True: If I accepted a disaster grant, a lien can be placed on my home.

False: Disaster grants are not loans and do not have to be repaid unless it is an SBA low-interest loan.

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FEMA tells requirements for repairing flood damages

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) advises Louisiana residents who must repair flood-damaged homes or businesses to be aware of the special requirements for buildings that have been substantially damaged or will be substantially improved. Individual property owners need to work closely with their local community officials to ensure compliance with floodplain regulations – or else their flood insurance rates could be significantly higher.

Both substantially damaged and substantially improved structures must be brought into compliance with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. Among other things, these regulations require that homes be elevated to or above the 100-year or base flood level, and that businesses and non-residential structures be flood-proofed.

The NFIP, a Federal program enabling property owners

to purchase flood insurance, is based on an agreement between local communities and the Federal government. Under this agreement, new construction and substantially improved structures located in a flood hazard area will be mitigated to reduce future flood risks.

In return, the Federal government will make flood insurance available within the community as a financial protection against flood losses. As a result of this agreement, if a home or business is located in the 100-year floodplain (a special flood hazard area where there is a 1 percent chance of flooding in any given year), the community's flood regulations may affect how people repair, rebuild or relocate their homes or businesses.

Below are some frequently asked questions and answers.

What is a substantially damaged building?

A substantially damaged building is a structure that

has been so badly damaged that to repair it will require an expenditure of 50 percent or more of the building's pre-damaged market value. For example, if the market value of a home is \$100,000 but it sustains damage and the damage will cost \$50,000 or more to repair, that home is considered substantially damaged.

What is a substantially improved building?

A substantially improved building is one that will be reconstructed, rehabilitated, will receive an addition, or otherwise be improved and the improvement cost equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the start of construction. This term includes structures which have incurred substantial damage.

Sometimes a building sustains less than 50 percent damage; however the owner decides not only to repair the building, but also to improve it. The result can be a substantially improved building.

For example, if repairing the building costs 30 percent of the structure's market value and adding another room costs 20 percent or more of the structure's market value, then taken together, the repairs and improvement equal 50 percent of the structure's market value so that the owner now has a substantially improved building.

Who determines whether a structure has been substantially damaged?

Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the community permit official to ensure that market value estimates are reasonably accurate and that the cost estimate reasonably reflects the actual costs to fully repair the damage and make any other improvements to the structure. However, the local permit official may require the permit applicant or owner of the building to supply the necessary information, such as appraisals, construction cost estimates, etc.

How much accuracy is needed in determining whether a structure is substantially damaged?

The closer the improvement or damage appears to approach 50 percent of the market value of the structure, the greater the precision needed in determining substantial improvement. For example, if the damage suffered appears to be minor (40 percent or less) compared to the market value of the structure, more approximate methods for determining substantial improvement may be acceptable. The same is true if the damage suffered is extensive (60 percent or more). However, if the damage suffered or improvement to be made is suspected to be between 40 percent and 60 percent of the structure's market value, then detailed, itemized estimates for the cost of repair and definitive estimates of market value must be used.

What happens if a substantially damaged or substantially improved structure is not built in compliance with community floodplain management regulations?

If a structure is substantially damaged or substantially improved and is not in compliance with the community's floodplain management regulations, insurance rates and premiums will be significantly higher for that structure. For substantially damaged structures that have their lowest floors several feet or more below the base flood elevation, the annual premium could increase to thousands of dollars. Structures that are not built in compliance jeopardize the community by putting them in violation of their flood damage prevention ordinance, which could result in the community being put on probation or suspended from the NFIP.

Keeping kids safe while they are Trick or Treating

Most people think of Halloween as a time for fun and treats, and while we're not trying to scare you, parents should be aware that Halloween is one of the most dangerous times of the year for children.

Joni Fontenot, spokesperson for the Safety Council of Southwest Louisiana says roughly four times as many children aged 5-14 are killed while walking on Halloween evening compared with other evenings of the year, and falls are a leading cause of injuries among children on Halloween.

"Many Halloween-related injuries can be prevented if parents closely supervise school-aged children during trick-or-treat activities. The excitement of the night can cause children to forget to be careful. That's why it's important for parents to be aware of safety hazards and do what they can to ensure a fun--and safe--Halloween."

The Safety Council advises these tips for trick-or-treaters:

Trick-or-treating should be supervised by an adult in well-known neighborhoods. Carry a flashlight.

Stay on well-lit roads and visit well-lit houses.

Avoid short-cuts. Stay on sidewalks or on the side of streets.

Add reflective tape to costumes if it doesn't already

have any. Avoid masks that limit vision. Choose instead to wear makeup or face paint.

If your child is carrying a prop such as a staff or a pitchfork, make sure the edges are dull and your child carries it upright, not in the way of other children.

If you are driving during Halloween, slow down.

Instruct your child not to eat any candy until it has been examined by you. If the candy looks like it may have been opened, or there are holes in the wrapper, or it looks or smells odd in any way, throw it out.

If you plan to give out candy, make sure your visitors have a good time at your house by doing the following: Make sure your lawn is free and clear of any obstacles that could be tripped over in the dim light.

Provide store-bought treats that are individually wrapped.

Keep your home well-lit.

If you decorate with jack-o-lanterns with candles inside, supervise them at all times and make sure they are out of the path the trick-or-treaters will use.



— NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC — NOVEMBER 4, 2008 ELECTION AMENDMENT #4

On November 4, 2008, you will be asked to vote on Constitutional Amendment No. 4. The passage of Constitutional Amendment No. 4 will mean an additional \$1 million in 2009 and an additional \$2 million+ thereafter for Cameron Parish. The increase would come from severance tax on oil and gas produced in the Parish.

AT LEAST 50% OF THE INCREASE IN REVENUE MUST BE SPENT ON LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES. THIS IS NOT A NEW TAX. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT DOES NOT CHANGE OR INCREASE THE CURRENT TAX RATE.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE.

Magnus McGee, President
Cameron Parish Police Jury

RUN: Oct. 23 & 30 (O-38)

THE CAMERON PARISH LIBRARY BOARD IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF LIBRARY DIRECTOR.

Description: The Library Director is responsible for all aspects of library operation, including hiring and supervision of employees, collection development, budgeting and financial management, grant writing, public relations, and facilities management. The Director reports to the Library Board of Control and serves as secretary for the Board.

Requirements: Master of Library and Information Science degree from ALA accredited program and five years of library experience, with some supervisory experience. State certification required within one year of employment. Knowledge of and experience in financial management, budgeting, human resource management, technology, collection development, public relations and communication required. Grant writing helpful. Ability to work with government, educational and community groups essential.

Salary and Benefits: \$40,000-\$60,000 range, depending on qualifications. Excellent retirement, insurance, and vacation/sick leave/holidays as provided for all Cameron Parish employees. Library vehicle available for work related travel within the parish.

Send resume and contact information for three professional references to: Cynthia L. Sellers, P. O. Box 44, Cameron, LA 70631.

Deadline: Nov. 17, 2008

RUN: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13 (O 57)

— NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC —

The Cameron Parish Police Jury has changed its November meeting to 9:00 a.m., Friday, November 7, 2008. The meeting will be held at the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge in Grand Lake.

RUN: Oct. 30 (O-56)

CAMERON PARISH SOLID WASTE New Dump Hours AS OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2008

Johnson Bayou Site		Hackberry Site	
Wednesday	9:00-5:00	Sunday	1:00-5:00
Thursday	9:00-5:00	Monday	1:00-5:00
Friday	9:00-5:00	Friday	1:00-5:00
Saturday	9:00-5:00	Saturday	1:00-5:00

Sweetlake Site		Klondike Site	
Sunday	1:00-5:00	Wednesday	12:00-4:00
Monday	1:00-5:00	Thursday	12:00-4:00
Tuesday	1:00-5:00	Friday	12:00-4:00
Saturday	9:00-5:00	Saturday	12:00-4:00

Grand Chenier Site		Cameron Site	
All Week	8:00-6:00	All Week	8:00-4:00

Lowry Site		Big Lake Site	
Sunday	12:00-5:00	Sunday	1:00-5:00
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RUN: Oct. 30 & Nov. 6 O-58

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NOTICE OF RELOCATION OF POLLING PLACES

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

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

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

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

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

Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA

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

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

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

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

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Cameron Parish Courthouse, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA

• Precinct 15: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron and relocated to:

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

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•6 ACRES:Carlyss, corner of Jonny Jones Rd. and A. A. Devall Rd. High and well drained. Cleared and prepared, \$120,000. Call: (337) 540-5413. 10/15 - 10/22p.

•18 ACRES: Grand Lake, Parish Line Rd., \$180,000. Call: (337) 540-5413. 10/15 - 10/22p

REAL ESTATE

REAL ESTATE: 50 wooded acres 15 miles north of DeQuincy on N. Bearhead Rd., Paved road, utilities. Call (337) 375-2090. 10/1 - 10/29p.

LAND FOR Sale: Approximately 132 acres on Hwy 92 in Mermentau. Black-top frontage. Total price, \$299,500. Serious inquiries only (337) 536-7902. 101 - 10/22p.

•20 ACRES of wooded timberland for sale north of DeQuincy, Beauregard Parish. Please contact Darlene Nortman with Coldwell Banker Elite at (337) 274-2466 or (337) 463-2004 for more information.

ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Cameron Parish School Board is issuing a Request for Qualifications for Architectural and Engineering Services for rebuilding of the Bus Garage/Warehouse at the previous site of the Audrey Memorial Elementary School located in Cameron, LA.

Projects needing A&E services shall include damages incurred by Hurricane Rita to the Audrey Memorial Elementary School site.

Firms wishing to be considered for the providing of services shall be licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana.

Resume and Qualifications of A&E firms shall be submitted to: Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue, Cameron Parish School Board, P. O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631.

Express mailing or hand delivery to: Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue, Cameron Parish School Board, 1027 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, LA 70607 (in temporary building on west side of Grand Lake High School).

Any questions should be e-mailed to: stephanie_rodrigue@camsch.org.

Solicitation deadline is November 3, 2008.

RUN: Oct. 16, 23, 30 (O-29)

NOTICE OF POLLING PLACES

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

— POLLING PLACES —

- Precinct 1, location: Johnson Bayou Rural Health Clinic 6240 Gulf Beach Highway, Johnson Bayou, LA
- Precinct 2, location: Cameron Parish Courthouse 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA
- Precinct 3, location: Hackberry Multipurpose Building 986 Main Street, Hackberry, LA
- Precinct 4, location: Hackberry Multipurpose Building 986 Main Street, Hackberry, LA
- Precinct 5, location: Grand Lake Recreation Center 108 Recreation Lane, Grand Lake, LA
- Precinct 8, location: Lowry Fire Station 460 Lowry Hwy., Lowry, LA
- Precinct 9, location: Klondike Community Center Veterans Memorial Drive, Klondike, LA
- Precinct 12, location: South Cameron Memorial Hospital 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, LA 70631
- Precinct 13, location: South Cameron Memorial Hospital 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, LA 70631
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- Precinct 15, location: Cameron Parish Courthouse 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA
- Precinct 16, location: Grand Lake Recreation Center 108 Recreation Lane, Grand Lake, LA
- Precinct 17, location: Grand Chenier Library 2867 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier, LA

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

— Notice of Bid —

The Cameron Parish School Board is advertising for bids for the purpose of surplus school buses. Bids will be received at the Cameron Parish School Board Office on or before the hour of 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7, 2008 on the following:

Buses that do not run:

- Bus #6782; 1990; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 66
- Bus #2927; 1989; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 60
- Bus #7304; 1992; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 60

Buses that do run, but are hard to start and are faded and/or rusted:

- Bus #6783; 1990; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 60
- Bus #9758; 1991; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 60
- Bus #7303; 1992; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 60
- Bus #9813; 1991; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 60
- Bus #2925; 1989; International body; diesel engine; seating capacity 60

Handicap mini bus with no air conditioning:

- Bus #7079; 1995; International body; gasoline engine seating capacity 20

All bus engines were running when they were taken out of service. If bidding on more than one bus, each bus must have a separate bid. Check or money order in the amount of the bid must be sealed in an envelope, labeled "Surplus Bus #_____" on the outside of the envelope, and mailed to: Cameron Parish School Board, P.O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631. Bus description must be indicated on check or money order. Unsuccessful bids will be returned so please include address inside envelope. Cameron Parish School Board employees are not eligible to bid or purchase.

Please call Anna Murphy, Purchasing Agent, at 337-905-5784, ext. 109 with any questions. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

Cameron Parish School Board /s/ Stephanie Rodrigue STEPHANIE RODRIGUE, SUPERINTENDENT

RUN: Oct. 16, 23 and 30 (O 30)

REAL ESTATE

CENTURY21 MIKE D Bono & Co.'s, 4410 Nelson Rd., Lake Charles, La. 70605, (337) 478-1578. Darrell Carriere, Agent, Phone: (337) 802-8251.

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•SE LAKE Charles/ Iowa, La. - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath large home on one acre, \$179,500. Much more! Must see!

•S LAKE Charles - 3 bedroom, 2 bath large home, 1 1/2 years old, some inside completion needed. Seller will offer stipens for completion. Make offer, \$205,700.

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•17.4 ACRES: North Sulphur, Koontze Rd. area. High and well drained. Blacktop road, \$130,500. Call: (337) 540-5413. 10/15 - 10/22p

REAL ESTATE

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Rose show set Nov. 8

The Southwest Rose Society presents the Fall Rose Show, Saturday, Nov. 8, 1-5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 9, 12-3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church (corner of Broad and Kirkman) in Lake Charles.

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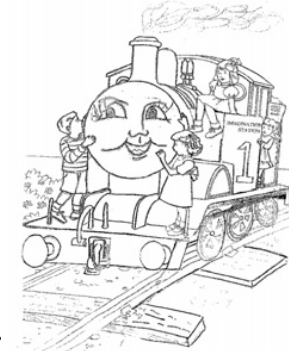
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 Precinct 16: location: Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Lane, Grand Lake, La.
 Precinct 17: location: Grand Chenier Library, 2867 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier, La.

RUN: Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 (O 25)
NOTICE OF RELOCATION OF POLLING PLACES
 According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, the following is a listing of Cameron Parish Polling Places which had to be relocated due to the damage caused by Hurricane Ike along with their new locations.
 These Polling Places were relocated by the Cameron Parish Places Jury to their new locations due to the devastation and emergency situations caused by Hurricane Ike.
 Precinct 1: Moved from the Johnson Bayou Community Center, 5556 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou and relocated to: **JOHNSON BAYOU RURAL HEALTH CLINIC, 6240 Gulf Beach Hwy., Johnson Bayou, La.**
 Precinct 2: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron and relocated to: **CAMERON PARISH COURTHOUSE, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.**
 Precinct 12: Moved from the Muria Fire Station, 129 Muria Road, Creole and relocated to: **SOUTH CAMERON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, La.**
 Precinct 13: Moved from the Creole Fire Station, 184E East Creole Hwy., Creole and relocated to: **SOUTH CAMERON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, 5360 West Creole Hwy., Cameron, La.**
 Precinct 14: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, Cameron and relocated to: **CAMERON PARISH COURTHOUSE, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.**
 Precinct 15: Moved from the Cameron Parish Emergency Operations Center, 122 Recreation Center Lane, and relocated to: **CAMERON PARISH COURTHOUSE, 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, La.**
 RUN: OCT. 9, 16, 23, 30 (O 26)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
 Sealed bids will be received for the State of Louisiana by the Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control, Claiborne Office Building, 1201 North Third Street, Conference Room I-145 (South Entrance 1st Floor-1st door on the right), Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095 until 2:00 p.m., **Tuesday, November 25 2008.**
 ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE BID OPENING.
FOR: Hurricane Rita Repairs, DOTD District 07 - Holly Beach Unit, Holly Beach, Louisiana
 PROJECT NUMBER: 01-107-05B-13, Part UA
 Complete Bidding Documents may be obtained from:
Jeffrey M. Kudla, Architect, LLC, 429 Kirby Street Lake Charles, La. 70701 337-436-3650
 upon deposit of \$100.00 for each set of documents. Deposit on the first two sets are fully refundable to all bonafide prime Bidders upon return of the documents, in good condition, no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. Fifty percent (50%) of the deposit of all other sets of documents will be refunded upon return of documents as state above.
 All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or Facility Planning and Control Bid Bond

Form written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana, signed by the surety's agency or attorney-in-fact. Surety must be listed on the current U. S. Department of the Treasury Management Service list of approved bonding companies as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the amount for which it obligates itself in the Bond, or must be a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A- rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide. If surety qualifies by virtue of its Best's listing, the amount of the Bond may not exceed ten percent (10%) of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide. The Bid Bond shall be in favor of the State of Louisiana, Office of Facility Planning and Control, and shall be accompanied by appropriate power of attorney. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by an method is acceptable.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract amount. Surety must be listed currently on the U. S. Department of Treasury Financial Management Service List (Treasury List) as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the contract amount, or must be an insurance company domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents. If surety is qualified other than by listing on the Treasury list, the contract amount may not exceed fifteen percent of policyholders' surplus as shown by surety's most recent financial statements filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance and may not exceed the amount of \$500,000. However, a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A- rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide shall not be subject to the \$500,000 limitation, provided that the contract amount does not exceed ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide nor fifteen percent of the policyholders' surplus as shown by surety's most recent financial statements filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance. The Bond shall be signed by the surety's agent or attorney-in-fact.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at Holly Beach Maintenance Unit, Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD) District 07, 5501 HWY 27 (Holly Beach Hwy), Holly Beach, La.
 Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA. R.S. 37:2150-2163 for classification of **Building Construction**. Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA. R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(c). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2214.
 The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with LA. R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(b), the provisions and requirements of this Section, those stated in the advertisement for bids, and those required on the bid form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.
 When this project is financed either partially or entirely with State Bonds, the award of this Contract is contingent upon the granting of lines of credit, or the sale of bonds of bonds by the State Bond Commission. The State shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract Between Owner and Contractor is fully executed.
 Facility Planning and Control is a participant in the Small Entrepreneurship Program (the Hudson Initiative) and bidders are encouraged to consider participation. Information is available from the Office of Facility Planning and Control or on its website at www.doa.louisiana.gov/fpc/fpc.htm

STATE OF LOUISIANA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL
JERRY W. JONES, DIRECTOR
 RUN: Oct. 23, 30 & Nov. 6 (O 34)

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that Cameron Parish intends to apply for a federal grant for operating assistance and/or capital assistance to provide Rural Public Transportation of a non-emergency, ambulatory nature for the FY 2008-2009 program year. The application for assistance is pursuant to the Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program of 49 CFR 5311. Services will generally be between 8 and 4, Monday through Friday, in the area encompassing Cameron Parish, Louisiana.
 Written comment on the proposed services may be sent within 15 days to P. O. Box 8801, Grand Lake, LA 70607, and to Rural Transportation Program Manager, Department of Transportation, P. O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245. Comments must be received by November 28, 2008.
 RUN: Oct. 30 & Nov. 13 (O 37)

PUBLIC NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BOARD OF REVIEW
 Notice is hereby given that the Cameron Parish Police Jury will meet as a Board of Review on Saturday, October 25, 2008 thru Saturday, November 8, 2008 with the actual hearing date being Friday, November 7, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Cameron Prairie Wildlife Refuge,

1428 Hwy 27, Sweetlake, Bell City, Louisiana 70630 to hear any and all protests from taxpayers on their 2008 assessments.
 The Board shall consider the written or oral protests of any taxpayer desiring to be heard that has filed protests 7 days prior to the public hearing. Protests shall be filed in person at the Police Jury office located at South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 West Creole Highway, Cameron, Louisiana 70631 or by certified mail to Post Office Box 1280, Cameron, Louisiana 70631.
 R. E. "Bobby" Conner, CLA
 Cameron Parish Assessor
 RUN: Oct. 23 & 30 (O 39)

LEGAL NOTICE
 This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 20th day of October 2008 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Waste System Improvements pursuant to the certain Contract I between said Cameron Police Jury and Jan's Construction for a Water Distribution System recorded under File No. 306624, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.
 By: Magnus McGee, President
 RUN: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Dec. 4 (O 43)

LEGAL NOTICE
 This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 20th day of October 2008 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Water System Improvements pursuant to the certain Contract IIA between said Cameron Parish Police Jury and Griner Drilling for a Waterwell Refurbishment recorded under File No. 306625, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums in the absence of any such claims or liens.
 By: Magnus McGee, President
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LEGAL NOTICE
 This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting regular session convened on the 20th day of October 2008 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Water System Improvements pursuant to the certain Contract IIB between said Cameron Parish Police Jury and TREK, Inc. for a Ground Storage Tank recorded under File No. 306626, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.
 By: Magnus McGee, President
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Minutes of Meeting
 Cameron Parish Drainage District 9
 August 21, 2008, 6:00 PM
Hackberry Permit Office ADMINISTRATIVE:
 Byron Gibbs: President
 Wesley Hardin: Vice President
 Veronica Sellers: Secretary/Treasurer
 Members Present: Bryon Gibbs, Wesley Hardin, Paul Constance, Grant Gremillion
 Members Absent: Jared Desormeaux
 Guests: None
TREASURER'S REPORT
 Checking Account: \$256,960.16
 CDs: \$150,000.00
 Minutes of the previous meeting, August 21, 2008 and the Treasurer's Report were distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. P. Constance made a motion to approve the minutes of previous meeting as presented. W. Hardin seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.
BOARD BUSINESS:
 1. The board discussed Artie Seay's drainage problem. B. Gibbs stated that Blaine Johnson, Arabe Environmental Solutions, is preparing the scope of work for the job. B. Gibbs asked that further discussion be put on hold until the next meeting. P. Constance seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 2. Spraying of laterals was discussed.
 3. B. Gibbs will get with Steve Racca, Hackberry Police Juror, to discuss guidelines for the drainage boards.
 4. The month's invoices were presented to the board for a motion to pay the invoices. W. Hardin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Permits were presented to the board for approval. P. Constance made a motion to approve the permits and G. Gremillion seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
 6. The board approved the purchase of a measuring wheel and an aerial photo map of the Hackberry area.
 7. The next drainage board meeting will be held September 17, 2008 at the Hackberry Permit Office.
 With no further business presented before the board, the meeting was adjourned.
 Minutes prepared and submitted by Veronica Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer.
 /s/ Bryon Gibbs
 BRYON GIBBS
 President

/s/ Veronica Sellers
VERONICA SELLERS
 Secretary/Treasurer
 RUN: Oct. 30 (O 46)

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH WATER AND WASTEWATER DISTRICT NO. 1
 September 25, 2008
 The Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. 1 Board met in regular session on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 2:00 PM in the water district office located at 126 Ann Street in the town of Cameron, Louisiana.
 Members present were: J. C. Murphy, Bobby Doxey, Tammy Peshoff, James Boudreaux, Tony Porche, and Angie Brown.
 Absent:
 Guest: Coy Vincent
 President J. C. Murphy called the meeting to order.
 On a motion by Bobby Doxey, seconded by Tony Porche and carried to approve and dispense from reading of the August minutes.
 On a motion by James Boudreaux, seconded by Tammy Peshoff and carried to approve the financial statement.
 On a motion by Bobby Doxey, seconded by Tony Porche and carried that the bills for the month be paid.
 On a motion by Tony Porche, seconded by James Boudreaux and carried to allow the program management teams of Royal Engineering Firm manage all FEMA project worksheets.
 On a motion by Tony Porche, seconded by Tammy Peshoff and carried there being no further business the meeting stand adjourned.

/s/ J. C. Murphy
J. C. Murphy, President
 Cameron Parish Water & Wastewater District #1
 /s/ Kathryn Guilbeau
 Kathryn Guilbeau, Secretary
 RUN: Oct. 30 (O 47)

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008
 The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2008, at the Cameron Courthouse in the Village of Cameron, Louisiana at 5:30 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Stephen Racca, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Kirk Burleigh, Mr. Scott Trahan; absent was Mr. Thomas McDaniel and Mr. Charles Precht, III.
 It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burleigh and carried, that the following items shall be added to the agenda:
 8. Appointments:
 d. Mosquito Control
 11. President Authority to Sign:
 h. Lease - Waterworks Dist. #9/Fire Dist. #9
 12a. Holly Beach Aerial Photos
 13. Plan Change:
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 The vote thereon was, as follows:
 YEAS: Darryl Farque, Kirk Burleigh, Scott Trahan, Steve Racca, Magnus McGee
 NAYS: None
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:
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 It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burleigh and carried, that the reading of the minutes shall be dispensed with and approved.
 It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the applications for the following permits be and the same are hereby approved with the stipulations setforth by the respective Gravity Drainage Districts:
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 It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burleigh and carried, that the reading of the minutes shall be dispensed with and approved.
 It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the applications for the following permits be and the same are hereby approved with the stipulations setforth by the respective Gravity Drainage Districts:
 a. Ventum Mandalay, LP - Creole, Sections 15 & 16, T13S, R7W, (proposed meter site and 4.5-inch pipeline to produce the Miami Corp. Well Nos. 1 & 2), Cameron Parish, LA. (080902)
 b. Ballard Exploration Company, Inc. - Sabine Lake, Section N/A, T13S, R14W, (proposed 10-inch pipeline to serve SL 16095 existing facility), Cameron Parish, LA. (080904)
 c. Samson Contour Energy E&P, LLC - Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge, Section 12, T12S, R6W, (proposed access road, drillsite, and structures for drilling Lacassine No. 1 Well), Cameron Parish, LA. (080906)
 It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the applications for the following permits be and the same are hereby approved with the stipulations setforth by the respective Gravity Drainage Districts:
 a. Pioneer Exploration, LLC - Emergency Use Authorization, Oak Grove, Section 34, T14S, R7W, (After-the-Fact emergency pit construction and soil boring sampling project resulting from a well blowout of the Meaux No. 1 located in Kings Bayou Field), Cameron Parish, LA. (080901)
 b. Ballard Exploration Company, Inc. - Sabine Lake, Section N/A, T13S, R14W, (proposed abandonment and removal of (2) 6-inch flowlines serving Texaco Fee Well No. 1), Cameron

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008
 The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2008, at the Cameron Courthouse in the Village of Cameron, Louisiana at 5:30 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Stephen Racca, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Kirk Burleigh, Mr. Scott Trahan; absent was Mr. Thomas McDaniel and Mr. Charles Precht, III.
 It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burleigh and carried, that the following items shall be added to the agenda:
 8. Appointments:
 d. Mosquito Control
 11. President Authority to Sign:
 h. Lease - Waterworks Dist. #9/Fire Dist. #9
 12a. Holly Beach Aerial Photos
 13. Plan Change:
 g. Project #0603-II
 h. Project #2007-21
 i. Project #2007-34
 j. Project #2008-08
 k. Project #2007-14
 l. Project #2007-01
 m. Project #2007-01
 The vote thereon was, as follows:
 YEAS: Darryl Farque, Kirk Burleigh, Scott Trahan, Steve Racca, Magnus McGee
 NAYS: None
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:
 Thomas McDaniel, Charles Precht, III.
 It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burleigh and carried, that the reading of the minutes shall be dispensed with and approved.
 It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the applications for the following permits be and the same are hereby approved with the stipulations setforth by the respective Gravity Drainage Districts:
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CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

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OVERRUN: \$15,836.65

To provide writing in underground piping for electrical service

It was moved Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the following Plan Change is hereby approved:

PLAN CHANGE AND/OR SPECIAL AGREEMENT PROJECT NO. 2007-21
POST RITA RESTORATION OF THE JETTY PIER FACILITY PLAN CHANGE NO. TWO

OVERRUN: \$34,500.00

To include test pile based upon USACE pile driving manual and recommendation of Royal Engineering

It was moved Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the following Plan Change is hereby approved:

PLAN CHANGE AND/OR SPECIAL AGREEMENT PROJECT NO. 2007-34
POST RITA RESTORATION OF THE EAST CAMERON MAINTENANCE PLAN CHANGE NO. ONE

OVERRUN: \$55,479.00

To include cost increases for "hot dipped" galvanized primary framing with "cold-rolled" galvanized or "pre-galvanized" secondary framing in lieu of STD "red-oxide" primer in the base and to include a test pile based upon USACE pile driving manual and recommendation of Royal Engineering

It was moved Mr. Burligh, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that the following Plan Change is hereby approved, pending the consensus of Royal Engineering:

PLAN CHANGE AND/OR SPECIAL AGREEMENT PROJECT NO. 2008-08
POST RITA RESTORATION OF CAMERON MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING PLAN CHANGE NO. FOUR

OVERRUN: \$2,836.07

To increase the contract price to replace roofing on front entry canopy with a built up system rather than metal

It was moved Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Burligh and carried, that the following Plan Change is hereby approved:

PLAN CHANGE AND/OR SPECIAL AGREEMENT PROJECT NO. 2007-14
POST RITA RESTORATION OF MURIA OFFICE AND FIRE STATION PLAN CHANGE NO. SEVEN

OVERRUN: \$4,790.38

To provide additional hazard mitigation by elevating the AC condensing units on a steel platform above the ABFE and relocating the generator on the platform to allow for proper installation of propane tank

It was moved Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the following Plan Change is hereby approved:

PLAN CHANGE AND/OR SPECIAL AGREEMENT PROJECT NO. 200701
NEW FIRE STATION BUILDING FOR DISTRICT NO. ONE PLAN CHANGE NO. ONE

OVERRUN: \$32,120

It was moved Mr. Burligh, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that the following Plan Change is hereby approved:

PLAN CHANGE AND/OR SPECIAL AGREEMENT PROJECT NO. 200701
NEW FIRE STATION BUILDING FOR DISTRICT NO. NINE PLAN CHANGE NO. ONE

OVERRUN: \$32,120

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Trahan and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION PARISH OF CAMERON STATE OF LOUISIANA

A RESOLUTION BY THE CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY AUTHORIZING CAMERON PARISH PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR LGAP GRANT FUNDING FOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7 AND JOHNSON BAYOU RECREATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Local Government Assistance Program is accepting applications for the 2008-2009 funding cycle; and WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury is the governing body of Cameron Parish; and WHEREAS, Fire Protection District No. 7 and Johnson Bayou Recreation District of the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana are entities of the Cameron Parish Police Jury; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury has authorized Cameron Parish Planning & Development to submit applications for LGAP funding for Cameron Parish entities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Cameron Parish Police Jury fully endorses to authorize Cameron Parish Planning & Development to submit a funding grant application to the LGAP program on behalf of the Cameron Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 and the Johnson Bayou Recreation District.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 8th day of September, 2008.

APPROVED: MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burligh and carried, that the Cameron Parish Courtroom shall be named in honor of the retiring Honorable Hadley Ward Fontenot.

It was moved by Mr. Racca, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that the Administrator is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to seek cost estimates for the demolition, hauling and disposal of condemned property owned by Patricia East and located at 483 Old Town road,

Hackberry; and furthermore, to hire the lowest bidder to perform same.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby conditionally accept as complete and satisfactory the work performed by Sam Istre Construction, Inc. as Project Number 2007-14: Post Rita Restoration of Muria Fire Station and the Secretary shall cause the necessary advertisement for the claims to be made in a manner and form provided by law.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the insurance renewal quotes for the policy year September 15, 2008 to September 14, 2009, as submitted by Louisiana Companies, as follows:

General Liability \$111,088
Public Officials' Liability 17,901
Worker's Compensation 51,954

An option to lower the liability deductible from \$25,000 to \$10,000 was declined. An option to purchase an umbrella liability policy for an additional \$1,000,000 in coverage was declined.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the renewal quote for Business Automobile coverage for the policy year September 15, 2008 through September 14, 2009, as submitted by Louisiana Companies, as follows:

Business Automobile \$84,827

It was moved by Mr. Burligh, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the addition of a streetlight to be placed at the temporary fire station in Cameron to be used for the mutual benefit of the Sheriff's Investigator's Office, Cameron Fire Protection District No. One and the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the addition of a streetlight to be placed on Camille Lane for the benefit of the Fire Protection District No. Seven.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay the August, 2008 bills.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burligh and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED: MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: Oct. 30 (O 48)

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
September 16, 2008

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in special session on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at the Cameron Prairie Wildlife Refuge in the Village of Grand Lake, Louisiana at 2:00 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Steve Racca, Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. Kirk Burligh, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Thomas McDaniel and Mr. Charles Precht, III.

Clifton Hebert, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, provided a status report of post-Hurricane Ike issues.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan that all residences not flooded by Hurricane Ike be allowed to have their electricity restored as soon as it is available. After a discussion, Mr. Trahan rescinded his motion.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, the wrath of Hurricane Ike left Cameron Parish, LA with floodwaters higher than the devastation from Hurricane Rita in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is to be commended for helping Cameron, Vermilion and Calcasieu Parishes drain excess waters through the lock system; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Alvin Lee, Chris Accardo and Kevin Galley have worked the locks in drainage mode since Hurricane Ike.

WHEREAS, the Cameron, Vermilion and Calcasieu Parishes are witnessing the lower water levels and are requesting the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers maintain their current lock operation in full, 100%, drainage mode; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cameron Parish Police Jury on this 16th day of September, 2008 that the Cameron Parish Police Jury commends the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers for their continued support in helping Cameron Parish residents rid excessive waters from Hurricane Ike through lock operations.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 16th day of September, 2008.

APPROVED: MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Racca, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that no permits shall be issued for mobile homes anywhere in the parish unless elevations and wind code requirements are met. The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Darryl Farque,

Thomas McDaniel, Kirk Burleigh, Charles Precht, III., Steve Racca, Magnus McGee

NAYS: Scott Trahan

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burligh and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED: MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT MAGNUS MCGEE CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: OCT. 30 (O 49)

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
September 19, 2008

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in special session on Friday, September 19, 2008, at the Cameron Prairie Wildlife Refuge in the Village of Grand Lake, Louisiana at 9:00 o'clock A.M. The following members were present: Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Steve Racca, Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. Kirk Burligh, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Thomas McDaniel and Mr. Charles Precht, III.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that a decision on the management, collection and removal of debris removal shall be tabled.

Clifton Hebert, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, provided a status report of post-Hurricane Ike issues.

Ernest Broussard, Jr., Executive Director of the Office of Planning and Development, provided an agency status report.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, that a resolution be adopted to request the United State Army Corps of Engineers to modify the Cameron-Creole Watershed Levee. The motion died due to a lack of a second based upon a consensus to first consult with the drainage boards involved.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ike caused extensive damages to Cameron Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Black Bayou Pontoon Bridge which crosses the Intracoastal Canal received significant damages from Hurricane Ike and must be closed for repairs, severely limiting automobile access to the Big Lake community; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has limited access for automobile traffic to 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury wishes to request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to extend the access hours for automobile traffic crossing the Black Bayou Pontoon Bridge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is hereby urged and requested to extend the access hours for automobile traffic crossing the Black Bayou Pontoon Bridge, as follows: 6:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M., 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M., and 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 19th day of September, 2008.

APPROVED: MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Burligh and carried, that temporary housing needs related to oil and gas exploration and production shall be exempted from elevation and wind code requirements for a period limited to six (6) months. It was further moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Burligh and carried, that all applicants eligible for the above referenced exemption shall be required to sign a written agreement acknowledging the time frame.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write a letter to Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal and President George W. Bush urging the federal government to absorb 100% of the disaster related costs attributable to Hurricane Ike.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burligh and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED: MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: Oct. 30 (O 50)

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
September 22, 2008

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in special session on Monday, September 22, 2008, at the Cameron Prairie Wildlife Refuge in the Village of Grand Lake, Louisiana at 9:00 o'clock A.M. The following members were present: Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Steve Racca, Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. Kirk Burligh, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Thomas McDaniel and Mr. Charles Precht, III.

Clifton Hebert, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, provided a status report of post-Hurricane Ike issues.

Ernest Broussard, Jr., Executive Director of the Office of Planning and Development, provided a report of post-Hurricane Ike industry and housing needs.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall applicant-assign its Hurricane Ike debris removal.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Administrator is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for debris management.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Administrator is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for debris collection and removal.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burligh and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury appreciates the need to modify the Cameron-Creole Watershed levee to accommodate appropriate flood control devices to protect Cameron Parish citizens from future flood water events such as those incurred during Hurricanes Audrey, Rita and Ike; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron-Creole Watershed levee is the responsibility of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury needs the support of the Cameron-Creole Watershed Advisory Committee to recommend this project to the United States Army Corps of Engineers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby urge and recommend the Cameron-Creole Watershed Advisory Committee to make the following recommendations to the United States Army Corps of Engineers:

1) Immediately begin to design and engineer potential water control devices to release flood waters throughout the Cameron-Creole Watershed

2) Select the preferred water control device in concert with the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the Cameron-Creole Watershed Advisory Committee

3) Provide funding and/or support Cameron Parish initiatives for the construction of water control devices and construction oversight of the preferred alternative

4) Construct the flood control structure(s)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cameron-Creole Watershed Advisory Committee is urged and recommended to encourage the United States Army Corps of Engineers to move expeditiously in this matter.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of September, 2008.

APPROVED: MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign an Amendment to Contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Royal Engineers and Consultants to include administration of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) project worksheets (PWs) related to Hurricane Rita.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the Administrator is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the administration of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) project worksheets (PWs) related to Hurricane Ike.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby declare an emergency to repair damages to Parish Road No. 357 (Trosclair Road).

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a Cooperative Agreement by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service for the disposal of dead animal carcasses.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burligh and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED: MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: Oct. 30 (O 51)

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY
September 29, 2008

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in special session on Monday, September 29, 2008, at the Cameron Prairie Wildlife Refuge in the Village of Grand Lake, Louisiana at 9:00 o'clock A.M. The following members were present: Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Steve Racca, Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. Kirk Burligh, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Thomas McDaniel and Mr. Charles Precht, III.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids for five (5) replacement stationary com-

pactors. It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Burligh and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign an Interagency Agreement by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District No. One to allow certain Police Jury departments to use office space at the hospital.

Clifton Hebert, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, provided a status report of post-Hurricane Ike issues.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby declare as paid holidays the days beginning from the issuance of the mandatory Hurricane Ike evacuation until the lifting of said evacuation order.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall compensate both full-time and regular part-time employees with overtime or comp time pay, at the employee's discretion, for time worked during the mandatory Hurricane Ike evacuation period.

Ernest Broussard, Jr., Executive Director of the Office of Planning and Development, provided a topical summary report.

Lee Faulk, Road Superintendent, provided an update of road and bridge conditions.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Racca, seconded by Mr. Farque and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District wishes to submit an application for a Rural Health Outreach Grant to acquire a mobile dental unit for use throughout Cameron Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury would utilize the services of such a unit to provide dental care to the inmates housed at the Cameron Parish Jail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby support the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District in filing an application for a Rural Health Outreach Grant to acquire a mobile dental unit for use throughout Cameron Parish.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 29th day of September, 2008.

APPROVED: MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the following item shall be added to the agenda:

f. Staff Report: f. Debris Collection and Removal

The vote thereon was, as follows:

YEAS: Charles Precht, III., Thomas McDaniel, Kirk Burleigh, Darryl Farque, Scott Trahan, Steve Racca, Magnus McGee

NAYS: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, to rescind a motion approved at the September 22, 2008 meeting to applicant-assign the Hurricane Ike debris removal.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall mission-assign the Hurricane Ike debris removal; and furthermore, that Clifton Hebert, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to apply for same.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby agree to pay legal fees associated with the Marine Fisheries project on behalf of the West Cameron Port, Harbor & Terminal District. The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Scott Trahan, Darryl Farque, Magnus McGee, Steve Racca

NAYS: Kirk Burligh, Thomas McDaniel, harles Precht, III.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

It was moved by Mr. Racca, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby agree to limit to 125 amperage the electrical capacity for recreational vehicles applying for permits.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the bid of K.A.S. Construction, Inc. as the lowest bid for Project No. 2008-16, Emergency Repairs of Parish Road No. 357 (Trosclair Road).

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Wilkerson Transportation, Inc. for the emergency removal and disposal of animal carcasses.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the Administrator is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to hire demolition and private property debris estimators to assess properties damaged by Hurricane Ike.

It was moved by Mr. Burligh, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize, empower and direct the Administrator to accept the low bid for a contractor to professional clean the Courthouse basement, Health Unit and

Attorney's office. There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED: MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

ATTEST: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: Oct. 30 (O 52)

BID NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District #1 until 4:00 PM Wednesday, November 19, 2008 in the Water District Office located at 126 Ann Street in Cameron LA 70631. Items up for bid are 800 foot of 10 inch SDR 26 class 160 GST JT pressure pipe, 60 foot 10 inch SDR 11 1PS PE3408 HDPE pipe, one end has a Harvey Adapter with flange. All bids must be submitted on bid forms obtained from Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District #1 or by calling 337-775-5660.

RUN: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13 (O 53)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cameron Parish Police Jury announces that a public hearing has been called for the purpose of obtaining citizen's comments and opinions along with responding to questions relative to the Parish's performance on the Fiscal Year 2006 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program for the water system improvements project in the Grand Lake, Sweet Lake area. The meeting is set for Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at the South Cameron Memorial Hospital, Conference Room, 5360 West Creole Highway, Cameron, LA 70631.

Information regarding the amount of funds expended, a breakdown of the expended funds by activities, and the percentage of funds which benefited low-to-moderate income persons will be discussed. All citizens, particularly low-to-moderate income persons and residents of slum and blighted areas in the Parish are urged to attend this public hearing to express their views towards this recently completed project. Accommodations will be made for handicapped and non-English speaking individuals provided a three day notice is received. Furthermore, citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views to the Parish addressed to Mr. Magnus "Sonny" McGee, Cameron Parish Police Jury, P. O. Box 1280, Cameron, Louisiana 70631, within fifteen days of the hearing.

RUN: Oct. 30 (O 54)

SHERIFF'S SALE THIRTY-EIGHT JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT PARISH OF CAMERON STATE OF LOUISIANA GMAC MORTGAGE LLC VS. NO. 10-18288

JENNIFER DIANE NUNEZ AND RUSSELL SCOTT NUNEZ By virtue of a writ of EXECUTORY PROCESS issued to me directed by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder WITH the benefit of appraisement, at the Court House door of this Parish of Cameron, on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. the following described property to-wit:

TRACT A

BEGINNING AT A POINT WHICH IS 330.80 FEET SOUTH 89 46' 51" EAST AND 877.25 FEET SOUTH 00 48' 17" WEST FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (SE/4 OF NW/4) OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA SAID POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 39' 47" EAST A DISTANCE OF 166.17 FEET TO A HALF-INCH DIAMETER IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 00 48' 17" WEST A DISTANCE OF 262.15 FEET TO A HALF-INCH DIAMETER IRON PIPE; THENCE 89 39' 47" WEST A DISTANCE OF 166.17 FEET TO A HALF-INCH DIAMETER IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 00 48' 17" EAST A DISTANCE OF 262.15 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 43,560.00 SQUARE FEET OF 1.00 ACRES. MORE OR LESS.

TRACT B

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New 4-H web site aimed at 4-6 graders

A new Web site, Louisiana 4-H Kids' Clubhouse, will be officially launched at the State Fair of Louisiana on Oct. 29 during 4-H Fun Day, according to Mark Tassin, director of 4-H and youth programs at the LSU AgCenter.

The site at www.4-Hclubhouse.com is tailored to fourth- through sixth-graders and features nearly a hundred games, quizzes, downloadable activities and videos.

"This new site is part of an overall effort to reach out to broader audiences through 4-H," Tassin said. "Our children grow up using computers so we are integrating video games and more computer activities into our program."

Children will get the opportunity to try out the new site during 4-H Fun Day, which will be from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

4-H Fun Day will feature

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Meeting to be held at the Cameron Prairie Wildlife Refuge CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY AGENDA NOVEMBER 7, 2008 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Additions to Agenda
4. Board of Review
5. Staff Report:
 - a. OEP Report - Clifton Hebert
- b. Planning & Development Report - Ernie Broussard
- c. Administration
6. Drilling and Pipeline Permits:
 - a. LLOG Exploration Company, LLC - Grand Chenier, (proposed (1) oil storage barge and (1) salt water storage barge for Nunez Well located in SL 19402 - Grand Lake), Cameron Parish, LA. (081103)
 - b. Brammer Engineering, Inc. - Lake Misere Field, Sections 22, 23, 27, T13S, R5W, (proposed 3-inch pipeline to serve Miami Corp. Well No. 1), Cameron Parish, LA. (081104)
7. Other Permits:
 - a. Randy Broussard - Hackberry, Section 34, T12S, R10W, (proposed excavation of pond to provide fill for future house pad), Cameron Parish, LA. (081101)
 - b. PetroQuest Energy, LLC - Grand Chenier, Sections 7 & 18, T15S, R5W, (proposed mitigation for the Thibodeaux Estate Well No. 1), Cameron Parish, LA. (081102)
8. Appointments:
 - a. Library Board - Dinah Billings - term expired
9. Acceptance of Bids:
 - a. Compactor
10. Pay Bills

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury on **Thursday, November 20, 2008** until **2:00 PM** at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex, 122A Recreation Ln., Cameron, LA (337-775-5719)

Project Number: 2008-12
PARISH WIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE I

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

II Highway, Street, and Bridge Design

Bids must be submitted on the prescribed form. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, using ink and in both words and figures, with the unit price for the item or the lump sum for which the bid is made. The bidder shall provide all information indicated on the attached forms. Failure to provide the information indicated constitutes an informality in the proposal, rendering it subject to rejection by the owner.

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing on the outside the name of the project on which the proposal is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal and marked as directed above, must be enclosed in another envelope addressed as specified in the proposal form, and preferably sent by registered mail.

For the purpose of award, the product of the approximate quantities of each item shown in the proposal by their respective unit and/or lump sum prices will be considered the amount of the bid on each item. The correct summation of these products will be the amount bid on the entire work.

Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 Hwy 354, Bell City, Louisiana 70630, (337) 905-1079. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. The Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informality. Cameron Parish Police Jury /s/ Magnus McGee, President RUN: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20 (O 60)

a 10-station exhibit in a 24,000-square-foot red tent, according to Karen Martin, northeast and north central regional 4-H coordinator. The LSU AgCenter's mobile communication unit will be parked next to the 4-H tent and will include four laptop computers so children can go to the new Web site.

The exhibit, called 4-H Express, is part of the 100-year celebration of 4-H in Louisiana, Martin said. Each station will feature different aspects of the 4-H program by decades, beginning in 1908. For example, the exhibit that includes the past 10 years will feature high-tech 4-H activities in science and engineering.

The clubhouse Web site was developed based on the "Discovering 4-H" project book that all new 4-H'ers complete, said Katina Hester, 4-H web content coordinator for the LSU AgCenter. The project book is broken down into six areas: agriculture, environment, plants, animals, family and world.

Games in the Kids' Clubhouse site include "The Farmer," a multi-leveled

game designed to help children learn how food is grown; a Louisiana agriculture jigsaw puzzle, which when solved tells the viewer he/she is a genius; various quizzes about plants, animals and the environment; and a duck hunt game to test shooting and hunting skills.

Short videos include how to make a solar oven and how to get chickens ready for livestock show competition.

"Some of the games were purchased. Others were developed by our staff," Hester said. "We will continually add new activities and games to the mix to encourage children to keep coming back to the site."

The site also includes information about how to join 4-H and obtain the educational materials offered by 4-H.

"This new Web site will give youth who aren't aware of all of the opportunities 4-H offers a chance to re-think 4-H in Louisiana," Tassin said.

The site also can be reached by going to the LSU AgCenter Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com and clicking on 4-H.

Halloween and nutrition do go together

When asked what Halloween means, kids usually put candy at the top of their list before goblins or costumes. Even so, nutrition can play a role on Halloween, according to LSU AgCenter nutritionist Dr. Beth Reames.

First, make sure children eat before going out so they don't fill up on sweets, the nutritionist advises. Cut bread in pumpkin shapes, add lean meat, chicken or turkey and serve with a glass of low-fat milk and sliced fresh fruit.

After trick or treating, share your child's excitement by letting him or her show you the bag of treats. Inspect all treats to make sure none have been opened or tampered with.

Have the kids separate their goodies into groups that are similar in ingredients or color of wrapper. Make a game of eating just one from each type of goodie, rather than the whole bag.

Youngsters usually collect enough goodies to last two or three weeks. Divide the treats into one-week portions, place in bags and store for your child to enjoy one or two pieces for snacks or with

meals in the weeks ahead.

Remind the kids to brush their teeth or at least rinse their mouth thoroughly with water after eating sweets, especially sticky sweets, to help prevent tooth decay.

Adults may need some discipline, too, Reames says. Buy candy at the last minute to avoid tempting yourself and other family members. Also, buy less candy than what you think you need, and don't buy the kind you crave.

If your child offers you some of her candy, don't waste your calories. Choose the dark chocolate pieces and save it for your special treat. Kids usually don't like dark chocolate anyway.

Take leftover candy to work, place it by the coffee pot and watch it vanish.

Work off the extra calories by walking instead of driving while the kids trick-or-treat. Enjoy the decorations and the children's costumes.

For related nutrition topics, click on the Food and Health link on the LSU AgCenter home page at www.lsuagcenter.com. For local information and educational programs, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office.

LSU AgCenter researchers using bugs for weed control

LSU AgCenter researchers think the salvinia weevil may be what they've been looking for as a way to control giant salvinia – an invasive aquatic species in the state.

Dr. Dearl Sanders, an LSU AgCenter weed scientist, and Dr. Seth Johnson, an LSU AgCenter entomologist, have been cooperating with the Corps of Engineers and Louisiana Department Wildlife and Fisheries to look at ways to produce the weevil in large-enough numbers to push back the growth of the noxious water weed.

Sanders said he now has an agreement with Benny Cenac, owner of Golden Ranch Plantation in lower Lafourche Parish, to produce the weevils on a large scale.

"What we did was agree to grow the weevils here on Mr. Cenac's 50,000-acre plantation, then transfer them as needed to areas of the state where the infestation is worst," Sanders said.

He said giant salvinia has begun to affect property values in some parts of the state, creating an urgency to find a way to slow the progression of the plant.

During the first week in October, LDWF's Inland Fisheries Division transported initial batches of the weevils from Golden Ranch to Bayou Des Allemands, Lake Salvador, Turkey Creek Reservoir and the Atchafalaya River Basin.

Since then, they've made additional releases in Toledo Bend Reservoir, Clear/Smithport Lake, Loggy Bayou and Black Bayou Lake in Caddo Parish.

"Our aquatic plant control program utilizes a multiple management plan approach that includes weevils, herbicide applications and drawdowns in water bodies with significant weed growth," said Rachel Walley, LDWF aquatic program biologist.

"If weevil colonies can be

established in waterways with existing salvinia problems and weather conditions provide for continued weevil growth, they could become an effective tool for controlling the expansion of this prolific aquatic weed," Sanders said.

The LSU AgCenter weed scientist said the invasive plant came into the United States through the water garden trade. He said people bought the plants, which are native to Brazil, to use in their koi ponds. But when the salvinia took over the ponds, people threw it in ditches and caused the problem we have today.

Sanders said the plant is prolific and can overtake a body of water in a short period of time.

"This thing almost doubles in size everyday," he said. "It grows so fast that you just can't keep up with it by spraying."

Sanders and Johnson put 1,600 pounds of the weed in a six-acre research test pond, and Sanders said it had covered the pond in 28 days.

In late 2007 and again in 2008 the researchers infested the salvinia with weevils.

Johnson is looking at reproductive issues and the life cycle of the weevils.

He said he's interested in how many eggs the females lay and how low the temperature has to be before the weevils' reproductive activity decreases.

Sanders said they also are interested in learning whether the weevils can fly as some other weevils that develop wing muscles when they are distressed.

He said the LSU AgCenter's agreement with Cenac is to produce the weevils on his property with half going to LDWF and the remainder to be used on the ranch where the giant salvinia already covers more than 10,000 acres.

Sanders said the weevils have been effective in control-

Identity theft prevention strategies

More than 8 million identity thefts have occurred in recent years, according to the Federal Trade Commission. How does this crime happen? Thieves steal wallets, steal or open your mail, go through your trash, steal information from where you work or do business or complete a change of address form to divert your mail, says LSU AgCenter family economist Dr. Gloria Nye.

A global black market exists for stolen names, addresses, birth dates, Social Security numbers, computer logons and passwords, Nye explains. She notes that the average theft is \$4,000 in fraudulent charges, with 16 percent of victims – mostly debit card victims – having to pay some or all of the costs.

"You might not have any recourse if fraudulent charges are made in your name and you don't dispute them promptly with your credit card company," Nye said, adding, "Identity theft can take from 80 hours up to a year to clean up, just to clear your name and restore your credit."

Two common kinds of identity theft are account take-over, in which thieves steal your account numbers and use them, and application fraud, in which thieves open new accounts in your name.

How do you protect yourself? Guard your Social Security number. It's the key to your bank and credit accounts. Be sure your Social Security number is not on your driver's license, your checks or any other identification. Your checks should only have your name and address printed on them and no other identification. Do not carry your number in your wallet.

If you order new checks, do not have them sent to your house. Pick them up at the bank. Never give out your Social Security, credit or debit card number over the phone. Do not use the last four digits of your Social Security number when creating passwords or pin numbers. The American Association of Retired Persons has suggested you carry a copy (not the original) of your Medicare card in your wallet and cut off the last four numbers on the copy.

Do not mail checks from your home mailbox. Put them in a locked P.O. box before the last pick-up. Guard your mail and your trash. Have your mail held at the post office if you will be gone.

Check your credit card statement carefully for charges you did not make. Do not leave credit card receipts behind when you make a purchase. Do not throw pre-approved credit card offers in the trash. Use a shredder.

Get a free copy of your credit report at least once a year and check it carefully for any accounts you did not open. Call 1-877-322-8228 or order it on-line at www.annualcreditreport.com.

Close all accounts that have been compromised and report any thefts or fraud immediately to:

- Police: get a copy of your report so you can provide it to any creditors.

- The three credit bureaus (Equifax, 888-766-0008; Experian, 888-397-3742; and TransUnion, 800-680-7289).

- All the businesses/companies or banks where you had accounts.

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ling salvinia in other parts of the world, and small research trials at Toledo Bend and other Louisiana locations have produced good results.

Sanders said more than 500,000 pounds of weevil-infested salvinia currently at the research pond in Lafourche Parish are earmarked for LDWF to transfer to other areas where salvinia infestation is heavy.

"If we were to take all of the salvinia out of this pond today, it would take about 20 tractor trailer loads, which would include roughly 2.5 million salvinia weevils," Sanders said.

Success, according to Sanders, is not necessarily to eradicate the weed, but to get it to manageable levels would be a giant step in the right direction.

Giant salvinia's relative, common salvinia, has been in the state for many years and does not cause nearly as much trouble.

New activity guidelines good for everyone

New Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are designed "so people can easily fit physical activity into their daily plan and incorporate activities they enjoy," said LSU AgCenter nutritionist Dr. Beth Reames.

"These guidelines are the most comprehensive of their kind," Reames said. "They are based on the first thorough review of scientific research about physical activity and health in more than a decade."

All age groups can gain substantial health benefits by following the recommendations, according to the nutritionist. Physical activity for all age groups reduces the risk of many diseases and produces long-term health benefits.

Children and adolescents who follow the guidelines can improve their cardiorespiratory and muscular fitness as well as bone health and overall body composition.

Adults who follow the guidelines reduce their risk of early death, coronary heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, colon and breast cancer and depression. Older adults can improve their thinking ability and the ability to engage in activities needed for daily living.

Children and adolescents should have one hour or more of moderate or vigorous aerobic physical activity a day, including vigorous activity at least three days a week. Examples of moderate aerobic activities include hiking, skateboarding, bicycle riding and brisk walking.

Vigorous aerobic activities include bicycle riding, jumping rope, running and sports such as soccer, basketball and ice or field hockey. Children and adolescents should incorporate muscle-strengthening activities, such as rope climbing, sit-ups and tug-of-war, three days a week. Bone-strengthening activities, such as jumping rope, running and skipping, are recommended three days a week.

Adults gain substantial health benefits from two and one-half hours a week (30 minutes per day) of moderate aerobic physical activity or one hour and 15 minutes of vigorous physical activity. Walking briskly, water aerobics, ballroom dancing and general gardening are examples of moderate aerobic activities. Vigorous aerobic activities include race-walking, jog-

ging or running, swimming laps, jumping rope and hiking uphill or with a heavy backpack.

Aerobic activity should be performed in blocks of at least 10 minutes. For more extensive health benefits, adults should increase their aerobic physical activity to five hours a week of moderate or two and one-half hours a week of vigorous aerobic physical activity. Adults should incorporate muscle-strengthening activities, such as weight training, pushups, sit-ups and carrying heavy loads or heavy gardening, at least two days a week.

Older adults should follow adult guidelines if they are able. If a chronic condition prohibits their ability to follow those guidelines, they should be as physically active as their abilities and conditions allow. If they are at risk of falling, they should also do exercises that maintain or improve balance.

Healthy women during pregnancy should get at least two and one-half hours of moderate aerobic activity a week during pregnancy and the time after delivery, preferably spread through the week. Pregnant women who habitually engage in vigorous aerobic activity or who are highly active can continue their routine during pregnancy and the time after delivery, provided they remain healthy and discuss with their health care provider how and when activity should be adjusted.

Adults with disabilities, if they are able, should get at least two and one-half hours of moderate aerobic activity a week or one hour and 15 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity a week. They should incorporate muscle-strengthening activities involving all major muscle groups two or more days a week. When they are not able to meet the guidelines, they should engage in regular physical activity according to their abilities and should avoid inactivity.

Adults with chronic medical conditions also benefit from regular physical activity. They should follow the advice of their health care provider.

For more information about the "Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans," visit www.hhs.gov. For related health topics, click on the Food and Health link on the LSU AgCenter home page at www.lsuagcenter.com.

For local information and educational programs, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office.

Time to enjoy sweet potatoes

Fall is a perfect time to enjoy sweet potatoes. The Louisiana yam is an exceptional type of sweet potato that is sweet and flavorful with a soft, moist flesh.

"Not only are Louisiana yams delicious, they also are a perfect choice for the health-conscious food consumer," said LSU AgCenter nutritionist Dr. Beth Reames. "They add valuable nutrients and color to any meal."

Sweet potatoes have been rated the healthiest vegetable by the Center for Science in the Public Interest and the Nutrition Action Health Letter. The deep orange color of the sweet potatoes indicates it is rich in carotene, which becomes vitamin A inside the body. Vitamin A is needed for normal growth, development, reproduction, a healthy immune system and vision.

One medium baked sweet potato provides about twice the recommended daily amount of vitamin A.

Sweet potatoes also are a good source of dietary fiber, potassium and vitamin C when baked in the skin. They are low in sodium, fat and saturated fat. One medium baked sweet potato has only 103 calories.

"When buying yams, choose well-shaped, firm potatoes with smooth, bright, uniformly colored skins," Reames said, adding, "Avoid sweet potatoes with holes or cuts that penetrate the skin and cause decay."

For successful baking, they need to be cured to bring out their rich, sweet flavor. Cure them by storing them for two weeks in a warm room.

Curing also increases their shelf life. Store cured sweet potatoes in a cool, dry place where the temperature is about 55 or 60 degrees. Do not store them in the refrigerator, however. Chilling gives them a hard core and an undesirable taste when cooked.

Well-matured, carefully handled and properly cured potatoes will keep for several

months if the temperature and storage conditions are ideal. Meeting all these conditions usually is not possible, however, and the potatoes spoil easily. You might wish to cook and freeze them to maintain their high quality.

To bake sweet potatoes, first scrub and dry them well. Rub them lightly with oil. Don't wrap them in foil. Put them directly onto a baking sheet and into a preheated 400-degree oven for 15 minutes. Reduce the temperature to 375, and bake them until they are soft.

Save energy by baking several sweet potatoes at one time and wrapping unused ones individually in foil. Store them in freezer bags or freezer paper and put them in the freezer.

Sweet potatoes may be cooked, but not baked, in the microwave oven. When cooked in the microwave, they won't have the sweet, syrupy flavor of oven-baked potatoes.

To microwave sweet potatoes, first wash, dry and puncture them a few times with a fork. Place them on a paper towel on a microwave-safe dish. Cook on high for 4-5 minutes for the first potato, plus 2-3 minutes for each additional potato. Turn over potatoes halfway through cooking.

To boil sweet potatoes, cook them with skins on until they are tender and drain them immediately. Peel and eat or use in your favorite recipe. Most sweet potato dishes freeze well.

Save time and energy by making one sweet potato dish to serve and one to store in the freezer.

Pack freezer containers tightly, leaving one-half inch headspace. Cover the surface snugly with a layer of freezer paper or plastic wrap. Seal the containers and freeze at zero degrees.

To prevent cut potatoes from darkening, dip them in a solution of ascorbic acid dissolved in a little water or in lemon or orange juice.



THE STATE FAIR of Louisiana Livestock Show in Shreveport began last week with Cameron Parish gaining lots of recognition and attention. Pictured are Abbie Delcambre, Lexie Stine, Blair Trahan, Abby Trahan, Kennedy Darbonne, and Kelsey Helmer with their line-up of market goats. The girls placed first in the Parish Group competition. Over 35 Cameron Parish 4-Hers will exhibit their goats, lambs, cattle, and pigs during the fair's livestock show, which will end on Sunday, Nov. 9.



SOUTH CAMERON High School students are shown accepting the donation of school supplies given by the Starks High School student body, student council and FACS department. South Cameron also received a donation of school uniforms from the Moss Bluff United Methodist Church.



SAM WILLIAMS, a Cal-Cam 4-H Horse Club volunteer leader, helps Madison Haley, 4-H member, become comfortable with horses during the club's enrollment meeting held on Monday, Oct. 27. Sam, along with leaders Stacy Verret and Stacy Little, taught the participants about horse safety and guided them in measuring horses in "hands". The club is open to all interested Cameron Parish 4-H members. The next meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Wilkerson's arena in Sweetlake. For more information contact the Cameron Parish 4-H Office at 337-905-1318. (Photo by Ruby Miller.)



CAMERON PARISH 4-H Jr. Leader Amanda Wicke guides younger 4-H members as they complete a team building exercise as part of the recent "Cameron Parish 4-H Day" held at the 4-H Office in Grand Lake. Over 50 parish participants enjoyed an afternoon of activities such as tug of war and trolley competitions, washer tossing, and riding a gyro. This event was part of National 4-H Week and the 100 Year Centennial of 4-H. (Photo by Ruby Miller.)

School menus are told

Cameron Parish school lunch menus are as follows:
 Wednesday, Nov. 5, Chili Dog, Chili Sauce, Whole Kernal Corn, Pickle Wedges, Apple Crisp, Mayonnaise pack, Hot Dog Bun, Milk.
 Thursday, Nov. 6, Hot Ham & Cheese, Green Beans, Tator Tots, Jello, Hamburger Bun, Mayonnaise Pack, Catsup, Milk.
 Friday, Oct. 31, Chili Frito Pie, Whole Kernal Corn, Apple/Orange Wedges, Royal Brownies, Wheat Sliced Bread, Milk.
 Monday, Nov. 3, Sloppy Joe, Carrots, Oven Fries, Catsup, Hamburger Bun, Milk.

Hackberry homecoming court told

Hackberry High School student body chose the following to serve on the 2008 homecoming court:

Senior Maids are Lauren Broussard, Megan Swire, and Allyson Sanner. Junior Maids are Emily Bird and Meghan Shipp. Sophomore Maid is Erica Duhon. Freshman Maid is Lesley Sanner.

The court will be presented and the queen will be crowned at the Homecoming game on Thursday, Nov. 13, at the SPAR center in Sulphur, at 5:45 p.m.

Parish's share of cost of debris removal may be high

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Cameron Parish's share of the cost of removing the debris from Hurricane Ike will be high if an extension is not granted for 100% reimbursement. Police Jurors discussed the matter at a special meeting held Monday at the Cameron Prairie Refuge Headquarters.

The 100% reimbursement period ended on Oct. 26 with only 18,300 cubic yards of material collected. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers says it will take two months to complete right of way clean-up, but OEP Director Clifton Hebert says at the current rate it will take 20 weeks. A two week extension is being sought, based on the delay in granting the 100% to the parish, compared to Texas.

At issue is the failure of the Corps. to utilize the three disposal sites in lower Cameron Parish that were previously expected to open. Over the past weekend, state Department of Natural Resources officials worked tirelessly to provide the documentation needed for NEPA certification, said Howard Romero, but the Corps. chose to offer a test period, using only the Cameron site for all debris, to see if the daily amount of debris increased.

Romero said it is a false test, since most of the Cameron debris is already gone and it is too time consuming to move debris across the ferry from the west side. He said the test was designed to fail. He also said the Corps. offered to use the sites immediately if the owners cut their price by two thirds, but they would be losing money.

Another speaker said the ones who are really hurting are the truckers who negoti-



JASMINE WOOD and Steven Hebert dig into a pile of boiled crabs at the Alligator Festival held in Grand Chenier on Sunday. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



DANCING TO THE music of the Steel Shot Band at the Alligator Festival Sunday afternoon at Grand Chenier Park. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD Kaine Badon "plays that funky music" on lead guitar during the Alligator Festival Sunday. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Board to meet

The Johnson Bayou Recreation District monthly board meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Community Center, 5556 Gulf Beach Hwy.



SIX-YEAR-OLD Gabrielle Welch helps her Paw Paw Benny Welch sing "Jambalaya" during the Alligator Festival on Sunday in Grand Chenier. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



DEPUTY REGISTRAR of Voters Michelle Richard assists a voter with the new voting machines during early voting, which ended Tuesday. The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 4. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Halloween event is told

In an effort to provide a safe environment for our children on Halloween, "Trunk or Treat" and a costume contest will be held for the youngsters at the Hackberry Community Center on Main Street. "Trunk or Treat" will begin at 5 p.m.; anybody who wishes to distribute goodies should arrive no later than 4:45 p.m. to set up vehicles.

At 7 p.m., the Hackberry Recreation Center will sponsor its annual costume contest. Awards will be given in the various age divisions. Everyone is invited to participate and help make Halloween safe for all.

This event is being sponsored by the Hackberry Recreation Center, Hackberry High School Junior 4-H, and Hackberry High School FBLA.

will be determining whether structures are over 50% damaged, which is necessary before repairs can begin. Equisol Group, LLC was the low bidder for structural

safety inspection services. The firm will be evaluating the safety of damaged buildings and structures throughout the parish.