

RESIDENTS WHOSE houses have moved into the street or over water, gas, or phone lines are asked to contact the Emergency Operations Center at 775-7770 immediately so that arrangements can be made to move those houses. Restoration of utilities to these streets is being hindered by the obstructions. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



CAMP CAMERON, the tent city which houses various emergency workers, is located at the Cameron Recreation Center. Climate controlled sleeping quarters, shower trailers, a laundry, and catering tent provide for the needs of the workers. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Disaster recovery is topic of meet

FEMA representatives held an open house meeting in the Grand Lake School gym Tuesday evening to answer questions about elevation requirements and the national Flood Insurance Program.

The meeting was set up by the Cameron Parish Police Jury at the request of residents.

FEMA's Region 6 Deputy director David Hiegel, along with Ryan Ike with the Lake Charles area field office and Gary Zimmer a civil engineer who works with mapping,

faceted a sometimes raucous and occasionally hostile crowd for over two hours.

Residents were told that President Bush has promised help to "Rebuild, rebuild smart."

All the rules that have been in place by parish ordinance for the last 20 years still apply.

Permits for construction or connection of electricity must be sought through the Police Jury.

Height requirements are different for different parts of the parish. The Police Jury has maps.

For a permit, you will need an elevation shot by a licensed engineer and Health Department approval of a sewer system.

Certified mobile home parks before the storm will still be certified after the storm. Mobile homes that move into them will not have to be elevated.

Recreational vehicles, including trailers, up to 400 sq. ft., towable by a light duty truck do not have to be regulated.

Accessory buildings, such as a two car garage, do not have to be elevated, but must be used only for parking and storage.

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## Restoration of water in progress

Water is being restored to the Cameron area one section at a time, says Edward Peterson of the Cameron Waterworks. Crews are taking one street at a time, closing all customer valves and then testing the main.

After any leaks or breaks are repaired, the line is flushed. It is then ready for customer re-connect, once the customer's lines have been repaired.

To date, Wakefield, Davis, Louise and School Board streets have water, Marshall Street up to Bobbie's Lane has been flushed, and the Court House has water. Other streets will be added as clearing continues.

It is very important that owners of buildings which were washed onto streets and rights-of-way contact the waterworks or the EOC immediately to arrange for their structures to be removed so services can be restored.

## Bank tells location of employees

Five branches of the Cameron State Bank were either badly damaged or destroyed in Hurricane Rita. Fifteen bank employees were displaced.

These employees have now relocated to other Cameron State banking centers in Lake Charles, Carlyss, Sulphur, Moss Bluff, Westlake, and Maplewood and are available there to serve their customers.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot are pictures of these employees and the locations where they are now working.

Cameron State Bank customers may transact any banking business at locations in Calcasieu and Allen Parishes.

Nearly one-half the world's cranberries grow in Massachusetts.

## Cameron Parish students returned to classes Mon.

By CLIFF SEIBER (AMERICAN PRESS)

Students of Cameron Parish schools returned to class Monday Oct. 31, and Wednesday Nov. 2, on a platoon system using two school campuses.

Students of Cameron Elementary, South Cameron Elementary and South Cameron High School will attend classes at Grand Lake High School Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings.

Students of Johnson Bayou will attend classes the same days at the Hackberry High campus.

From noon Wednesday - Friday, Grand Lake students will attend school on their own campus, as will Hackberry High students.

The first group started Monday, and Grand Lake and Hackberry students started Wednesday afternoon Nov. 2.

The school day will be 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., giving extra instructional time to make up for days lost because of Hurricane Rita.

"We decided from the beginning that each school would preserve its own identity," said parish superintendent Doug Chance.

In addition to the new time schedule, students will find new cafeteria service. Breakfast will be available, as well as an afternoon snack, in addition to regular lunch service.

Bus transportation will be provided. One driver relocated to Kinder and another to north of Sulphur, and they will pick up displaced stu-

dents on the way to the Cameron Parish schools, Chance said. Other in-parish runs are scheduled.

"This is Phase I of our reopening," the superintendent said. "People are moving back, particularly in north Cameron Parish and as the other schools are repaired and students return, other arrangements will be developed until all is back to normal."

Turnout for parent and student informational meetings Wednesday was good, Chance said. Indications were that enrollment will be in the 600 range about 70 percent of pre-Rita enrollment.

"We have seen a classic example of the spirit of Cameron Parish and of Southwest Louisiana," Chance said.

## Parish disaster information

The "Look and Leave" policy remains in effect. Residents and business owners are continuing to be allowed to enter southern Cameron Parish between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily. Residents and business owners must have departed the checkpoint by 6 p.m.

Debris may be moved to curbside for collection. Residents and business owners are asked to ensure debris is kept clear of the roadway. Hazardous materials should be reported to the Louisiana State Police Hotline at (877)925-6595.

Utility restoration continues, so residents and business owners are advised to use extreme caution while driving. Large vehicles are frequently found on main roads and residential streets as clean up efforts continue.

There are multiple power

lines that are lying on the ground throughout southern Cameron Parish. All downed lines should be treated as live and they should be avoided. If you have a question about a power line you may call Jeff Davis Electric at (800)256-5332.

Cameron roads are open and passable. The Oak Grove bridge is closed to vehicle traffic. Motorists can use Hwy 27 west to Jimmy Savoie Road.

DOTD has reestablished the Cameron ferry crossing with operating hours of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

The Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) maintains a mobile emergency room that is open to the emergency responders and to the public. The DMAT is available for acute care emergencies and short term prescription issues. The DMAT is

located on Marshall Street adjacent to the courthouse.

For other questions or information related to parish operations, callers can also use the following numbers: 775-5439; 775-7770; 775-7495.

## MSU update

As of Thursday, Oct. 27, two additional telephone lines for McNeese State University students and faculty to call for information — 475-5232 and 475-5233 — are available. This includes information on classes, schedules and updates on the buildings reopening.

## Water good in 3 locations

Cameron Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness Director Freddie Richard has announced that areas of Cameron Parish have begun to have drinkable water restored.

Parish water systems in the areas of Hackberry, Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach have been successfully tested and determined to be safe for personal use.

The water system in other areas of southern Cameron parish is still being repaired and residents are advised to boil water prior to use or use bottled water.



PARISHIONERS OF Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron have planted flowers at the shrine dedicated to hurricane victims, a welcome sign of life returning to the town. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

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## Tarpons to play last game of season

The South Cameron High School Tarpons, who lost their school in Hurricane Rita, will play their final football game of the season at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 4 at Barbe High School stadium in Lake Charles.

The Tarpons will play the Oberlin Tigers. Senior football players,

athlete trainers, cheerleaders and dance line members will be honored along with their parents at about 6:30 p.m. prior to the game.

South Cameron's Homecoming was cancelled due to the hurricane but may be held at a later date perhaps in connection with a basketball game.

## Jury to meet Monday

The Cameron Parish Police Jury, which has had several special meetings since Hurricane Rita, will hold its regular monthly meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7 in the Grand Lake High School cafeteria.

Jurors are unable to meet in their regular meeting room in the Police Jury building in Cameron as this building was severely damaged in the storm.

Hiring of a fulltime Office of Emergency Preparedness director and assistant will be

discussed.

Kisha Killmer, from the Calcasieu Parish Office of Homeland Security, has been serving as the Cameron temporary director for the past 30 days and will continue for another 30 days.

The jurors will have to decide whether to make this a fulltime position or not.

Also on the agenda are seven oil and gas permits, an executive session to discuss a pending law suit, and a presentation by Dale Sittig, Public Service Director.



NBC NEWS came to Cameron Tuesday to film a feature for the NBC Evening News. Odis Clark of Holly Beach and Wendell Murphy of Cameron were interviewed. It has been quite a while since Hurricane Rita has made the national news. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

# Funerals



**MABLE SWIRE EAST**

Mable Swire East, 88, of Hackberry died Monday, Oct. 31, 2005 in a local care facility.

Mrs. East was born in North Island, at Grand Chenier and lived most of her life in Hackberry. She was a member of St. Peter's the Apostle Catholic Church.

She is survived by two nephews, LeRoy East and Joseph East both of Hackberry; two nieces, Alma Theriot of Creole and Russie Stelly of Jennings.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, in St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry. Father Roland Vaughn will officiate. Burial will be in The Hackberry Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.



**LEOLA MAE MARY FAWVOR**

Leola Mae Mary Fawvor, 67, of Grand Chenier died Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005, in a Crowley hospital.

She was a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church.

Survivors include one son, James Gregory Fawvor; one daughter, Susan Fawvor Wolfe; and one grandchild, all of Grand Chenier.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James "Jimbo" Fawvor.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Oct. 30, in St. Eugene Cemetery.

## Angels

When you were born,  
an angel smiled,  
As you became a child,  
an angel sat on your shoulder  
When you became an adult,  
an angel held your hand  
As you grew old,  
an angel walked down the road  
with you,  
And, when you died,  
another angel got their wings.  
-Unknown



**MAMIE RICHARD**

Mamie B. Richard, 78, of Grand Chenier died Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005 in a Lafayette hospital.

She was a graduate of Grand Chenier High School and a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church, where she was a Eucharistic Minister. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post #364, the Ladies Altar Society and the Homemakers Club.

Mrs. Richard is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Ball and husband David of Kaplan; two sons Glenn Richard and Edmond Richard, Sr. and wife Louella, all of Grand Chenier; sister, Peggy Matthew of Kaplan; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Freddie Richard and son, C. A. Richard.

Funeral services were held at Johnson Funeral Home on Sunday, Oct. 30. Father Vincent Vadakkedath officiated. Burial was in St. Eugene Catholic Cemetery in Grand Chenier.



**BILLIE RAY EARLE SMITH**

Billie Ray Earle Smith, 74, of Lake Charles died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005 in a Lake Charles, hospital.

Mrs. Smith was a native of Rockdale, Tex. and had lived in Grand Lake, most of her life before moving to Lake Charles, five years ago. She was a teacher's aide at Grand Lake High School and was a member of the Homemaker's Extension Club. Mrs. Smith was also a pink lady at Christus St. Patrick's Hospital in Lake Charles. She was a member of First Christian Church in Lake Charles.

Survivors include two sons, Preston Smith of Lake Charles and Terry and his

wife Brenda Smith of Grand Lake; and two granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Irvin "Pat" Smith, Jr.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 31, in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel in Lake Charles. Pastor Mona Lisa Garrett officiated. A graveside service was held on Tuesday in Oddfellows Cemetery in Rockdale, Tex.



**LINDA SUE VINCENT**

Linda Sue Vincent, 58, died Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005, in Shreveport.

She was a native of Shreveport and was a resident of the Grand Chenier area. She was a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church. Mrs. Vincent owned and operated Vincent's Beauty Shop and Cajon Food Store, both in Grand Chenier.

Survivors include her husband, Lynn Vincent of Grand Chenier; two step sons, Denton Charles Vincent and Kelley Vincent and wife Melissa all of Grand Chenier; two step daughters, Belinda Harris and husband Cliff of LaPorte, Tex. and Jennifer Vincent of Grand Chenier; one brother, David Taylor of Blanchard; two sisters, Debbie Martin of Shreveport and Arnetta Meadows of Stirlington; six step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Allen Wayne Vincent.

Her funeral was held Saturday, Oct. 29, in Hixson Funeral Home Chapel of Lake Charles. Burial was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Grand Chenier.

**CLEMENT "BLACK" GRANGER**

Clement Lance "Black" Granger, 84, of Sweetlake, died Monday, Oct. 31, 2005, in a Lake Charles care center.

Mr. Granger was a native and life-resident of Sweetlake. He was a graduate of Grand Lake High School. Mr. Granger served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He continued working after retiring as a plumber for Pistol Plumbing for several years. He was a charter member of VFW 8107 and a charter member of Sweetlake Volunteer Fire Department, where he served for 18 years.

Mr. Granger is survived by his wife, Irma Nunez Granger of Sweetlake; two sons Clement J. Granger and wife Shirley of Iota, and Dwayne Granger of Sweetlake; three daughters, Carol Granger and Madelyn LaBove, both of Sweetlake, and Frances Baccigalopi and husband Bobby of Houston; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Gussi Mhire of Sweetlake, Florence Hoffpauir of

Sulphur, and Adalie Granger of Lake Charles.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 2, at St. Patrick's Chapel. Monsignor Harry Greig officiated. Burial was in Granger Cemetery in Sweetlake.

**ANOLA SWIRE SIMON**

Anola Swire Simon died Wednesday Oct. 26, 2005, in a local nursing home. She had lived in Hackberry for more than 60 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Phillip Simon; daughters, Ethel Navarre and Rose Theriot; and son, Roy James Simon.

Survivors include her sons, Clarence Swire of Sulphur, and J. D. Simon and Leroy Simon both of Hackberry; daughters, Mrs. Perfecto Gallegos (Hazel) of Hackberry, Ruby Constance of Holly Beach, Mrs. Joseph East (Barbara) and Mrs. Mitchell Kyle (Billie), both of Hackberry, and Mrs. Gary Wagoner (Vernice) of Sulphur; 31 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Saturday, Oct. 29, from St. Peter Catholic Church in Hackberry. The Rev. Roland Vaughn officiated. Burial was in the New Hackberry Cemetery.



## Club to learn about LNG

The Propeller Club Ports of SW LA will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday Nov. 8 at Trunkline LNG 8100 Big Lake Rd. Trunkline will demonstrate how LNG is transported into SW LA.

Anyone interested in LNG energy source and maritime commerce is invited to attend this dutch treat lunch for \$10 per person. This lunch meeting starts promptly at 12 noon until 1:30.

LNG has been in SW LA for many years and the increases in transportation into our community has spurred much interest. Trunkline will be available for questions on LNG transportation after the demonstration is over.

Due to the nature of the demonstration, reservations are required in advance by calling Seafarer Center at 436-1315 or Ship to Shore at 474-0730.

## Aid available

All members of the American Legion Richard Bros. Post 0176 are advised to contact Department Headquarters for assistance from Hurricane Rita.

To receive an application please write to American Legion Department of Louisiana, 1885 Wooddale Blvd., Suite 1110, Baton Rouge, La. 70806, or you may call (800) 923-3924.

For more information or to pay your dues please contact J. Berton Daigle at 118 Brian Circle, Lake Charles, La., 70607 or by phone 598-5179 and 540-7552.

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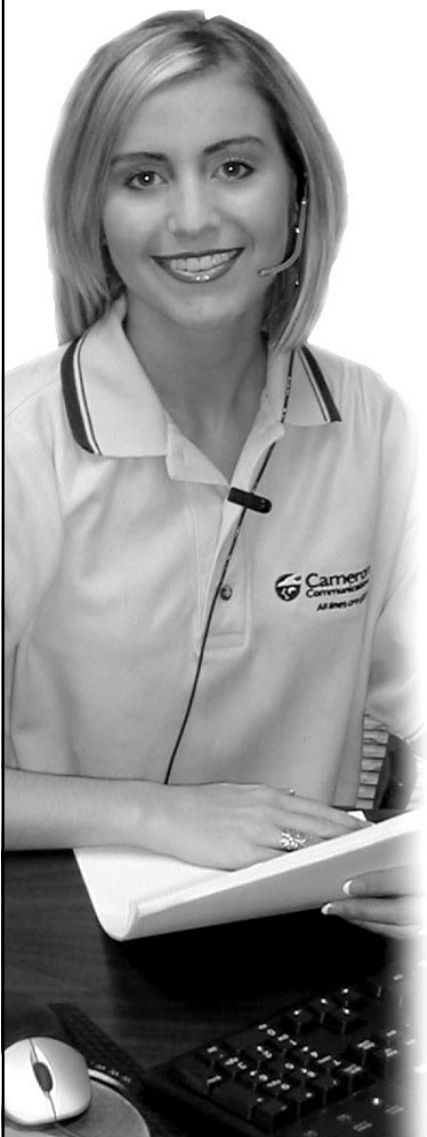
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VOLUNTEERS FROM the Pastor's Resource Council and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's Rapid Response Team prepared and served meals on the grounds of the Cameron Courthouse last week. Duane Chestnut, in the cowboy hat, is the SWLA co-ordinator for the PRC. Volunteers were from several states. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Mayo Clinic volunteers aid Cameron communities

A team of physicians, nurses and a chaplain from the internationally renowned Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, were in the Hackberry Rural Health Clinic on Monday to help provide needed health care services to residents of the hurricane-ravaged community.

According to Julie Galley, RN, Nurse Practitioner with the Health Clinic, the team members arrived at the request of Dr. B.J. Foch, Regional Medical Director of the Office of Public Health. "They were here assisting in delivering the medical care these residents need," said Galley.

The Hackberry Rural Health Clinic is currently housed in the Hackberry Community Center until they are able to return to their permanent building once repairs are made. The Health Clinic is operated by West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital.

Among the specialists from the Mayo Clinic were two Internal Medicine physicians, a nurse specializing in psychiatric training, a nurse specializing in diabetes education, a clinical assistant and a chaplain.

"The medical care the residents of Hackberry and surrounding areas received is superb," said Kevin Whitford, MD, Internal Medicine physician, and a member of the Mayo Clinic team who worked in Hackberry. "We've been part of several teams sent to storm-ravaged areas, and this area's medical care is among the best. The Health Clinic staff deserves special recognition for providing quality care in the midst of difficult circumstances. It is evident that these residents were receiving good care prior to the storm and it obviously is continuing."

The Mayo Clinic is the largest integrated group practice in the world. Doctors from every medical specialty work together, to provide a comprehensive medical approach to patients. More than 2,500 physicians and scientists work at the original clinic in Minnesota. There are also clinics in Florida and Arizona. The three clinics treat more than half a million people each year.

The Hackberry Rural Health Clinic is open. For more information, call 540-3587.

## Controlled burn scheduled for oiled vegetation

Fire management officials at the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex plan to burn off 483 acres of vegetation containing 150 acres of oiled vegetation that resulted from a release during Hurricane Rita. The oiled vegetation is located within the East Cove Unit of Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, east of Calcasieu Lake within Cameron Parish. The burn took place Nov. 2, when the predicted winds carried the smoke out over the Gulf of Mexico.

Following Hurricane Rita when the oil release was discovered, scare cannons, devices that make noise to scare off birds and other wildlife, were placed around the oil release site to prevent wildlife from utilizing the area until the oil could be removed. Fire management officials have received the government approvals, including a burn ban exemption from Cameron Parish, necessary to complete the oil release burn. Following the burn, oil will no longer be a threat to wildlife within this area of the refuge.

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PAUL WAGNER was helping to clean up Cameron Cable and Cordage, his father's business. Asked if he planned to re-open, Don said, "I have to if I want to eat, don't I?" In other words, yes. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



WENDELL MURPHY and crew work on cleaning up the old Subway restaurant building in Cameron. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

**FEMA: Con't from page 1**

Certain buildings, a very short list, are allowed variances from the regulations. These include existing mobile home parks, dockside use buildings, and historical structures.

FEMA does not allow variances for medical reasons. The theory is that handicapped people are more at risk during a flood is they are at ground level. (Many people disagreed, citing power outages and fires which are more common.)

Any building built before the regulations were in place, which had "substantial damage", will have to be elevated. "Substantial damage" is calculated as the cost to repair to pre-damage condition being more than 50% of

the market value.

If the owner had flood insurance, \$30,000 toward the extra cost of elevation may be paid through an Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) claim filed through the owners flood insurance company.

The local government will make the first estimate of substantial damage, but the results can be appealed. A certified appraisal and estimate by a licensed contractor will be needed for appeal.

The ICC funds are available even if the owner relocates to another parish with flood plain elevation requirements.

Storm surge is covered by federal flood insurance.

FEMA only has height

requirements, not construction requirements, but has a free publication with recommendations. The Coastal Construction manual is available by calling the FEMA Publication Department at 1-800-480-2520.

For those who did not have flood insurance, other assistance will be available. A Hazard Mitigation Grant program is to be administered by the State of Louisiana. Procedures are being set up by the Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

For construction, the state requires owners to use a certified contractor or sign a form stating that the owner will be the contractor.

Flood insurance is available through the National Flood Insurance Program for all areas of Cameron Parish except Coastal Barrier resource Areas (COBRAS).

Participation in the NFIP by the parish is on an all or nothing basis; there is no way to let some people "opt out" of the program.

If the parish were to opt out of the NFIP altogether, it would not be able to receive any disaster reconstruction funds in the future and FDIC backed loans would not be granted for construction.

Residents expressed many opinions about the program and FEMA in general.

Many people wanted to know whether other areas such as Florida and New Orleans have the same eleva-

**Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes**  
By Geneva Griffith



The Baton Rouge Morning Advocate had a half page story entitled "Rita takes toll on La. cattle. Hurricane puts pasture land out of business" based on an interview with Billy Griffith of Johnson Bayou.

They quoted him as saying "I had expected the storm to head toward Texas, and I was wrong and when the storm turned it was too late to get the cattle out."

He and other Louisiana cattlemen are now facing a shaky future. Hurricane Rita killed tens of thousands of cattle in the Louisiana Gulf coast. It was estimated the hurricane killed about 25,000 head of cattle in Louisiana out of a statewide population of 180,000.

Griffith said he lost about \$100,000 worth of livestock.

My luck seems to be changing. I am finally winning at our Thursday night bingo games at the club

**23 Parishes now eligible for FEMA help**

The number of parishes now eligible for Individual Assistance from FEMA in the wake of Hurricane Rita stands at 23, including Allen, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis parishes.

Individual Assistance can include grants to help pay for temporary housing home repairs and other disaster-related expenses not met by insurance or other aid programs. Low-interest loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration also will be available to cover residential and business losses not fully compensated by insurance.

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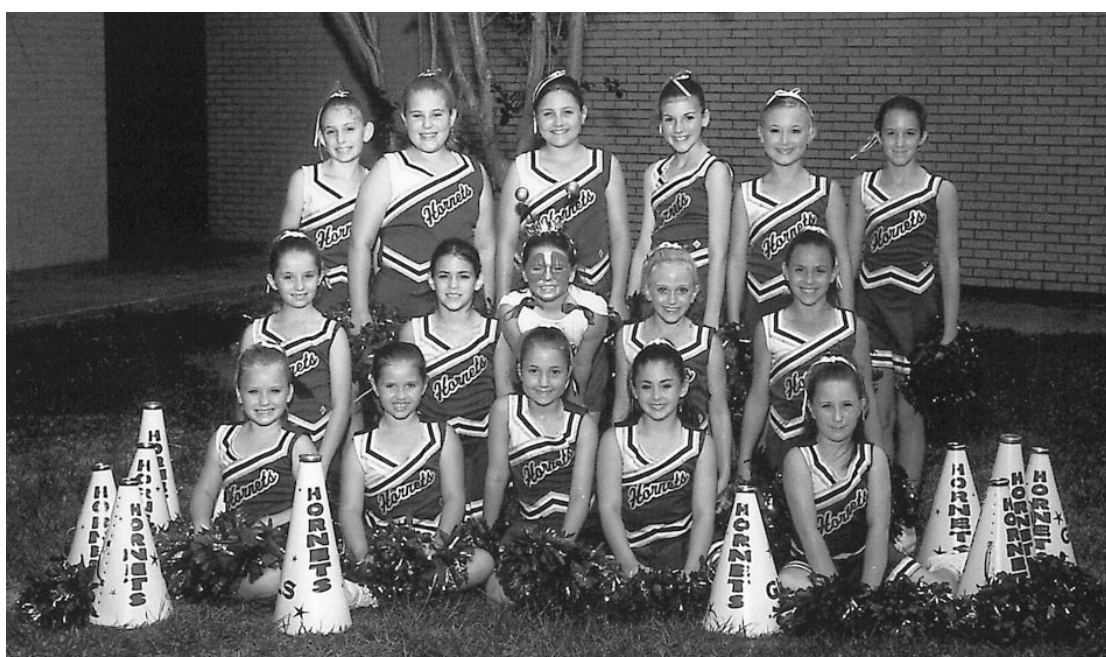
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Grand Lake Jr. Varsity cheerleaders

## Grand Lake JV cheerleaders attend camp at McNeese

The Grand Lake Junior Varsity Cheerleaders attended the Southern Cheerleader Association summer camp in June at McNeese. This squad is composed of girls in the third through sixth grades.

The Hornet squad received superior ratings for every performance, the spirit stick, and the S.C.A. Award of Excellence.

In addition, they had three All-American nominees, with one All-American cheerleader and three jump-off nominees, with one finalist.

The 2005-06 Grand Lake J. V. Cheerleaders are:

Back row: Paige Vedder, Lauren Hebert, Hanna Savoie, Shelby Thomas, Kourtlyn Duhon, and All-American nominee Halie Stevens.

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## Tarpons last game to be played at Barbe stadium

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The South Cameron Tarpons, playing in their first game since Hurricane Rita destroyed their school and most of the parish, whipped up on the Merryville Panthers 35-0 for their first win of the season.

The Tarpons (1-3, 1-0) were led by the return of Justin Picou. Picou rushed for 197 yards and scored three touchdowns on runs of eight and 24 yards, while also catching a scoring pass of 17 yards from Deil LaLande.

LaLande threw for 83



AMERICORPS VOLUNTEERS from California arrived in Grand Lake last week to help clean up yards of senior citizens. The team is scheduled to stay in Louisiana through Nov. 22. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Deadline to claim livestock is Nov. 8

By ASHLEY RODRIGUE

Livestock Brand officials with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry are still trying to identify and reunite horses and cattle separated from their herds and owners following hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said.

"We're giving livestock owners 10 days from Oct. 29 to claim any livestock that belongs to them," Odom said. "We've used brands, lip tattoos, ear tags and microchips to identify and reunite animals and owners and we've had success. Now we're down to the arduous task of trying to locate the owners for animals that have no formal identification."

Louisiana State Law, R.S. 3:743, authorizes the Brand Commission to determine ownership of such animals. If the commission is unable to clearly identify and determine ownership of an animal, it will be sold in accordance with the law and the proceeds will be distributed as provided by the law.

"Our brand officials are transitioning back to normal operations. They've been corraling, feeding and caring for these animals, working to

identify them and locate their owners. Now it's time to either claim the rest of the animals or sell them," Odom said.

Anyone who is still looking for missing livestock should contact the Livestock Brand Commission by phone at (225) 925-3962 or 1-800-558-9741, by fax at (225) 925-4103 or by mail at P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-1951.

Any animal for which no claim is made at the end of the 10-day period will be sold at auction and the proceeds distributed accordingly.

Below is a list of places where animals were found and where they are being held now.

Livestock in this area are being held at:

Areas where cattle were rounded up - Creole, Grand Chenier, Cameron Parish (Brand Officers - Gary Dunn, Bob Williams). Livestock in this area are being held at: Norbert Leonards, Hwy 14 & Hwy 397, Iowa.

Areas where cattle were rounded up - Hackberry, Johnson Bayou, Holly Beach Cameron Parish (Brand Officers - Donald Miguez, Robert Savant). Livestock in this area are being held at: Little Cattle, Hwy 27, Hackberry.

## Remington Premier Hevi-shot shotgun shells still available

By LOSTON MCEVERS

Many of us have started using the Remington Hevi-shot, slipping one shell for the last shot, as they're very expensive. After a three year partnership between the large firearms and ammunition manufacturer Remington and Environ-Metal, Inc, the two companies will be severing their relationship as of this autumn.

Remington indicates that although their supply agreement with Environ-Metal has ended, the supply of Remington Premier Hevi-shot shotgun shells for the 2005-06 waterfowl season is in inventory already, they don't believe that there will be an impact on service this year, even for the turkey hunters.

Environ-Metals will begin this month to develop, manufacture and market Hevi-shot shotgun shells. They say that they can get the product into the hands of hunters much more quickly by doing it themselves.

Another name brand product, Ithaca Gun Company has closed. They ended all production in June. Already owing a loan and not being able to pay up, this famous pump action shotgun company has filed bankruptcy. They began operations in 1880, 125 years ago. There's a backlog on gun repairs, so if you own an Ithaca and it needs repairs, Good Luck!

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# Basketball Roundup

### BOYS

**Bell City Tournament**  
**Lacassine 67, Grand Lake 50** - The 4-1 Hornets fell to Lacassine in the championship game of the Bell City Classic. Leading scorers were Deon Bergeron, 15 points; Brett Griffith, 12 points; and Justin Howerton, 11 points.

**Hackberry 61, Bell City 55** - The Mustangs and Bruins combined for 17 three pointers in the consolation game of the Bell City Classic. Jay Sanner paced the Mustangs with 19 points. Travis Spicer scored 16 and Steven Miller added 12 points.

**Midland 78, Hackberry 36** - Jay Sanner paced the Mustangs with 12 points.

**Grand Lake 85, Johnson Bayou 63** - The Hornets were led by leading scorers Deon Bergeron with 18 points and Brett Griffith with 16. Justin Howerton added 14 points and Brett Crochet chipped in 13 while Garrett Billiot added 10 points. The Rebels, Blaine Trahan led all scorers with 22 points and DJ Conner added 20 points.

**Grand Lake 58, Midland 55** - Deon Bergeron chipped in 25 points for the Hornets.

**Hackberry 73, Johnson Bayou 54** - Jay Sanner was the leading scorer for the Mustangs with 18 points. DJ Conner led the Rebels with 17 points.

### GIRLS

**Bell City Tournament**  
**Grand Lake 63, Midland 48** - The Lady Hornets took third place in the Bell City Classic with their win over Midland. Leading scorers for Grand Lake were Meagan Miller, 17 points; Brandy Carroll, 16 points; and Liz Kingham, 10 points.

**Hackberry 40, Hathaway 27** - The Lady Mustangs won the consolation game in the Bell City tourney. Mandy Michalko led all scorers with 16 points and Amanda Miller added 14 points.

**Bell City 42, Johnson Bayou 30** - Charmayne Barentine led the Lady Rebels with 15 points.

**Midland 28, Hackberry 24** - Mandy Michalko scored 9 points for the Lady Mustangs.

**Lacassine 32, Grand Lake 29** - Meagan Miller scored 12 points for the Lady Hornets.

**Hackberry 36, Johnson Bayou 26** - Mandy Michalko was the leading scorer for the Lady Mustangs with 14 points. Kayla Barentine scored 11 for the Lady Rebels



## Charter boat captain meet set

The National Association of Charterboat Operators is seeking information on charter boat captains who suffered damage or loss of business due to hurricanes.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in special session convened on the 17th day of October, 2005 has accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed as Project Number 2005-02: Plumbing Repairs to Cameron Parish Jail pursuant to the certain contract between Charles Miller Construction Company Inc. and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 291977, in the book of Mortgages, Cameron, Louisiana.

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

BY:  
/s/Bonnie W. Conner  
BONNIE W. CONNER,  
SECRETARY  
RUNS: Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1 - O 10

## PUBLIC NOTICE RESCHEDULE FOR BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Cameron Parish Police Jury will meet as a Board of Review on Tuesday, November 29th, 5:00 p.m., at the Grand Lake High School Cafeteria, 1039 Highway 384, Grand Lake, Louisiana to hear one 2005 assessment protest which had been filed by certified mail with the Cameron Parish Police Jury within the seven (7) days required by law after the final exposure date. The protest had been scheduled to be heard, September 26, 2005 and cancelled due to the "Hurricane Rita" Disaster.  
RUN: Nov. 3, 17 (N 1)

## PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY SEPTEMBER 20, 2005

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in special session on Tuesday, September 20, 2005, at the Police Jury Building in the Village of Cameron, Louisiana at 1:00 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. James Doxey, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Charles Precht, III; absent were Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Douaine Conner and Mr. Steve Trahan.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the reading of the minutes shall be dispensed with and approved.

Freddie Richard, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, presented a report regarding Hurricane Rita.

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

## RESOLUTION STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, there is the potential of flooding, high winds and widespread property damage in the Parish of Cameron due to Hurricane Rita; and

WHEREAS, immediate emergency action is required to minimize the potential effects to human life and property in the Parish of Cameron; and

WHEREAS, Cameron Parish is in need of emergency action, support and funding to respond to Hurricane Rita; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Trahan, Cameron Parish Police Jury President by the authority vested in me by the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, as amended, which may prevail, do hereby proclaim a State of Emergency to exist in the Parish of Cameron and that all Emergency Preparedness emergency plans have been activated. It is further announced that Freddie Richard has been designated as the point of contact for all responsible activities relating to this emergency.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of September, 2005.

APPROVED:  
/s/ Scott Trahan  
SCOTT TRAHAN, PRESIDENT  
CAMERON PARISH  
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:  
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner  
BONNIE W. CONNER,  
SECRETARY

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

APPROVED:  
/s/ Scott Trahan  
SCOTT TRAHAN, PRESIDENT  
CAMERON PARISH  
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:  
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner  
BONNIE W. CONNER,  
SECRETARY  
RUN: Nov. 3 (N 2)

## PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY OCTOBER 3, 2005

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in special session on Monday, October 3, 2005, at the Police Jury Building in the Village of Cameron, Louisiana at 1:30 o'clock A.M. The following members were present: Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. James Doxey, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Charles Precht, III, Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Douaine Conner and Mr. Steve Trahan.

Representatives of several parish entities provided updates on their post-Hurricane Rita operations.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a letter of support for the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District to apply for state and federal assistance to reestablish health care to Cameron Parish.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a letter of support for the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District to apply for state and federal assistance to reestablish health care to Cameron Parish.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a letter of request for the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to 1) apply for federal assistance to assist with the disposal of dead animals and 2) to act as sponsors of an Emergency Watershed Protection project.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Jury shall allow the United States Army, Corps of Engineers to handle debris removal in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall hire an Emergency Operations Officer to oversee the Operations Center established at the Cameron Courthouse.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall meet again in special session at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, October 10, 2005 at the Cameron Prairie Wildlife Refuge Headquarters.

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

APPROVED:  
/s/ Scott Trahan  
SCOTT TRAHAN, PRESIDENT  
CAMERON PARISH  
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:  
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner  
BONNIE W. CONNER,  
SECRETARY  
RUN: Nov. 3 (N 3)

## PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY OCTOBER 10, 2005

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in special session on Monday, October 10, 2005, at the Police Jury Building in the Village of Cameron, Louisiana at 1:30 o'clock A.M. The following members were present: Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. James Doxey, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Charles Precht, III, Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Douaine Conner and Mr. Steve Trahan.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the reading of the minutes of September 20 and October 3, 2005 shall be dispensed with and approved.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Kisha Kilmer to serve as an Emergency Operations Center Director of the Operations Center established at the Cameron Courthouse.

It was moved by Mr. Steve Trahan, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize the Clerk of Court to establish a remote access system for his records.

The Parish Treasurer requested guidance from the Jury for the handling of payroll issues that had arisen as a result of Hurricane Rita. It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Jury shall no longer continue to pay part-time employees who are unable to access their work site due to the hurricane. Those employees will be encouraged and recommended to file for disaster unemployment benefits.

It was further moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that full-time employees are required to return to work immediately. In the event a full-time employee is unable to return to work due to personal circumstances, the employee shall be allowed to continue drawing his salary by means of his accumulated annual leave.

Freddie Richard, Emergency Preparedness Director, provided a status report of parish operations in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita. Items of discussion included ferry operations, water quality, utilities, phone service, permits, temporary housing, establishment of an employees' base camp, new lowered speed limits, identification of a debris sorting site, FEMA assistance, and debris removal.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall authorize the United States Army, Corps of Engineers to begin the cleanup of public right-of-ways, canals, ditches, and public properties.

It was moved by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the hiring of two (2) employees to assist Kisha Kilmer, Emergency Operations Center Director.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Blue Roof Program administered by the United States Army, Corps of Engineers will be performed at the individual homeowner's request rather than as a blanket request from the Jury.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall place a burn ban in effect immediately until further notice.

The resolution attached hereto and identified as "Exhibit A" was offered by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Conner and declared duly adopted.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall meet again in special session at 1:30 P.M., Monday, October 17, 2005 at a site to be announced.

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

APPROVED:  
/s/ Scott Trahan  
SCOTT TRAHAN, PRESIDENT  
CAMERON PARISH  
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:  
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner  
BONNIE W. CONNER,  
SECRETARY

## EXHIBIT A Cameron, Louisiana October 10, 2005

The Police Jury of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, governing authority of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, met in special session at 1:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, October 10, 2005, in the offices of the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge, Sweetlake, Louisiana, pursuant to the provisions of written notice given to each and every member thereof and duly posted in the manner required by law.

President, Scott Trahan, called the meeting to order and on roll call, the following members were present: Douaine Conner, Darryl Farque, James Doxey, Magnus McGee, Charles Precht, III, Scott Trahan and Steve Trahan.

ABSENT: None  
The President stated that one purpose of the meeting was consideration of a resolution requesting and urging support by the Louisiana Congressional Delegation of the current legislative initiatives pending before the Congress of the United States for relief of areas within Louisiana stricken by the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (collectively the "Storms").

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America is presently considering adoption of certain legislative enactments which if finally adopted and enacted into law would provide financial and other relief to those suffering the economic and other effects of the Storms;

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury has been made aware that certain of the legislative proposals currently pending before Congress were initially drafted to address the aftermath

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of Hurricane Katrina:

WHEREAS, Hurricane Rita essentially destroyed Cameron Parish, Louisiana, approximately three (3) weeks following Hurricane Katrina;

WHEREAS, the devastation and human suffering following in the wake of Hurricane Rita, except for the loss of life, closely parallels that of Hurricane Audrey in 1957;

WHEREAS, the public infrastructure, medical facilities, residential housing, commercial and industrial enterprises, as well as the agricultural and fishing industries which are the heart of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, have for all practical purposes been destroyed; and

WHEREAS, it is the request of this Police Jury that Cameron Parish, Louisiana, that the Louisiana parishes which have been designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as warranting individual and public assistance from the Federal Government as a result of Hurricane Rita, occurring on September 24, 2005, and specifically Cameron Parish, Louisiana, be added to the legislative initiatives pending before Congress for the relief of the effects of Hurricane Katrina, occurring on August 29, 2005.

Thereupon, upon motion made by Darryl Farque and seconded by Duane Conner, the following resolution was adopted, the vote thereon being as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Conner, Mr. Farque, Mr. Doxey, Mr. McGee, Mr. Precht, Mr. Trahan and Mr. Trahan

NAYS: None  
RESOLUTION  
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE LOUISIANA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT PENDING LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES FOR RELIEF OF THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE KATRINA TO ADD THERETO THOSE LOUISIANA PARISHES EFFECTED BY HURRICANE RITA DESIGNATED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AS WARRANTING INDIVIDUAL AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

SECTION 1. The effects and devastation of the Storms to the citizens and residents of Louisiana are essentially the same.

SECTION 2. Hurricane Rita occurring on September 24, 2005, have for all practical purposes destroyed the public infrastructure, medical facilities, residential housing, commercial and industrial enterprises, as well as the agricultural and fishing industries which are the heart of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

SECTION 3. Cameron Parish, Louisiana, has been designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as warranting individual and public assistance from the Federal Government as a result of Hurricane Rita, occurring on September 24, 2005.

SECTION 4. There are certain legislative initiatives currently pending before Congress specifically applicable to Hurricane Katrina, Cameron Parish, Louisiana and the other Louisiana parishes designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as warranting individual and public assistance should be added to those legislative initiatives.

SECTION 5. The assistance of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation is specifically requested in acquisition of the legislative action described in Section 4, above, is urgently requested.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2005.

APPROVED:  
/s/ Scott Trahan  
SCOTT TRAHAN, PRESIDENT  
CAMERON PARISH  
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:  
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner  
BONNIE W. CONNER,

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## Gingerbread house contest set Dec.3

Entry forms are now available for the 18th Annual Gingerbread House Contest to be held at noon Saturday, Dec. 3, in conjunction with the Lake Charles Annual Christmas Lighting Festival. The deadline to sign up is Monday, Nov. 14.

Sponsored by the Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau, the contest and awards ceremony will be at the bureau's Welcome Center, 1205 N. Lakeshore Dr. Entry divisions include amateur, professional, school groups and social organizations.

Southwest Louisiana's mascot, Gumbeaux Gator, will help present the awards. The winning Gingerbread Houses will remain on display at the bureau's Welcome Center throughout the month of December, and all visitors to the center during that time will be able to vote on the People's Choice Award to be announced just before New Year's.

## SECRETARY

(Other business not pertinent to the present excerpt may be found of record in the official minute book.)

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:  
/s/ Scott Trahan  
SCOTT TRAHAN, PRESIDENT  
CAMERON PARISH  
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:  
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner  
BONNIE W. CONNER,  
SECRETARY  
RUN: Nov. 3 (N 4)

## MEETING TO BE HELD AT GRAND LAKE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

AGENDA  
NOVEMBER 7, 2005  
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of Minutes
4. Dale Sittig - Public Service Commissioner

5. Resolution - Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital Service District

6. Drilling and Pipeline Permits:  
a. Centurion Exploration Company - Grand Chenier, Section 23, T15S, R6W, M.D. Well #4, (proposed pipeline for Estate of M.O. Miller), Cameron Parish, LA. (051101)

b. Centurion Exploration Company - Grand Chenier, T15S, R5W, M.O. Miller Wells #1 & #3, (proposed pipeline installation), Cameron Parish, LA. (051102)

c. Duncan Oil, Inc. - Johnson Bayou, Section 25, T15S, R15W, BPA 26 No. 1, (proposed drill site), Cameron Parish, LA. (051103)

d. Samuel Gary, Jr. & Associates, Inc. - North Johnson Bayou, Section 16, T13S, R14W, Bonne Terre Expl. Co. 4 Well No. 1, (proposed location), Cameron Parish, LA. (051104)

e. Suemaur Exploration & Production, LLC - North Sabine Lake, SL 18722 Well No. 1, (proposed well location, structures dredging and access route), Cameron Parish, LA. (051105)

f. Pel-Tex Oil Company - Chenier Perdue, Section 19, T14S, R5W, Millrich Properties, LLC Well No. 1, (proposed drill site, well, driveway, & board road), Cameron Parish, LA. (051106)

g. Pel-Tex Oil Company - Grand Chenier, Sections 33 & 34, T15S, R3W, SL Well No. 3, (proposed drilling barge, well protection structure and wheel washing), Cameron Parish, LA. (051107)

7. Hiring of Full-Time EOC Director/Assistant

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## Shrimpers hit hard by both hurricanes

Shrimpers in the four states hit by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita can use trawls without safety exits for endangered sea turtles until Thanksgiving -- and can trawl 20 minutes longer before hauling up their nets, the federal government says.

After Katrina struck, the National Marine Fisheries Service exempted shrimp trawlers in eastern Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama from using turtle excluder devices because hurricane debris was fouling the TEDs, which are designed to let sea turtles out of nets before they drown.

Western Louisiana and Texas to the Matagorda-Brazoria county line were exempted after Hurricane Rita.

(However, the two areas had different expiration dates -- Oct. 22 and Nov. 10. NMFS decided Oct. 21 to extend the exemption in both areas until 11:50 p.m. Nov. 23, the day before Thanksgiving.)

The exemption applies up to 50 nautical miles offshore. Trawlers who use TEDs may leave the nets down as long as they want. Those who remove TEDs and sew the nets shut had to pull up their nets after 55 minutes until Tuesday, when the time limit moved to 75 minutes.



## Miller Livestock Markets, Inc.

### Market Report

DeQuincy (Saturday) Oct. 29: Livestock Receipts: Cattle 630, Horses 4 Hogs 12, Sheep 27, and Goats 83. BABY CALVES: Dairy 50<sup>±</sup>-75<sup>±</sup> per HD, Beef 125<sup>±</sup>-175<sup>±</sup> per HD, Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.) 1.70-2.05 per lb. STEER & HEIFER CALVES: 200-300 lb. Steers: 1.35-1.75 per lb., Heifers: 1.20-1.65 per lb.; 300-400 lb. Steers: 1.15-1.55 per lb., Heifers: 1.15-1.45 per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: 1.10-1.35 per lb., Heifers: 1.05-1.25 per lb.; 500-600 lb. Steers: 1.05-1.15 per lb., Heifers: .90-1.05 per lb.; 600-700 lb. Steers: .75-.85 per lb., Heifer: .70-.80 per lb. CATTLE: Culler & Utility: .50-.54 per lb.; Canners: .44-.47 per lb.; Fat Cows: .48-.51 per lb.; Thin Cows: .35-.42 per lb.; Slaughter Bulls: .52-.57 per lb.; Feeder Bulls: .65-.72 per lb. COW/CALF Pairs: 750<sup>±</sup>-875<sup>±</sup> per pair. PREGNANCY TESTED COWS: 650<sup>±</sup>-900<sup>±</sup> per HD. HOGS: Choice Barrows & Gilts: .50-.54; Medium Barrow & Gilts: .45-.50; Butcher Pigs: .45-.60; Feeder Pigs: .None; Sows 300-500 lbs. .30-.34 per lb.; Boars: .10-.15 per lb. HORSES: .25-.39 per lb. SHEEP & GOATS: .30<sup>±</sup>-1.85<sup>±</sup> per HD.



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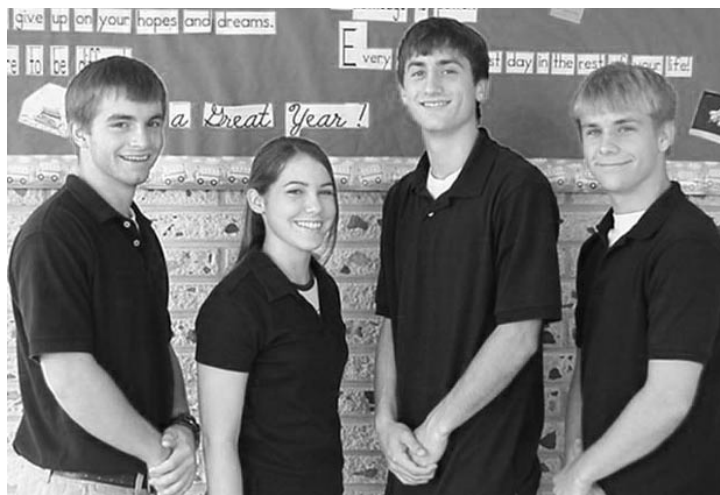


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GRAND LAKE High Sophomore class officers recently elected for the 2005-06 school year are, from left: Renn Savoie, president; Brandy Carroll, vice president; Lakeyn Duhon, secretary; Brittany Hebert, treasurer.



THE JUNIOR class at Grand Lake High School recently elected class officers. Chosen were, from left: Kory Dahlen, president; Sara Taylor, vice president; Jordan Precht, secretary; and Justin Howerton, treasurer.



GRAND LAKE High senior class officers recently elected for the 2005-06 school year are: (standing) Matt Crador, President; (seated, L to R) Sam Poole, Vice President; Farrah Jouett, Secretary; Paige Fontenot, Treasurer.

# Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



Our year is slowly, but surely passing by, November has come up on us, we've changed back to the old time, and yes, I did not get my extra hour of sleep. I did set my clocks back, but I woke as I normally do, 4:30 a.m., got up and made coffee, then realized the time on my coffee pot said 3:40 a.m., then I felt like the "Streak", remember, "Don't Look Ethel," so it just made my day longer.

Before the Hurricane Rita came along, I was gathering data to cap the year for the Lemesche Bass Club, Gibbstown Dogfights and the C.C.A. Star Tournament results. I did find some paperwork that I brought out, so this is my finals, as best as I can tell.

## C.C.A.'S STAR FINALS

Speckle trout - June - West - Jimmie Hebert, 8.90 pounds.  
 Speckle trout - July - West - Lynn Khoury, 8.10 pounds.  
 Speckle trout - August - West - Jared Burleigh, 9.10 pounds.

## CAJUN CALCUTTA

Speckle trout - statewide - 1. Robert Dubois, 7.25 pounds; 2. Preston Vincent, 6.68 pounds; 3. Bryan Breame, 6.25 pounds.

## FLOUNDER - WEST

1. Donald Benoit, 5.45 pounds; 2. Micheal Quienalty, 5.00 pounds; 3. Micheal Freeman, 4.15 pounds.

## COBIA

1. Billy Helveston, 64.50 pounds; 2. James Stout, 63.85 pounds; 3. Benjamin Poder III, 60.05 pounds.

## DRUM

1. Damon McRay, 66.05 pounds; 2. David Ryder, 48.85 pounds; 3. Aaron Ellis, 45.95 pounds.

## SHEEPHEAD

1. Richard Hewitt, 9.90 lbs.; 2. Michael Gage, 9.65 lbs.; 3. Richard Hewitt, 9.60 lbs.

## YELLOWFIN TUNA

1. Allen Buras, Jr., 175 lbs.; 2. Blake Mathews, 154.80 lbs.; 3. Al Domesick, 128.90 lbs.

## TAGGED REDFISH

There were four tagged redfish caught, but three



anglers either didn't belong to the C.C.A., or had not entered the Star Tournament, but Betty Ellender of Carlyss did enter one.

There were 89 fish entered in the new Tide Trout West (Youth), 37 contestants entered a flounder. Lifetime licenses west to: Andrew Moss of Lake Charles, Christopher Trahan of Metairie, Travis Red of New Orleans and Hayley Everrett of Mandeville.

The largest speckle trout weighed in the east was Terry St. Cyr with a 8.40 pounder. C.C.A.'s award banquet was Oct. 13 in Baton Rouge.

## NOVEMBER

November is usually a very active month. Hunters are cleaning up their camps, getting the fire arms and shotgun shells ready, getting the Lab some exercise, preparing the boats to hit the marsh to make duck and goose blinds. Well, if we have a duck season this year, there's no movement around the parish, everyone's trying to salvage what they can from Hurricane Rita, again this past weekend. My trips to Creole were like I'm totally lost. No coots or ducks along the Gibbstown Road, I did see one gallinule, but lots of mud mounds in the marsh, which I'm sure is "floating turf." I've noticed mud boat trails that are not there anymore, so I'm sure duck hunting is on a different page for this year.

November is usually a major migration period for our waterfowl, but with all the saltwater across our marshes, all the vegetation gone, we really don't have anything to offer ducks to stay, except in our rice fields, where you can control water. Looking at many acres of dead grass, it seems as if there was a very cold spell, as the salt accumulated looks like a bit 28" frost.

This is the time of year where largemouth bass begin to look for deeper water, however I'm sure there's not many bass left in our marshes because of the saltwater and the high waves pushing fish to the northwest. I did find a dead bass about five inches long in my yard last Saturday, wandering how did the fish get here, as things were moving northwest, then I realized that next to the South Cameron Elementary School, there's a private pond with real nice bass on the Montie property.

# Area folks were made of sterner stuff

By MICHAEL GRAHAM  
 TRI-PARISH TIMES  
 HOUMA, LA

They were poor. They lived in homes that, to some Americans, would appear no more than shacks. They've suffered discrimination at the hands of their fellow Americans. And when the hurricane came, it seemed to veer out of its way, just to hit them.

So why didn't hundreds of Cajuns from western Louisiana appear on my TV screen last week, complaining that George W. Bush doesn't like them, demanding \$200 billion of my tax dollars or blaming the bad weather on Halliburton?

Hurricane Rita may have hit western Louisiana harder than Katrina hit New Orleans, but Rita came across folks made of sterner stuff than you'll find in the Ninth Ward. Here's how one Washington Post story described the scene just hours after Rita made landfall near Intracoastal City, a "City" that in many senses barely exists:

The only people who can get here are the sturdiest of sorts, a small armada of Cajuns with pretty French names and sun-burned skin and don't-mess-with-me bravado. The bayous were full of them Saturday gliding high and quick in airboats, and so was the Vermilion River, where they were spinning steering wheels on fast Boston whalers and kicking up wakes in flat-bottomed, aluminum boats. They did not wait for the president or FEMA or anyone else to tell them that there were people out there--out there and desperate, on rooftops.

I got out of the sheriff's office in about 20 seconds," said Steve Artee, as his son, Chris, made a hard, boat-tilting turn on the swollen Vermilion. "They just took my cell phone number, and I was gone. That's because Kathleen Blanco wasn't involved."

Now, anyone who hates Blanco and Bureaucrats can't be all bad. But I don't agree with Mr. Artee that the people of Vermilion Parish behaved more responsibly or showed more strength of character because Gov. Blanco didn't have their parish on her

speed dial. I believe the people of western Louisiana behaved better because they are in fact, better people.

The failure revealed by Hurricane Katrina was not a failure of government, at least, not any more than government always fails. The failure in New Orleans was a failure of character. Corrupt people electing corrupt politicians who gave millions in tax dollars to corrupt cronies to either mis-construct vital levees or to spend the money on entirely useless pork projects. Then when disaster struck, these same people--living a Faustian deal of votes for tax-funded handouts-- were utterly lost when those corrupt government officials headed for high ground without them.

Then came Hurricane Rita, Katrina's ugly sister to wreak similar havoc just a few hundred miles to the west. The communities affected were, on the surface, similar as well: Abbeville or Cameron, were "low income" communities.

But while the people of New Orleans were panicking and complaining (not to mention stealing, shooting and stabbing) days after the storm, the Cajuns of western Louisiana were out in their boats, looking for lost neighbors and rescuing strangers off rooftops.

It wasn't just because Gov. Blanco wasn't involved - it was because almost NO government is involved in these folks' daily lives. The people of rural Louisiana grow up with the assumption that their survival in this world of woe is their responsibility. Unlike far too many people in New Orleans, "low income" isn't an excuse to the working families in rural Louisiana. It's just a condition to be dealt with. They live their lives as though they own them, unlike those government-dependent "victims" who live as though life is something the state provides for them and is responsible to maintain.

Randy Gary, a fisherman from Cameron was asked about his future after his boats were destroyed and flooding poisoned the oyster beds he fished.

He didn't blame FEMA or accuse President Bush of stealing his lunch money. He wasn't spotted kicking in the door of the local Wal-Mart to snag a plasma-screen TV "for survival purposes." He has yet to join the Cajun Action Committee to investigate why so many of Rita's victims spoke French.

Instead, as the AP reports, he smiled. "What else we gonna do?" he said, pledging to rebuild his shattered home and work. "It's my life. It's what I do." Hurricane Rita, you've met your match.

(Michael Graham is a columnist for JewishWorld Review.com.)



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# La. Hunting Weekend

Anyone interested in participating in Discover Louisiana Hunting Weekend, scheduled for the Nov. 25-27, now has more time to prepare.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) promotion, targeting new hunters who want to experience the outdoors, requires participants to complete a hunter education course before they receive a no-cost DLH permit. The original deadline for course completion had been Oct. 30, but the new deadline has been set for Nov. 15.

"Due to the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on numerous parishes, and the fact that hunter ed classes were disrupted in many areas, we want to give people more time to complete their courses and obtain their DLH permit," said LDWF Secretary Dwight Landreneau. "The Hunter Education section will continue to work with all who wish to get certified in time for this Thanksgiving weekend event."

The promotion allows both Louisiana residents and non-residents, 16 years of age and older, to experience recreational hunting for the first time or enjoy the sport again. In addition to hunter education certification, participants must also partner with a licensed Louisiana resident hunter who will serve as a host hunter.

The host hunter will serve as mentor for the DLH permittee and can be a relative, neighbor, friend or co-worker.

All interested participants who need to obtain hunter education certification are urged to sign up for a class in a location near their home town. A list of courses around the state is available on the DLH Web site -- [www.discoverlouisianahunting.com](http://www.discoverlouisianahunting.com). An on-line version of the course is available through the DLH web site or a CD-ROM version can be obtained by calling the LDWF office nearest the participant. Hunter education courses are free and certification obtained in another state will be accepted.

During the Discover

Louisiana Hunting weekend, only quail, rabbit, squirrel and deer can be hunted. For daily bag and possession limits and deer zone restrictions refer to the 2005-06 Louisiana Hunting Season and WMA Regulations Booklet or go to [www.discoverlouisianahunting.com](http://www.discoverlouisianahunting.com) and click on "Regulations."

Any interested participant without Internet access can call any of the following LDWF offices Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., for permit application assistance:

- \* Alexandria: 1995 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville; ph. 318-487-5885
- \* Baton Rouge: 2000 Quail Drive; ph. 225-765-2346
- \* Ferriday: 261 Wildlife & Fishery Road, Ferriday; ph. 318-757-4571
- \* Lake Charles: 1213 North Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles; ph. 337-491-2575
- \* Minden: 1401 Talton Street; ph. 318-371-3050
- \* Monroe: 368 Century Tel Drive; ph. 318-343-4044
- \* New Iberia: 2415 Darnall Road; ph. 337-373-0032
- \* Opelousas: 5652 Highway 182; ph. 337-948-0255

## School lunch

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week beginning Thursday, Nov. 3 are as follows:

- Thursday, Nov. 3 - Oven fried chicken, seasoned rice, green beans, fruit cocktail, wheat biscuits, milk.
- Friday, Nov. 4 - Beef finger steaks, mashed potatoes, orange wedges, white sauce, wheat sliced bread, milk.
- Monday, Nov. 7 - Chicken Alfredo, tossed salad, orange wedges, salad dressing, wheat biscuits, Jello w/fruit, milk.
- Tuesday, Nov. 8 - Meatballs for gravy, brown gravy rice, carrots, fruit salad, peanut butter spread, wheat rolls, milk.
- Wednesday, Nov. 9 - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit cup, yellow cake, chocolate glaze, wheat sliced bread, white sauce, milk.

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**THIS CAMPSITE** at Camp Cameron was decorated with pumpkins for Halloween. It also featured a driftwood fence hung with orange life vests and life rings from the beach. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## BBB urges caution when hiring contractors here

As businesses and consumers in Southwest Louisiana undertake recovery efforts after Hurricane Rita, the Better Business Bureau warns the public to exercise caution when selecting vendors and contractors to assist with clean up, property repair and other necessary services.

"Con artists know that some disaster victims will choose speed over common sense. Business owners and consumers are understandably eager to resume normal daily life. The BBB urges them not to risk additional losses by succumbing to the tempting offers of fly-by-night vendors," said Carmen Million, president of Better Business Bureaus of Southwest Louisiana.

The usual cast of characters, like door-to-door hucksters and unscrupulous contractors, flocks to the scene of every disaster. This time, due to flooding, excessive humidity and the widespread impact of Rita, the BBB anticipates additional frauds to erupt, including:

- \*Identity thieves. Before disposing of water-damaged files or hiring a firm to remove debris from your business or home, carefully destroy any papers that contain personal or financial information. Otherwise, you could end up assisting identify thieves who will rummage through your garbage for credit card information, birth certificates, bank statements and the like.

- \*Mold removal hoaxes. Standing water can soak through carpeting, furniture, drywall and insulation, spawning mold, fungi and decay. Don't succumb to the salesperson that offers miracle mold removal products or cheap carpet/furniture cleaning services.

- \*Useless water treatment devices. Fraudulent firms may try to sell concerned businesses and consumers overpriced or useless water treatment devices. Consult your local water-utility office about water safety problems and what to do.

- \*Expensive pest control. As the floodwaters recede, pests remain. Offers of "free" inspections can result in unnecessary and expensive treatments. Always get a second opinion and use a reputable pest control service.

- \*Real estate speculation: Anyone seeking to sell their property should thoroughly research the background and marketplace record of any interested buyers.

- \*Unofficial "officials." Ask for identification from any "official" who shows up at your place of business or home. Door-to-door con artists can claim to be utility workers in order to case your property. Or, crooks can masquerade as SBA or FEMA employees, alleging the need to do "safety inspections" or gather detailed financial information or personal information. Contact the agency represented to verify that the person is an employee before admitting them.

- \*Questionable appliance repair. Do not deal with any repairperson that cannot produce a state and/or local business license. Also, if the repairperson tells you that your cooling system or other major appliance needs to be replaced, ask for that opinion and replacement cost in writ-

ing. Then get a second and third opinion.

- \*Price Gouging. To avoid price gouging, get more than one bid to help determine if the price quoted is comparable to other bids in that particular industry.

The Better Business Bureau offers the following tips for a smooth road to recovery.

- 1) Contact your Insurer. The most immediate concern for anyone should be to contact his or her insurance company or carrier. Ask about their policy coverage and check out what procedures they advocate for filing a claim and getting reimbursed for losses.

- 2) Initiate clean-up efforts. If you decide to hire a company or person to remove debris or clean your property, look for reputable services and interview a couple before making your decision. Ask for a written list of the services they will provide and the cost for those services. Before selecting a company, confirm their business license and proof of general liability and worker's compensation insurance. Check their identification and references. Don't pay more than the minimum in advance and do not make the final payment until you have inspected the property and are happy with the results.

- 3) Repair or rebuild. The BBB offers these tips for selecting a contractor to repair or rebuild your home or business:

- \*Don't act in haste. Don't be pressured into signing a long-term contract. Make temporary repairs if necessary.

- \*For major permanent repairs, take time to shop around for contractors, get competitive bids, check out references, make sure the contractor is properly licensed and insured and check out their report with the Better Business Bureau.

- \*Be wary of high-pressure tactics, such as door-to-door laborers who claim your home or building is unsafe. If you are concerned about possible structural damage in your home, have an engineer, architect or building official inspect it.

- \*Get a written agreement with your contractor that outlines the repairs to be done, the types of materials to be used, and the price breakdown for both labor and materials. Review it carefully before signing. Keep a copy for your records.

- \*Never pay for all repairs in advance and do not pay cash. Pay in installments as the work is completed, preferably with a credit card. Never sign your insurance check over to a contractor!

- \*Never pay contractor in full until you verify that all subcontractors and supplies have been paid for which will eliminate a lien being placed against your property.

- 4) Check with the BBB. The Better Business Bureau services are needed more in the aftermath of a disaster than at any other time. Before selecting any service provider, particularly one from out-of-state, contact the BBB for a report on that company. You can reach the Bureau at 478-6253 or www.lakecharles.bbb.org.service and it can help prevent an accidental electrical contact.

## Directions given on how to clean up mold damage

As safe water supply and electricity have been restored to many of the areas affected by Hurricane Rita, many residents are returning to live in their homes. However, as they repopulate the area, many are encountering mold growth in their residences. The Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health wishes to offer citizens some basic guidelines for safe mold cleanup and removal.

Indoor mold growth typically happens when mold spores come in contact with wet areas. Indoor mold grows in damp, moist area and is likely to happen in places with water damage, high humidity and dampness. Therefore, it is not uncommon to find mold growth in homes after a storm.

Signs of indoor mold growth include staining on surfaces, a musty odor, dark spots on or around vents, water stains and peeling or curling of vinyl floors or wallpaper. Mold is most often found in bathrooms, on windows, behind water heaters and in kitchens but also may be found on ceilings, walls, sheet rock, books, wood and clothing.

"Most types of molds are not harmful to otherwise healthy people," said Regional Medical Director Dr. B. J. Foch. "However, because mold can cause some health problems, particularly for people with asthma and allergies, it is best to avoid mold growth indoors and get rid of it as soon as it is found."

Common reactions to mold are cough, congestion, runny nose, burning eyes, headaches, sneezing and sore throat. Children, pregnant women, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems may be more sensitive to mold than others.

To remove mold, it is crucial to remove the moisture source. If mold is removed without fixing the moisture problem, the mold will return.

In most cases, if the area of mold growth is small (less than 10 square feet) homeowners can clean it themselves. It is important to remove mold by scrubbing with detergent and water, and then drying the area fully and quickly.

If there is a lot of mold growth on certain porous materials like carpet, sheetrock or insulation, it should be removed and replaced. Use protection such as gloves, an N-95 breathing mask, eye goggles, long sleeves and pants when cleaning up mold. This is important because during cleanup of mold, spores can be released into the air. Homeowners may want to talk with an expert if the area of growth is large or if you have health conditions that can be worsened by mold. There are no state agencies in Louisiana that test or clean up mold. Professional help is available through contractors

and/or mold cleanup companies.

- \*Find and fix the moisture problem.

- \*Shut off all heat or air conditioning to stop mold spores from spreading around the home or building. If possible, turn on a fan in a window to exhaust the air to the outdoors.

- \*Remove, bag and throw out materials that have heavy mold growth (i.e. ceiling tiles, leather, cloth, sheetrock, plaster, paneling, wood products, paper, carpet, padding, etc.)

- \*Use detergent in hot water and scrub the moldy area. Use a hard brush or cleaning pad on rough areas.

- \*Rinse the whole area with hot water. A wet-dry vacuum can be used to pick up extra water.

- \*Fully dry the area for two or three days. Raising the temperature and using dehumidifiers and fans will help.

- \*Vacuum your home, if possible, with a HEPA - filtered vacuum.

To Prevent Mold Growth from Re-occurring:

- \*Fully dry wet building materials, furnishings and carpets within 48 hours of getting wet, if possible.

- \*Replace water-damaged items as soon as possible.

- \*Make sure that heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) systems are always running, to keep the right amount of air flowing inside of the building.

- \*Keep indoor relative humidity below 60 percent (ideally, between 30 percent and 50 percent). Good airflow and dehumidifiers help to keep humidity low. These items are available at home supply stores.

- \*Check roofs, ceilings, walls, floors and carpets for water leaks, mold growth or musty odors.

- \*Fix broken roof gutters.

- \*Routinely replace air conditioner filters and clean drip pans.

- \*Make sure that stoves/ovens, bathrooms and clothes dryers are vented to the outside of the home, if possible.

If there has been a lot of water damage and/or mold growth that covers more than 10 square feet, a contractor and/or mold cleanup company may be needed. Professional help is needed if the homes heating/venting/air conditioning system has mold growing inside of it, or if the water/mold damage was caused by sewage or other contaminated water. The Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors - www.lslbc.state.la.us or 1-800-256-1392 - can provide information about licensed mold removal professionals.

For more information or links to public health information about safe mold removal after a hurricane, please visit www.dhhemergencynews.com or call the DHH Environmental Health hotline at 1-888-293-7020.

## TED exemption extended Nov. 23 due to hurricane

In response to ongoing debris problems associated with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has authorized a temporary extension exempting shrimp trawlers from federal Turtle Excluder Device (TED) requirements in certain state and federal waters off Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

Shrimp trawlers fishing in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas waters from the Florida-Alabama state line westward to the boundary shared by Matagorda and Brazoria counties in Texas and extending 50 nautical miles offshore are now exempt from federal TED requirements through Nov. 23, 2005.

In lieu of TEDs, this authorization requires shrimp trawlers to restrict tow times to 55 minutes until Oct. 31 and 75 minutes thereafter. Tow times are measured from the time trawl doors enter the water until they are retrieved from the water according to NMFS.

This exemption from federal TED requirements is valid through 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 23, unless otherwise extended by NMFS. Federal regulations provide for the use of limited tow times as an alternative to the use of TEDs if determined "that the pres-

ence of debris or other special environmental conditions in a particular area makes trawling with TED-equipped nets impracticable."

The NMFS had earlier authorized a 30-day TED exemption affecting certain state and federal waters off Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina and a later exemption affecting remaining Louisiana and adjacent federal waters westward to the Matagorda and Brazoria County line in Texas following Hurricane Rita.

NMFS encourages shrimp trawlers in the affected areas to continue to use TEDs if possible. NMFS studies have shown that the problem of clogging by seagrass, algae, or by other debris is not unique to TED-equipped nets.

When fishermen trawl in problem areas, they may experience clogging with or without TEDs. Shrimp trawlers who continue to use legal TEDs in the affected areas do not have to limit their tow times. However, shrimpers choosing to use tow-time limitations may not simply sew the TED flaps shut; they must remove the TEDs from the trawls.

NMFS will continue to monitor debris problems. If monitoring indicates that debris is no longer a problem, then this authorization may



**THESE PHONE technicians** from Wisconsin represent many such teams now working in lower Cameron Parish to restore the connections damaged by salt water. There are 900 splices to be made in each box. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers)

## Mosquitoes expected to be numerous after Rita

With hundreds of square miles of standing water in Louisiana, LSU AgCenter entomologists advise homeowners to protect themselves from being exposed to the unusually heavy populations of mosquitoes following hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"The large populations of mosquitoes will enhance the spread of mosquito-borne illnesses in humans and possibly kill unprotected pets and livestock," said LSU AgCenter entomologist Dr. Dale Pollet. "People need to take steps to protect themselves and their animals from these pests."

As a result of the heavy rainfall and storm surges, many low-lying areas, ditches, bayous and streams were flooded.

The loss of electricity in many areas also affected water treatment plants - making some of that stagnant water ideal for mosquito breeding, as well. And, to further enhance the mosquito population, the heavy rainfall filled containers, tree holes and other objects near homes.

Experts say all those factors provided the water and the habitat necessary for mosquito larvae to develop into adults.

"Once they become adults, which takes about seven to 10 days, female mosquitoes begin to search for a warm-blooded animal, bird or person to bite, because such a 'blood meal' will make their eggs viable," Pollet explained. "Then the female mosquito lays her eggs, and the life cycle continues."

Louisiana provides a habitat for more than 60 species of mosquitoes. These species can be grouped into fresh marsh, salt marsh, floodwater, rice field, urban and tree-hole mosquitoes.

The floodwater and salt water mosquitoes lay eggs on moist soil near the water's edge. Those eggs can remain where they're laid for years - until a major weather event occurs and triggers them to hatch. Then there suddenly is a population explosion of the pesky insects.

LSU AgCenter experts say people need to protect themselves from mosquito bites and the diseases mosquitoes can spread every time they go outside - but particularly around dawn and dusk. And they caution some species of mosquitoes transmit diseases such as West Nile virus, Saint Louis Encephalitis and Eastern Equine Encephalitis to humans and animals.

"People should remain informed about the problems and take precautions," Pollet warned.

As for the mosquitoes that transmit diseases to people, LSU AgCenter pesticide safety specialist and mosquito expert Dr. Mary Grodner says two species that generally live near a home are among the culprits. Those are the southern house mosquito and Asian tiger mosquito, she said.

The Asian tiger mosquito is the primary nuisance mos-

quito in Louisiana, according to Grodner.

"It lays eggs at the edge of the water and breeds in backyard containers like bird baths, flower pot saucers, swimming pool covers, boat covers, old tires and other items that catch and hold water," she said, adding, "It's a vector of many mosquito-borne illnesses and bites mostly animals and humans."

The southern house mosquito, sometimes called the "sewer mosquito," breeds in organically rich areas such as drainage ditches and septic ponds, Grodner said.

"Although the southern house mosquito prefers to bite birds, it will feed on people, too," Grodner said, adding, "They usually bite near dusk and dawn."

To reduce the mosquito populations near the home, people should drain standing water, empty trapped water from containers, mow grass and reduce yard debris, the experts say.

Grodner also said mosquito control districts in various areas of the state will be applying granular larvicides by air to the floodwaters to control the development of larvae into adult mosquitoes.

The experts say homeowners also can use biological control on large bodies of water that cannot be emptied. Bacterial applications can be made with granules, liquids or blocks called dunks to help manage the larval populations.

Regardless of the control measures, some mosquitoes will emerge and have the potential of carrying diseases, so the experts caution even those who aren't near floodwaters still should take precautions.

LSU AgCenter experts offer these tips for controlling mosquitoes around your home and protecting yourself from mosquito bites:

- Use a mosquito repellent each time you go outside.

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants, when possible, and avoid dark colors.

- Avoid outdoor activities from dusk to dawn - when mosquitoes are more active.

- Fight mosquitoes. Don't allow water to stand - or treat standing water with approved insecticides to kill mosquito larvae.

- Repair window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home.

- Use an insecticide to spray areas of thick vegetation in your landscape.

- Remove debris from your yard.

- Mow grass regularly and keep shrubbery trimmed.

- Use pesticides safely and effectively. Read and carefully follow label directions on any insecticides or mosquito repellents you use.

- Always choose a pesticide that is registered with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for your intended use.

For more details on mosquito control and other issues, visit the LSU AgCenter's Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com



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