

Oak trees to be planted Saturday

Oak trees will be planted at three different locations on Saturday, Nov. 17 as part of the Acorns of Hope project.

The live oak trees are being donated by Bob Thibodeaux and will be planted by a group of volunteers from North Carolina and Canada as part of a 5-year project.

At 11 a.m. trees will be planted at the Cameron Prairie Wildlife Refuge north of Creole.

At 2 p.m. a formal program will be held at 2 p.m. at the South Cameron High School gym. School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue will welcome the volunteers. Susan Dupont will sing the National Anthem and a blessing of the trees will be held.

Tim Womick will speak at 2:45 p.m. Planting of trees at three sites will begin at 3 p.m.

The sites are South Cameron High School, the new KaBoom Playground at Creole; and the South Cameron Sports Complex.

For more information on the tree program contact Sharon Nabours, Americorp Volunteer with the LSU AgCenter at 475-8812 or Penny Thibodeaux, 4-H agent, at 905-1318.

Road Home at J. Bayou Thursday

An information session on the Road Home homeowner recovery program will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 15, at Johnson Bayou High School.

Homeowners will be able to ask questions about program eligibility, application status and required documentation. In preparation for one-on-one consultations, homeowners should bring their application ID numbers. The free sessions will be at the following times and locations:

Program applicants must schedule their initial appointments with administrators by Dec. 1 and attend their meetings by Dec. 15. Those who fail to do so will be in eligible for program benefits.

To schedule first appointments, call 888-762-3252. TTY callers should use 711 relay.

The Road Home program is designed to provide up to \$150,000 in compensation to Louisiana homeowners affected by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita.

For more information on the program, visit www.Road2LA.org or call 888-762-3252.

The TTY number is 800-846-5277.

Fundraiser

The Junior Class of Johnson Bayou High School will host a Community Bingo as a Prom Fundraiser. All members of community and out of town family members are invited to come out to the gym Saturday, Nov. 17.

Doors will open at 2 p.m. Games will start at 3 p.m. Gumbo and hot dogs will be sold. Bingo cards are 50 cents a card. There will be two prize winners per round. There will be at least 15 rounds of Bingo.

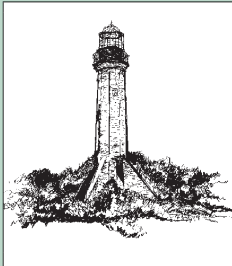
Come out and support your local youth for this fun community event! Dabbers will be sold on site. All ages are welcome to play along.

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MEMBERS OF THE Cameron Council on Aging participated in the Louisiana Senior Olympic Games held recently in Baton Rouge. Shown above with the bronze statue of Mike the Tiger are, from left: Gerald Hebert, Oscar Reyes, Alice Reeves, Betty Seay, Margaret Pitts, Beulah Bradley, and Tonie O'Blance.

School Board addresses security, safety issues

By CYNDI SELLERS

Security and safety issues were addressed by the Cameron Parish School Board Monday afternoon as they awarded a \$110,071 contract for security cameras in three schools. Ralph's Electronics will provide color cameras that can operate in no light for South Cameron, Grand Lake and Hackberry schools. Johnson Bayou School is already equipped with a similar surveillance system.

An additional feature will add networking capability which will allow the central office to view the camera images in real time. The school principals will even be able to use their home computers to check on the school after hours.

Recent thefts of computer equipment from Jefferson Davis Parish schools prompted officials to use no-light cameras. The DVR that records the images will be locked in a security box to prevent theft or damage, as happened in Jeff Davis.

Cameras will watch halls, entrances, exteriors and other areas of the schools as determined by the principals.

The Board approved a contract with Lake Charles Memorial Hospital for sports medicine services at all four schools on a weekly basis and trainer services at athletic events. This school year's cost will be pro-rated at \$6,600; next year it will be \$10,000 for the full year.

Board member Scott Nunez said it is very important for the safety of the athletes to have this service, which has not been provided for some time.

Playground safety was also addressed with the awarding of a \$32,619 contract for mulch for all four ele-

mentary playgrounds. New equipment has been installed, and cushioning material is required. Total Recreation Products will deliver 1239 cubic yards of engineered wood fiber to the schools, to be spread by school board employees.

The board adopted revisions to the student Code of Conduct, providing guidelines for which infractions must be punished by suspension or expulsion instead of in-school suspension. Expulsion infractions include alcohol, arson, assault and battery, bomb threat, drugs, riots, threatening/stalking faculty, threatening/killing remarks, and weapons.

Infractions such as bullying, fighting, hazing, theft, and vandalism (among others) are not eligible for in-school suspension. Students committing these offenses will not be able to make up tests missed while on suspension.

In-school suspensions will be served on Fridays for 4-day schools and in a special detention room at Grand Lake. Students will do school work or service work during the suspension time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Member Rachel Abadie reported on the progress of the Grand Lake softball field. She said the only part of the project which will have to be bid out is the fence. Estimated cost for the project is \$50,000, which will come from the special projects fund. Abadie hopes to have the field in place in time for the spring softball season.

After discussion, the board approved a policy to allow non-profit organizations and churches to rent school facilities, at the cost of personnel to provide access and to clean

facilities, until more buildings are reconstructed in Cameron Parish.

Members voted to have requests presented to the Board, but will allow the Superintendent to poll the members if there is an urgent need for the space before the next meeting. Renters must provide proof of insurance and other paperwork before school property can be used.

South Cameron School is currently being used for CCD classes by the Catholic churches of the area, and the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival rents the former Cameron Elementary School site for the festival in January.

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Hackberry Trash Bash to be held

The sponsors of the semi-annual Trash Bash in the community of Hackberry are soliciting help from industry, businesses, clubs, and other community organizations.

A highway clean-up is planned for Nov. 17. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Hackberry Community Center.

Participants will be organized in groups, given a section of state highway 27 or 390 to clean. Safety vests, trash bags, gloves, and mosquito repellent will be provided. Participants are asked to bring rakes. Each group will work until 11 a.m. At that time they will break for lunch and door prizes. T-shirts will also be provided to participants.



THE NEW SOUTH Cameron Memorial Hospital is due to open soon, replacing the facility that was destroyed by Hurricane Rita in 2005. Hospital Administrator Rita Simon is shown demonstrating the remote control features of the new hospital beds. The control operates the bed, three sets of lights, and the window shade.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Saturday's election to have short ballot

Cameron Parish voters will be faced with a short ballot when they vote in the runoff election on Saturday, Nov. 17.

Only two police jury races, the 25th Senatorial race and the Louisiana Attorney General's race remain on the ballot.

In Police Jury District 6, the Cameron area, Kirk Burleigh and Bryon "Goose" Richard are in the runoff.

In Police Jury District 2, the Hackberry area, Anthony "Dino" Hicks and Steve Racca are in the runoff.

All four are newcomers.

The incumbents in the two districts did not seek re-election.

In the 25th Senatorial District race Dan "Blade" Morrish and Gil Pinac are in the runoff.

The incumbent, Jerry Theunissen, was unable to seek re-election due to term limits.

Royal Alexander, Republican from Shreveport, and James "Buddy" Caldwell, Democrat from Tallulah, are in the runoff election for Attorney General, the only state race remaining on the ballot.

Cameron Health Unit to hold grand opening on Friday

It is now easier for citizens of Cameron Parish to receive preventive health care services with the reopening of the local health unit. The official reopening is set for Friday, Nov. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. The reopening celebration will feature a ribbon cutting, dedication and tours of the newly remodeled health unit facility.

When it was evacuated prior to Rita's landfall, the health unit served more than 250 people each month. Services included immuniza-

tions, tuberculosis treatment and surveillance, sexually transmitted disease services, family planning and the WIC program (nutrition program for women, infants and children).

Today, the health unit is serving about 165 people monthly as the parish recovers and more people return home.

According to Polly Strickland, health unit manager, the facility is an important part of the local community.

"When we closed, people seeking services had to drive more than 50 miles one way to get critical health care services," she said. "Although we were pleased that our clinic in Lake Charles was available, it was not an ideal situation."

The health unit is located at 107 Recreation Center Lane behind the courthouse in Cameron.

Holiday fest to be Dec. 6th

The 4th annual Hackberry Holiday Festival will be held Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Hackberry Community Center from 5 to 8 p.m. sponsored by Cameron LNG.

Community Christmas Events, will include photos with santa, ornament crafts, cookie decorating, holiday music program, live Christmas tree lighting, face painting, cake walk, food and beverages.

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Commissioner school told

A course of instruction for persons who wish to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge in Cameron Parish elections in 2008 will be held Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cameron Parish Courthouse courtroom.

A notice from Carl Broussard, Cameron Clerk of Court, in this issue of the Pilot gives more details on this instruction.



SOUTH CAMERON High Senior Night was held on Friday, November 2. The seniors honored were: (front row) Ashley Thibodeaux, Kristin Dupuis, Erika Pickett, Kami Savoie. (second row) Justin Trahan, Jonathan Trahan, Blair Belanger, Racheal Fountain, Victoria Wilkerson. (back row) Ruston Smith, Matthew Miller, Nelson Leija, Bryce Manuel, Trevor Broussard, Tony Johnson, Bebe Alleman, Colby Nunez, Thomas Lee Trosclair, Jaylon Ball, Lance Braxton.



RUBY MILLER, center, was introduced to the Cameron Parish School Board on Monday as the new 4-H Agent for the parish. Miller is a former South Cameron Elementary teacher and 4-H Junior Leader advisor. Also shown are Gary Wicke and Penny Thibodeaux of the Cameron Parish Extension Service Office.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Funerals

JARED ALLEN RICHARD

Jared Allen Richard, 29, of Lake Charles, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, in a local hospital.

Richard was a graduate of Barbe High School and worked as a laborer in the construction field.

He is survived by his father, Roger Allen Richard and wife Molly of Hackberry, his mother, Pauline Manuel Taylor and husband Dean of Lake Charles; one brother, Jamie Richard, of Moss Bluff; three sisters, Kim LaRocca of Lake Charles, Kelli Richard of Lafayette and Kristi Hurt of Slidell.

His funeral was held Tuesday, Nov. 13, from our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Father Rommel Tolentino officiated. Burial was in Highland Memory Gardens.

ARTHUR SEAY

Arthur Seay, 83, of Hackberry, died Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, in a local hospital.

He worked for Amoco and retired after 32 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Seay; one son, Artie Seay and wife Deannie of Hackberry; three daughters, Sharon Rogers and husband, Lee of Bay City, Tex., Twana Duhon and husband Jimmy of Hackberry, and Brenda Nassar and husband Mike of Sulphur; two sisters, Isabelle Gray of Hackberry and Marie Stuart of Houma; three brothers, Alec "Black" Seay of Hackberry, Charles Seay of Hackberry and Pat Seay of Mauriceville, Tex.; 14 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren.

His funeral was held Wednesday, Nov. 14, in St. Peter Catholic Church of Hackberry. Burial was in St. Peter Catholic Church Cemetery.

WILLIAM "BILL" STEPHENS

The funeral for William "Bill" Stephens, 65, of Many, was held Wednesday, Nov. 14, in Robinson Funeral Home of Sulphur. The Rev. Leon Boggs officiated. Burial was in Mimosa Pines Cemetery in Sulphur.

Mr. Stephens died on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007 in a Lake Charles hospital. He was a native of Shreveport, a former resident of Sulphur, and a resident of Many.

He retired from Conoco as an instrument technician after many years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta Stephens of Sulphur; one son, Shane Stephens and wife Jeannette of Grand Lake; two stepsons, Robert Lucy and wife Lori of Sulphur and James Lucy and wife Linda of Calif.; and sister, Mary Ann Stephens Allen of Houston, Tex.



Thanksgiving dinner to be served at Sulphur park

The scrumptious smells of Thanksgiving will be wafting out of the Sulphur Parks and Recreation building this Thanksgiving day. Kind smiles and huge helpings will abound as the Maplewood-Hollywood Lions Club puts on their annual dinner again this year, with help from sponsors: Southwest Daily News, City of Sulphur, and Care Help, Inc.

Starting small, the event was developed to help feed the needy on Thanksgiving. It has blossomed into a major community event, serving over 1,000 people last year. In addition, over 400 deliveries are made to the Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital and home-bound persons in the Sulphur, Carlyss, and Mossville areas.

The festivities begin at 9:30 a.m. with a prayer service. An hour later, when stomachs start to rumble, the turkey will be carved at 10:30 a.m. Additional activities will continue until 2 p.m., includ-

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

GRADUATION

Keith Lee Welch and Randy Michael (Mikey) Schexnider, both graduates of Hackberry High School, recently graduated from Calcasieu Parish Regional Law Enforcement Academy.

Welch is employed by Sulphur Police Department and Schexnider is employed at Calcasieu Sheriff's Department.

Welch is the son of Robert (Bo) Welch of Reeves and Dottie Monceaux of Sulphur. Schexnider is the son of Sandy Schexnider of Sulphur and Michael Schexnider of Conroe, Tex.

CHURCH NEWS PIE SALE

A pie sale at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Hackberry is scheduled for Nov. 21. Anyone wanting pies are asked to call Velma Lowery, Lou Johnson or the church office. Pies are \$7 each.



CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS Public Relations Coordinator Trina Johnson presented a Henning House framed print, \$200 worth of gift cards and 125 goody bags to the children and volunteers for the Creole playground rebuilding efforts.

Conway is saluted

Dear Editor:

Your last issue of the Pilot brought to me the tragic news of the death of Hon. Conway LeBleu. I suppose it was not entirely unexpected since stroke, Rita, and age had already silenced the last sonata in this veteran lawmaker's song.

I never met Conway in person nor had a chance to shake his hand. We met only in the email compartment of my computer. Another reason is that I am an 87-year-old World War II vet, in a wheelchair and on oxygen. During his 24 years in the Louisiana House, where he was likely to confront every enemy who chose to oppose him, Conway never ran away from any argument.

Even in retirement, he still had 4 tragedies that he had to deal with. Perhaps the worst was the death of his nephew, U. S. Justice Agent Conway Charles LeBleu, who was murdered Feb. 28, 1993 in Waco. Another was a debilitating stroke, which left his speech mechanisms gnawing some inner chamber.

Anxious to help in my completion of the S. P. Henry story, also his antecedent in Cameron. I heard him say only the good things about his political opponents. In fact my computer is still trying to file away some of his delightful phrases and witticisms.

I now know enough that I can say - even though I never shook his hands nor knew him in person - that Conway must have been an exceptional person, because my computer reverberated whenever he was inside of it, so it is bound to have shivered and shook the halls and walls of the House of Representatives in Baton Rouge whenever Conway was a member.

Requiescat in pace, my beautiful friend!

Cordially,
/s/ W. T. Block

HOLIDAY FEST

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Holiday Marketplace will feature local artisans, businesses and school organizations selling and taking orders for holiday gifts, crafts and goody mixes.

For information contact: Kathy Helmer at 762-3305.

The event is organized by the Hackberry High School Student clubs and organizations with generous support from these sponsors: Targa Midstream Services LP, Cameron Communications, Deep South Productions and Founding Partner and Event Underwriter, Cameron LNG.

Veterans Day observed at Hackberry High School

By JOLIE TRAHAN

Winners of ten dollar gift cards at the Hackberry High School Veterans Day Program were:

Veteran Coloring Sheet Contest, Blanche Beard; Poster Contest, Kaye Leigh LaBove; Fifty Word Theme Contest, Torey Little; Two Hundred Word Essay Contest, Leslie Fincher.

Awards were presented at a 9 a.m. Veterans Day Program on Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the school auditorium.

HONORING WHO SERVED

By LESLIE FINCHER

Veterans Day is observed in honor of all who fought to keep the flag of freedom flying over this great land. This year, on Tuesday, Nov. 13, the citizens of Hackberry will pause to express their gratitude to the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces.

There have been many wars over the centuries and many young men and women who have risked their lives for what they believed was right. There were people who felt real pain, knew what it was to starve, and went to bed with the sound of gun shots and helicopters over-

head. These warriors lived every second of the remainder of their lives in fear. These people should not be considered just as soldiers or warriors; they should be considered as war heroes to our country.

There are many like my grandfathers who have served our country in or out of war by being in military service. Our flag and the freedom that it symbolizes were protected by their peace and war efforts. On Nov. 11, what can we do to honor our veterans? How can we show them our gratitude? We can take a moment out of our busy schedules and remember them in a moment of silence, support veteran organizations, or simply tell the veterans, "Thank You."

War! A three letter word that is, sadly, one of the most determining factors of the history of all the nations worldwide. This is the word that is responsible for the deaths of young souls. Every breath that I breathe, I thank Gov for allowing me to be born an American. Everyday, ideas and thoughts flood my head of how different life would be for me if I lived in a country ruled by a communistic government. So, I take a moment to thank each and every brave veteran everyday.



Thanks for the business that we shared this year.

We will break the tradition this year to spend time with family and work on our home so we will be closed Thursday, November 22, 2007 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

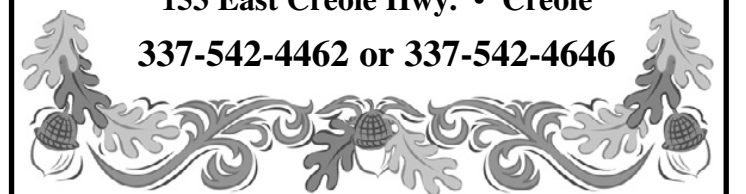
We will also be closed Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23 and 24 following the Holiday.

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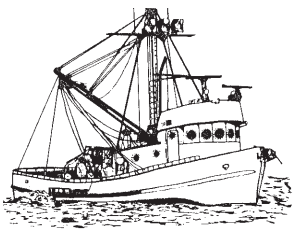


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Permit sought

Wendell Broussard of Grand Chenier has applied for a Coastal Use Permit to construct a 20 by 50 foot boat dock for fishery activities on the Mermentau River Road across from the Grand Chenier park on the Mermentau River



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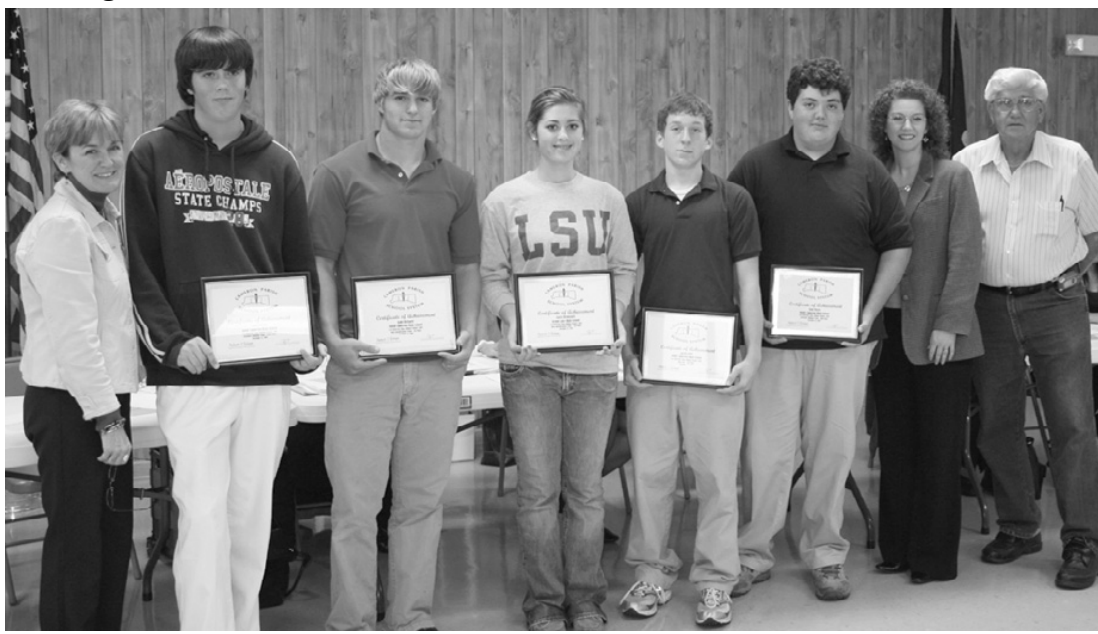
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COREY BROUSSARD, Louisiana State FFA Secretary and Grand Lake High School FFA President, addressed the Cameron Parish School Board Monday afternoon, explaining the importance of agricultural education. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



4-H UNIVERSITY 2007 Blue Ribbon winners were honored by the Cameron Parish School Board Monday. Pictured above are: 4-H Agent Ruby Miller, Cody Jouett, Kobi Richard, Lacey Broussard, Javen Little, Alan Myers, Penny Thibodeaux, and School Board President Loston McEvers. Not present were: Sara Taylor, Baret Bercier, Jordan Poole, Amanda Wicke, and Gabe LaLande. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

SCHOOL BOARD

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PERSONNEL

Resignations: Jennifer Tuxford, JBS Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten teacher; Nancy Norman, GLS Resource and Special Ed. teacher.

Retirement: Brenda Smith, GLS Family and Consumer Science teacher.

Extended Sick Leave: Jendi Trahan, GLS teacher; Rebecca Trahan, SCS teacher.

Appointments: Kelly Benoit, Debbie Conner - Child specific LPNs, GLS; Kayla Granger, JBS Pre-K and Kindergarten teacher; Bernetta Vedder, GLS Resource and Special Ed. teacher.

Transfer: Missy Poole, GLS, from Special Education to FACS teacher.

Return from Sabbatical Leave: Sharon Parsons, GLS Special Ed. teacher.

SUPERINTENDENT DISCUSSES FEMA "CHALLENGES"

School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue brought board members up to date on

the status of current FEMA reconstruction projects around the district on Monday, diplomatically calling the issues "challenges."

Over \$450,000 in change orders at Johnson Bayou School are being questioned by FEMA because they may be considered "improvements" and may not adhere to the scope of work for which FEMA will pay. Extensive efforts are being made to justify the change orders, she said.

The Central Administration office plans were adopted without a public hearing, such as was held for South Cameron, which violates the FEMA requirement for public comment. Rodrigue is working with FEMA to provide an "after the fact" process for public comment, while keeping the environmental review and request for change of location in line.

At South Cameron School FEMA is requiring justification for the size of the classrooms being enlarged from the 1958 size to the present, in absence of state standards. Rodrigue hopes to be able to use the new Grand Lake

Elementary wing to justify the size of the new classrooms at South Cameron. Requests for environmental review and consolidation are still in line.

The Grand Lake greenhouse and barn are in line for environmental review and change of location.

The GLS, JBS, and SCS tracks are in the initial engineering study phase.

Rodrigue provided board members with a copy of a New York Times article which explored the problems with red tape in the rebuilding of Louisiana. Focused on New Orleans, the problems are the same as those in Cameron Parish. "Intricate, inflexible and open-ended, the process seems to value perfect paperwork over speedy resolutions, local officials here say, and requires endless haggling over every acoustic ceiling tile and paper-towel dispenser," said the Nov. 6 article by Leslie Eaton.

Federal officials have recently been trying harder to help, though. City Park Director Robert Becker said he "no longer has to contend with FEMA about why it agreed to pay for two hinges, but not all three, on the doors in his old office building. On the other hand, he has mixed feelings about the agency's recent decision that the building, now gutted, is too damaged to be repaired, and will have to be replaced."

Combine flowers, vegetables, for Thanksgiving centerpiece

(NAPSA) - Create a harvest-style centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table by combining flowers and vegetables. With its long neck and round belly, a butternut squash, for example, makes a great container.

Here's how it's done from the experts at 1-800-Flowers.Com:

Select any size butternut squash that stands up straight and cut off the squash about an inch from the top. Scoop out at least 2 1/2" of the inside. Soak a piece of floral foam-available in most craft stores-that you have cut to fit and place it

inside the scooped-out squash.

Place an assortment of fall flowers in the foam. Before you do, hold the flowers near the squash to determine the height, give each stem a fresh cut on an angle and insert them in the foam.

Another idea for a centerpiece is the Fresh Flower Cornucopia found at www.1800flowers.com. The cornucopia, featuring gorgeous fall flowers, is excellent for any fall occasion.



School Lunch Menus

Cameron Parish School lunches for the coming week are as follows:

Friday, Nov. 16 - Sloppy joe, carrots, oven fries, oatmeal cookies, catsup, hamburger bun, milk

Monday, Nov. 26 - Breaded chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cocktail, wheat rolls, white sauce, milk

Tuesday, Nov. 27 - Barbecue burger, oven fries, baked beans, banana bread squares, hamburger bun, catsup, milk

Wednesday, Nov. 28 - Sausage on a bun, tossed salad, carrots, chilled peach slices, hot dog bun, salad dressing, milk

Thursday, Nov. 29 - Baked chicken, rice, blackeyed peas, fresh fruit cup, brown gravy, wheat biscuits, milk.

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First appointments must be made by calling 1.888.762.3252. Appointment times will be based on availability. You are encouraged to call as soon as possible to schedule your appointment.

<p>Where are appointments available?</p> <p>Appointments are available at 11 Housing Assistance Centers throughout Louisiana and in Houston. Advisory Service follow-up appointments will still be available after the December 15 deadline.</p>	<p>What if I live out of state?</p> <p>Applicants who live out of state may choose to complete a phone interview and an application packet through the mail. However, program managers strongly encourage homeowners to complete appointments in person if at all possible. This will help expedite the processing of the homeowner's application. Out-of-state applicants must still call to schedule their appointments by December 1, and all materials must be returned by December 15, 2007.</p>
<p>What if I only applied for mitigation money?</p> <p>If you applied for mitigation money only, you must still schedule an initial appointment by December 1, 2007 and complete it by December 15, 2007 in order to be eligible.</p>	



Dear Friends of Cameron Parish

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"To sum it up, Gil knows how to get things done and he LISTENS to the 'little people' like us. . . I am asking for your vote and support for Gil Pinac, #49 for State Senate . . . I firmly believe he will provide the best representation for Cameron Parish."

Jennifer Jones

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CHILDREN AT the Cameron Branch Library constructed a community quilt to hang on the wall of the library. Each of the children colored and signed one of the eleven squares in the quilt program. The children were part of the La. Spirit Program that helps people deal with the stress of the aftermath of Hurricane Rita. The program uses art projects and counseling each week to help the children express themselves and their feelings. The Children's Community Spirit Program is at the Cameron Branch Library each Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at no cost to participants. For more information call the Library at 775-5421.



The Churches of Christ Salute You.

On **December 2, 2007** a new congregation will start worship services to **GOD**, and join in Christian fellowship in Cameron Parish. Each of you reading this announcement are sincerely invited to join in this experience. A revival of your soul and a worship service according to the fundamentals provided in the New Testament. Nothing is **ADDED** and **NOTHING** is taken away.

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MARY JOHNSON, Loaned Executive for United Way - Cameron Council on Aging, received the Loaned Executive Award at the United Way Victory Luncheon last week. She is shown receiving the award from Campaign Chairman Bob Chandler.

Sheriff Dept. Arrest Report

The following arrests were made by the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept., Nov. 6 - 13.

LeRoy Wilson, 49, 118 Adam Roux, Cameron, Molestation of a Juvenile (4 counts) Aggravated Incest (4 counts) Attempted Oral Sexual Battery (2 counts)

Lawrence Brown, 27, 369C Marshall St., Cameron, Bench Warrant.

Jeremy Melancon, 31, 369 C Marshall St. Cameron, Domestic Abuse Battery.

Chasity Touchet, 29, Adam Roux Rd., Cameron, Disturbing the Peace/Fighting.

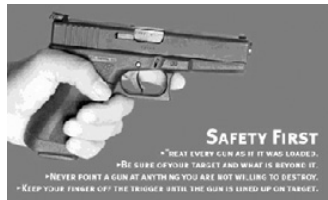
Eric Anderson, 17, 6467 Corbina Rd., Lake Charles, Dist. the Peace by Loud and Profane Language, Assault on a School Teacher.

David Massey, 28, 1711 West St., Vinton, Bench Warrant.

Jacob Rider, 26, Mamou Bench Warrant, Speeding, Driving Under Suspension.

Patrick Broyles, 31, 2023 Edinburgh Ave, Baton Rouge, D.W.I.

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FEMA corrects myths about formaldehyde accusations

CBS produced a story on Nov. 7, entitled "FEMA Protecting Itself, Not Evacuees."

Myth: FEMA Is Not Protecting Evacuees.

Fact: FEMA is working to move all 52,520 households currently residing in travel trailers nationwide into permanent housing.

FEMA and DHS have made it clear that anyone who wants to move out of their temporary housing unit because of formaldehyde will be offered alternate housing. FEMA ceased the sale and deployment of travel trailers pending the result of the studies.

On July 21, FEMA set up call centers for the applicants living on group/commercial or private sites who have concerns, questions or request information about formaldehyde.

In July, FEMA distributed 70,000 formaldehyde and housing fact sheets to the occupants of every FEMA temporary housing unit across the Gulf Coast.

In the Gulf Coast, an average of 810 households per week move out of these temporary housing units and back into permanent housing.

There are currently a total of 52,047 households occupying temporary housing units in the Gulf Coast. Of these, 4,609 households - or 8.7% -

have expressed a health concern since July 21.

Everyone who has called FEMA's formaldehyde call centers with concerns has been offered an immediate move to a hotel or motel until alternate housing is located. 348 applicants have accepted a hotel/motel.

1,412 households have already moved into alternate housing.

297 have been provided multiple housing options but chose not to move.

The remaining applicants are being actively case managed while they make final decisions about their relocation alternatives.

On Oct. 10-12, FEMA re-contacted all of the pending households and once again offered to immediately move them to a hotel/motel until a more suitable alternative was arranged.

FEMA will continue to meet with and work with every applicant to identify the most appropriate housing alternative for each family's individual housing needs.

Myth: FEMA Employees Are Prohibited From Entering Travel Trailers.

Fact: FEMA Employees Enter Travel Trailers Every Single Day.

This is the exact statement repeatedly made to CBS prior to their story.

Formaldehyde is in many manufactured items from chairs and cabinets to carpet and draperies and that it dissipates in the open air when a window or door is left open after a few days or weeks.

However, in sealed, closed up new trailers there is no opportunity for this chemical to dissipate. Thus, the basis for the notice to FEMA employees.

CBS report on emails among staff working at storage depots for unoccupied and sealed trailers asking if they could enter these trailers.

The guidance applies only to the stored and sealed trailers on storage lots.

Based on Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations, logistics staff members were advised not to enter sealed trailers, pending a study by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Federal Occupational Health office.

While this study is not

complete, initial drafts indicate that HHS will recommend proper ventilation before entering these units. Units will be tested, ventilated until levels are reduced to the levels set by OSHA, and then staff will enter to conduct their duties.

A revised memo to affected logistics staff will be issued shortly that further clarifies this guidance.

To date, FEMA's headquarters safety office has not received any employee health complaint related to working in these units.

The cited emails did not involve FEMA staff working with residents in occupied travel trailers.

Neither these instructions nor the referenced memo were ever sent to Individual Assistance employees who work with trailer residents in the field.

Why? Because there is no restriction on FEMA staff entering occupied trailers.

As FEMA staff made clear to CBS, we enter trailers every day and, if invited, will do so today so that we can continue to work with anyone asking for assistance in moving to alternative housing.

Myth: Air Quality Testing of Travel Trailers "Has Been Halted" and "Not A Single Trailer Tested."

Fact: Testing of unoccupied trailers began in 2006. A study that began this fall will expand shortly. Numerous trailers have been tested as part of the investigation.

Initial Tests of Unoccupied Trailers: 2006

FEMA tested new and refurbished unoccupied travel trailers at the Purvis, Mississippi staging area on March 28-29, 2006.

All tests showed levels below the limits set by the OSHA.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), at FEMA's request, began testing unoccupied, stored trailers on September 18, 2006 to determine baselines and recommendation for action.

These tests were used to develop the original mitigation and ventilation recommendations provided to residents in 2006.

More than 70,000 fliers were distributed to residents advising them of risks and providing them these recommendations.

FEMA is testing air quality levels in unoccupied, stored trailers and the HHS Federal Occupational Health office study, when completed, will



THE NEW SOUTH Cameron Memorial Hospital will open soon. Above is a view of the main nurses' station in the hospital. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

use these tests as a basis for their recommendations for FEMA employees.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), at FEMA's request, began implementing a three pronged plan to review and test the air quality in travel trailers and to provide recommendations for action. There have never been residential formaldehyde standards.

Phase I began with CDC reviewing air quality of travel trailers in July, 2007.

Activities included a review of paperwork, materials and some limited sampling of humidity and other data in unoccupied, stored trailers to determine baselines and plans for the study.

As part of the next phase of the plan, a recently scheduled test by CDC was temporarily postponed when CDC, HHS and FEMA determined that the full parameters of the tests had not been established.

Federal health experts are

working together to determine how these tests will be conducted and how they will be used.

Then testing will resume - perhaps as early as later this month.

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THE GRAND LAKE Varsity Girls Basketball Team won their tournament this past weekend beating Hathaway 52-36. The girls won the Lacassine tournament the previous weekend beating Lacassine. Shown above are: (top row, from left) Coach Scott Miano, Coach Danny Miller, Katelyn Vincent, Tasha Fontenot, Liz Kingham, Sonya Lavergne, Kat Kingham, Amber Trahan; (middle row) Kimmie Babineaux, LaRayne Picou, Shelby Thomas; and (bottom row) Erin Gilbert, Heather Girlinghouse, Katelyn Babineaux, Kaylan Shaw, Taylor Whittle, and Hannah Savoie. (Photo courtesy of Ron Gilbert.)



SOUTH CAMERON Coach Parry LaLande was honored Monday by the Cameron Parish School Board for his 200th career football victory. LaLande thanked the board for allowing him to coach at South Cameron for 26 years, and said he is ready to start on next season "tomorrow." Shown above are Loston McEvers, Dot Theriot, LaLande, and Marvin Trahan. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Grand Lake girls defeat Barbe team

The Grand Lake Hornet basketball team beat the Barbe girls 53-38 on Tuesday, Nov. 13. They now have a 10-2 record.

The G. L. Junior Varsity also won by a score of 24-16.

Grand Lake leading scorers were: Liz Kingham, 19, Sonya Lavergne, 15, Kat Kingham, 13, Victoria Roberts, 16, Angela Roberts, 10.

Grand Lake will play Hackberry for Homecoming on Friday, Nov. 16.

Tarpons eliminated from playoffs by Oak Grove

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

Oak Grove the second seeded team in class 1-A broke open a close game in the second quarter scoring several times on big plays to open up a 35-14 halftime lead.

The Tarpons tied the game at thirteen all early in the second quarter on a Kyle Little to Jaylon Ball 9 yard pass play. Little had already hooked up with Ball on a 83 yard pass play in the first quarter. After the 13-13 tie the dam broke and Oak Grove would score 4 consecutive touchdowns enroute to a 62-27 first round play-off victory.

The Kyle Little to Jaylon

Ball combination was good for 1 more score on a 32 yard pass play in the 3rd quarter. Ball ended up with 4 touchdowns and a total of 7 receptions for 194 yards, a nice ending for the senior receiver from South Cameron.

The Tarpons final score was on a Ross Roland to Ball 71 yard pass play. Little finished the night 7 for 13 for 139 yards. Leading rushers for the Tarpons were Jonathon Trahan 21 for 82, Kirby Kingery 15 for 80 and Kyle Little 3 for 25 yards.

Little and Ball were both honored in the Lake Charles American Press as Players of the Week. The Tarpons ended their season with a 4-7 record.

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Basketball

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

BOYS
Grand Lake 76, Hathaway 71 - The Hornets had 5 players score in double digits as they finished in third place at the Grand Lake tourney.

Lacassine won the tourney with a 58-40 win over Bell City. Garrett Billiott was the leading scorer for the Hornets with 16 points.

Jacob Hebert and Sam Johnston chipped in 15 points each and Jayce Hebert added 14. Rhenn Savoie scored 10 points.

Hackberry 52, Starks 40 - Judd Addison paced the Mustangs with 20 points in the Consolation game of the Grand Lake tourney. Aaron Labove added 10 points.

Bell City 91, Grand Lake

71 - Chase Hebert scored 18 points for the Hornets. Jacob Hebert added 16 and Sam Johnson chipped in 14 points. Jordan Hebert scored 10 points.

GIRLS
Grand Lake 52, Hathaway 36 - Kat Kingham led all scorers with 25 points in the championship game of the Grand Lake tourney. Larayne Picou added 10 as the Lady Hornets improve to 9-2.

Starks 72, Hackberry 34 - Allyson Sanner scored 11 points for the Lady Mustangs.

Hackberry 38, Bell City 36 - Kayla Sanner chipped in 15 points and Allyson Sanner added 10 points.

Grand Lake 46, Singer 28 - Kat Kingham scored 13 points and Sonya Lavergne added 11 points for Grand Lake.

THANK YOU ★ THANK YOU ★ THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people of Cameron Parish District 3 for allowing me to serve you for a third time. We have made great strides in all areas of our growing community. One person would not have successfully accomplished as much as we have accomplished, but by joining our visions and thoughts together we have made progress that has proven to benefit our community.

It is definitely necessary to thank all the board members who serve District 3. Because of their continuous work and dedicated support we have achieved goals set forth for our community. These board members are seriously committed to their positions and I am proud to serve with each and every one of them.

I would also like to sincerely thank everyone who gave their time, homes, property, etc in the recovery months following Hurricane Rita. I was moved by people's willingness to do or give whatever was asked of them.

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By LOSTON MCEVERS



The opening of duck season last Saturday started with a bang! Jerome Rutherford and I got our limit Saturday, but had to stay until 9 a.m. We lost 4 ducks that fell in the sea canes. Sunday, Jerome and his son, Jordan, and I made a good hunt getting through before 8 a.m. The marsh has very low water and we were kicking up lots of mud and some debris.

I had a bed sheet caught in my boat motor wheel Sunday morning in the dark and had to cut it out, lucky it stopped the motor. We had lots of Bluewing teals in our limit, a few green wings, gray ducks and yes "laughing mallards", better known as spoonbills.

We saw some high flights of Pintails, but nothing in gun range. We also saw some nice flight of geese, but, they were safe, higher up.

Some hunters' reports of good catches of redfish after their duck hunt. I noticed we had some small reds in my pond.

I have had good reports of deer being bagged in the Grand Chenier marshes. I think our animal are coming back as I know the coyotes are there, as they'll wake you at night with their cries.

FISHING

Red Snapper recreational fishing is now closed, but offshore anglers are catching spanish mackerel out of the Grand Chenier area and some good bull reds along the beach area. The closer platforms had some schools of speckle trout running 2 to 4 pounds, using line shrimp and some

plastic artificial baits were working good.

Big Lake was sort of rough for a couple of days, but good trout fishing was reported as our temperatures came up and a south wind calmed down. It got rough one day making me say no, I'm not going to even try.

RED SNAPPER

There's lots of write-ups on overfishing of Red Snapper, putting the blame on the shrimpers, but I think we should lower the size limit on Red Snapper to 13 inches in length and that along would keep from killing lots of smaller Red Snapper.

The NOAA Fisheries Service wants to reduce overfishing, taking long term measures to end overfishing and rebuild the Red Snapper stock. I think they'll maintain the recreational Red Snapper bag limit at two fish per day, 16 inches in length. I surely hope they don't cut the 2 per day to 1, because the next cut could be zero.

Many anglers are going for spotted sea trout, as the top catch for Gulf anglers for three years in a row was the spotted sea trout. In 2006, Recreational Anglers caught more than 37 million spotted sea trout.

There's one thing about it, you go offshore fishing, if weather permits, you'll catch fish, it may not be what you want, but you'll catch fish. So now we wait to see which species is next, so they can cut down limits and study how to stop overfishing.

Only one cooking temp to remember

If you've been confused in the past about the temperature you needed to cook your holiday turkey, you now need to remember only one temperature, 165 degrees. Past food safety guidelines recommended higher temperatures for some poultry products, including 170 degrees for chicken breasts and 180 degrees for whole birds.

"A food thermometer is the only way to make sure that turkey has reached a high enough temperature to destroy harmful bacteria," says LSU AgCenter nutritionist Dr. Beth Reames.

To make sure a whole turkey has reached a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees, place a food thermometer in the innermost part of the thigh and wing and thickest part of the breast. For turkey breasts, check the thickest part of the breast. If using an oven cooking bag, follow the manufacturer's guidelines on the package.

Stuffing should be cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees. If you choose to stuff a turkey, be sure to use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature of the turkey and the center of the stuffing.

If the center of the stuffing has not reached 165 degrees, continue cooking the turkey until it does reach that temperature. You may cook stuffing separately to help prevent overcooking your turkey.

Be sure to get the turkey to a safe position on the stovetop or in the oven to prevent being burned from the hot cooking pan or juices.

To make sure your Thanksgiving feast is delicious and safe, Reames recommends additional food

safety guidelines.

If you choose to buy a frozen bird, you may do so at any time, but make sure you have adequate storage space in your freezer. If you buy a fresh turkey, be sure you purchase it only one or two days before cooking.

Do not buy a stuffed fresh turkey.

Follow proper thawing methods; otherwise, harmful bacteria that may have been present prior to freezing a turkey can begin to grow again. Three safe ways to thaw a turkey or other food are: in the refrigerator at 40 degrees or lower, in cold water and in the microwave.

When thawing in the refrigerator, allow 24 hours of thawing time for every 5 pounds of turkey. When thaw-

ing in cold water, allow 30 minutes per pound and change the water every 30 minutes until the turkey is thawed. When thawing in the microwave, follow the manufacturer's instructions. Plan to cook the turkey immediately after thawing because some areas of the turkey may become warm and begin to cook during microwave thawing.

After touching raw meat or poultry, wash your hands for 20 seconds in hot, soapy water. Also, be sure that utensils, plates, work surfaces, etc. have been thoroughly cleaned.

Keep raw foods separate from cooked or ready-to-eat foods to avoid cross-contamination. Raw meat and poultry products may contain harmful bacteria, so it is important that their juices do not come into contact with food that will be consumed without cooking. Also, never place cooked food on an unwashed plate that previously held raw meat or poultry.

To keep foodborne bacteria from growing, refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared food and leftovers within two hours of cooking. Cut the turkey into small pieces and refrigerate stuffing and turkey separately in shallow containers. Use leftover turkey and stuffing within three to four days, gravy within one or two days or freeze these foods. Reheat them thoroughly to 165 F or until hot and steaming.

Consumers with food safety questions can call the toll-free U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry Hotline at (888) 674-6854. The hotline is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.

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Certain pies are dangerous at room temperatures

The holidays are time to enjoy special desserts you may only make once a year. To prevent getting foodborne illness, refrigerate pies containing eggs and milk, such as pumpkin, custard and cream pies, according to LSU AgCenter nutritionist Dr. Beth Reames.

Safely bake these foods to at least 160 degrees, cool and refrigerate. When the pies are ready to eat, remove them from the refrigerator, slice, serve and return leftovers right away to the refrigerator. According to the American Egg Board, pecan pie also should be refrigerated and not left at room temperature for more than two hours.

Eggs and milk have high protein and moisture content. Bacteria can multiply rapidly when foods containing these perishable items are left at room temperature. Holiday cakes, cookies and breads with perishable fillings or

frosting also should be refrigerated.

Commercial pumpkin pies have preservatives and other ingredients added to make them shelf-stable. They may be displayed and stored at room temperature, but once cut, they should be refrigerated. Check the label on commercially baked pies for storage requirements.

Avoid perishable foods that are not kept either cold (or hot). Cold foods are safe if kept below 40 degrees in bowls of ice or returned often to the refrigerator. Hot foods are safe if kept above 140 degrees in a chafing dish, a slow cooker or on warming trays.

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It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



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VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
 Construction will begin in February on the remodeling of Audrey Memorial School so it can become the Cameron Parish Vocational Technical School.

The announcement was made at the Cameron School Board meeting Tuesday at which the board approved a 99-year lease of the school facilities and six acres of land to the Louisiana Department of Education, which will operate the school.

In the agreement, the state agrees to spend \$346,000 in remodeling and equipping the school to teach trades and industrial arts to high school students and adults.

Audrey School, which was formerly the school for parish black students, was closed several years ago when parish schools were integrated.

The Cameron Parish Mosquito Control has made use of the facilities for the past several years but will soon move into the new parish livestock building.

MRS. GRIFFITH AT MEETING

Geneva Griffith, a Cameron Pilot correspondent, is in Hawaii attending the National Federation of Press Women fall board meeting.

She joins 270 members from all over the United States, one of which is Clair Booth Lace, newspaper owner, publisher, writer, and former Minister to Luxembourg.

READING CERTIFICATES

Approximately 35 children won reading certificates in the Summer Reading Club sponsored by the Cameron Parish Library.

Prize books were given to the following: Grades 1 - 3,

Sonya Seay, Kirk Rutherford, Sandra Kez and Donny Self. Grades 4 - 6, Denise Rutherford and Claudette Cormier. Grades 7 - 8, Debra Conner and Kathy Reese. High School, Theresa Theriot.

PARISH RIDERS WIN AT SHOW

Several Cameron Parish youngsters took some of the top honors at the Gueydan Riders Open Horse Show last weekend in Gueydan.

Winners included: David Montie, Todd Montie, Shad Savoie, Aaron Savoie, and Larry Myers.

Others from the parish participating were Mike Montie and Roxanne Myers.

TARPONS IN PLAYOFFS

The South Cameron High School Tarpons took second place in District 4-AA football and earned a berth in the state playoffs Friday by beating the St. Louis Saints.

Actually the game was a 7-7 tie, but the Tarpons were given the playoff not by virtue of having 11 first downs to the Saints 7.

The Tarpons, who ran their season record to 7-1, will have a bye this week and will not see action again until Nov. 22 when they travel to meet 5-AA district champion Iota in a regional playoff contest.

The victory marks the eleventh time in 12 years that South Cameron has advanced to the state playoffs and it is the fourth consecutive year that head coach Baron Thomas has directed the Tarpons to the playoffs.

BOARD PASSES UP PAY RAISE

The Cameron Parish School Board members declined the chance Tuesday to give themselves a pay increase.

The board was recently advised by the Louisiana School Board Association that board members were entitled to draw 10 cents a mile travel allowance in addition to the \$200 a month they now receive.

Pat Doland made the motion to forego the extra pay saying he felt board members were adequately compensated now and the didn't think the board should get a raise when the school employees so badly need one.

The rest of the board agreed with Doland, but Mrs. C. A. Riggs said that the board should never let things reach the point, however,

Crawfish Cornbread FEMA tells relocation assistance program

1 pound crawfish tails, chopped
 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
 1 stick (one-half cup) real butter
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 15-ounce can cream-style corn
 1/2 cup chopped onions
 1/2 cup chopped green onions
 1 package Jiffy cornbread mix
 3 eggs
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped
 1 bell pepper, chopped
 Tony Chachere's to your taste

Mix all together. Bake about 1 hour at 350° in 9 1/2" by 11" pan. Use a toothpick to test center. Should be lightly browned.

Southern Pecan Pie

By NINA WOOD

1 cup sugar
 1 cup light corn syrup
 3 eggs
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 tablespoon melted butter
 3 tablespoons corn meal
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 cup finely chopped pecans

Place sugar, syrup, salt and eggs in a mixing bowl and mix well. Add the cornmeal, butter and vanilla then mix again.

Place pecan meats in the piecrust and pour the mixture over the pecans.

Bake at 350 degrees for about one hour. Pie is done when toothpick comes out clean. Pie should be light brown in color.

where a person with a small income would be unable to serve on the school board.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

A surprise party was held recently at the KC Hall in honor of Playmate Theriot's birthday and the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Little. Chicken gumbo prepared by Greta Johnston and a seafood gumbo prepared by Ethel Conner were served.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) launched its relocation assistance program in August 2007 to help with moving and transportation costs for families who wanted to return to Louisiana or move into more permanent housing. To date, this program has helped 658 families, another 178 will soon move and tens of thousands more are eligible.

Over 1.2 million households were forced from their homes following hurricanes Katrina and Rita. With recovery well underway in Louisiana, many of those households are ready to come home. After the storms, many applicants rented apartments, placed their children in schools, and found jobs in their new temporary homes as they waited to return.

The program will reimburse eligible applicants for relocation expenses up to \$4,000 that were incurred between Aug. 29, 2005 and Feb. 29, 2008. Relocation expenses may not exceed the FEMA Individuals and Households Program (IHP) cap of \$26,200, and the applicant must not have received funds from any other state, federal or voluntary agency subsidized travel home program.

If an applicant is returning to Louisiana, he or she must relocate to housing that is not provided by FEMA and is not a hotel or motel. For those families that are already living in Louisiana in FEMA travel trailers or mobile homes, FEMA will pay moving expenses to a FEMA-funded rental resource anywhere in the continental United States.

To be eligible for the pro-

gram, the applicant must have been displaced from their primary residence in a disaster-declared area as a result of hurricanes Katrina and Rita and have incurred or will incur relocation travel expenses within the defined period.

Relocation Assistance will be limited to travel costs including airfare, train, bus and/or a rental vehicle. Furniture transportation expenses also are eligible, including commercially rented equipment for hauling and commercially purchased moving materials or moving services. Evidence of expenses, such as receipts, must be provided for reimbursement. Mileage, gas and other travel-related expenses such as food, incurred while using a privately owned vehicle are not eligible costs. Moving costs for recreational or large luxury items such as boats or recreational vehicles are not eligible expenses under this program either.

For more information on FEMA's Relocation Assistance program or to request reimbursement of relocation expenses, call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) (TTY: 1-800-462-7585). To prevent duplication of benefits, an applicant is only eligible to receive relocation assistance under either Hurricane Katrina (DR-1603-LA) or Hurricane Rita (DR-1607-LA), not both.

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



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Sir Bernard Beaco, a Knight Commander with Star of The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, carries the processional cross at the start of the Memorial Mass for 17 deceased members of the Companions of Honor, celebrated November 3 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Msgr. Jace Eskind, left, a Knight of the Order, was the Master of Ceremonies.

Deceased Companions of Honor remembered

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, was the celebrant and homilist at the annual Companions of Honor Memorial Mass on Saturday, Nov. 3, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The Mass is held to remember and pray for the deceased members of the organization, particularly those who died in the past year. Seventeen Companions were remembered during the General Intercessions.

The Companions of Honor is an organization of Catholic clergy, including Monsignori, religious and lay people who have been decorated by the Holy See or the Diocese of Lake Charles, plus those Catholic members of internationally recognized Orders of Chivalry residing in the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Deceased members recognized at the Mass and their dates of death were Sir Ray C. Gillard, November 29, 2006; Mr. Julian George Zaunbrecher, December 4, 2006; Mrs. Bertha Roy, December 29, 2006; Sir Edward Joseph Harelson, January 29, 2007; Mrs. Shirley Ann Broussard, January 30, 2007; Sir Raoul Hebert, February 28, 2007; Mrs. Theresa Marie Benjamin, March 1, 2007; Miss Elora Montie, April 18, 2007;

Mr. Roy Joseph Breaux, June 4, 2007; Mr. Louis Darjean, June 6, 2007; Mrs. Doris Smith, July 4, 2007; Mrs. Mary Agnes

Wells, August 25, 2007; Mrs. Rose Mary White, August 30, 2007; Sir Stanley E. Vaughn, September 25, 2007; Mr. Gerald Joseph Sarradet, September 27, 2007; Mr. Isabel Antoine Benjamin, October 27, 2007; and Mrs. Vida Pumpelly, October 30, 2007

The purposes of the Companions of Honor, as outlined in its constitution and bylaws is to uphold and to encourage the support of Papal teachings, documents and directives as well as those of the Diocese of Lake Charles; to make an annual voluntary offering to the Evangelization Program of the Diocese of Lake Charles; and to pray for and to promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood and the religious life.

In his homily, Bishop Provost spoke of the 25th anniversary being celebrated by the organization. Bishop Jude Speyrer and a group of honorees met late in December 1982 and established the Companions of Honor. It was originally singled out to financial support a telephone question and answer line, which came to be known as EvangeLine.

The Companions of Honor has contributed nearly \$350,000 to the Diocese since the group's inception. In the fiscal year 2006-2007, 139 members contributed \$20,182.50.

Abrazando Cristo mission trip July 5 -13

LAKE CHARLES – The Abrazando Cristo mission trip to the Archdiocese of Managua, Nicaragua has been scheduled for July 5-13, 2008, according to the Very Rev. Daniel Torres.

This Catholic mission fosters care to the poorest of the poor by building, offering medical care and evangelizing the Faith.

The cost of the trip is \$1,500.00 per person which includes all meals, all transportation (ground and air), all hotel costs and tips.

For more information, please contact Father Torres at 337-439-7400 for an informational packet. A non-refundable deposit of \$250 and the registration form are due by December 15th to secure a place on the trip. Only 25 spaces are available.



Ninety-two Catholic men attended Bishop Glen John Provost's inaugural First Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast held November 2 in the Assembly Room of the Chancery Building. Here, Deacon Ruben Buller hands out copies of the references to Scripture passages Bishop Provost used in his morning talk to, from left. Jonathan Bradberry, Thad Minaldi, Henry Chol, John Wood and Guy Bradberry. The next First Friday Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for December 7 at 7 a.m. Those interested in attending should call Gaynell Carrier at 439-7400 to register.

Annulment workshop slated December 8

LAKE CHARLES – A workshop for persons seeking church annulments will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, December 8 in the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Center Activity Room.

Many of the misconceptions about marriage and annulments should be cleared up in the workshop. Participants will receive information on identifying possible grounds, how to complete the various forms, what supporting documents are needed, and how to prepare testimony.

The church holds in high esteem married life. However, when divorce does occur, the Church wants to minister to those persons wishing to determine the validity of their former marriages or who wish to re-marry in the Catholic Church, according to Deacon George Carr, a member of the annulment workshop team.

"The Church is not wielding a big stick here," Deacon Carr said. "On the contrary, the Church is offering the opportunity for reconciliation and healing after the pain, sting and embarrassment of divorce. God's mercy and love are what is present here."

Persons who are single or in second marriages outside the church needing annulments from throughout the diocese are welcome and encouraged to participate.

There is no fee to participate, no preparation is needed, and no advance registration necessary. However, it would be helpful if persons would call the Our Lady Queen of Heaven church office at 477 1236 so that sufficient materials might be on hand.

For additional information, contact Our Lady Queen of Heaven church office from 8 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Latin Mass schedule through February '08

LAKE CHARLES - The schedule of the celebration of the Liturgy in Latin for the remainder of the year and the months of January and February has been announced.

Mass is celebrated at 2 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception each Sunday. Rev. Roland Vaughn, Rev. Joseph McGrath, and Rev. Rommel Tolentino will alternate as celebrants. Several masses have been scheduled at St. Peter the Apostle in Hackberry - Dec. 8 and Dec. 9, Dec. 25, Jan. 1, and Feb. 10.

For the remainder of the month, Mass will be Nov. 18, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father Vaughn; and Nov. 25, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father Tolentino.

The December schedule will be Dec. 2, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father McGrath; Dec. 8, St. Peter, 10:30 a.m., Father Vaughn; Dec. 9, St. Peter, 2 p.m., Father Tolentino; Dec. 16, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father McGrath; Dec. 23, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father Vaughn; Dec. 25, St. Peter, 2 p.m., Father McGrath; Dec. 30, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father Tolentino.

Jan. 1, St. Peter, 6 p.m., Father Vaughn; Jan. 6, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father Tolentino; Jan. 13, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father McGrath; Jan. 20, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father Vaughn; Jan. 27, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father Tolentino.

Feb. 3, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father McGrath; Feb. 10, St. Peter, 2 p.m., Father Vaughn; Feb. 17, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father Tolentino; and Feb. 24, Cathedral, 2 p.m., Father McGrath.

Forty-Hours Devotions for remainder of November

LAKE CHARLES – Forty-Hours Devotion before the Blessed Sacrament begins Saturday, Nov. 17 at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron at midnight and lasts until noon Sunday, Nov. 18.

The devotion will move from Our Lady Star of the Sea to St. Eugene in Grand Chenier beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19 through midnight.

The devotion will return to Our Lady Star of the Sea from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

The final stop in the month of November is St. John Bosco Church in Westlake - Sunday, Nov. 25, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 26, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and concluding Wednesday, Nov. 28, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Did you know ...

that the first Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette was The Most Reverend Jules Jeanmard who was appointed on July 18, 1918 and served until his retirement on March 13, 1956. He died on Feb. 23, 1957.

The Diocese of Lake Charles has 38 church parishes. Do you know which one is the oldest and it's original name? Find out in our November 29 issue.

WYD Cross, Icon visit Aborigines

SYDNEY, Australia - Two major symbols of World Youth Day, the World Youth Day Cross and the Sacred Icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary, have continued to travel across Australia in preparation for the worldwide gathering of youth in Sydney next year.

Having come to Australia in July by way of Papua New Guinea and New Zealand, the two items arrived recently in Wilcannia, a small aboriginal community in the New South Wales province. The local bishop Chris Toohy and members of the Journey of the Cross and the Icon national team accompanied the symbols.

In 1994 Pope John Paul II gave the cross to the 250,000 youths at the World Youth Day in Denver to take it to the whole world. The cross has since traveled to more than one hundred countries and all the continents except Antarctica. In 2003, Pope John Paul II gave pilgrims the Sacred Icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary to accompany the cross.



Mary Clark, left, stands with the Rev. Joseph McGrath, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Creole, at the groundbreaking ceremony for a Habitat for Humanity Home being built by and for Clark, who lost her home to Hurricane Rita, and is joined by Vickie Broussard a National Director of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and Alice Tassin, Louisiana State Regent of Catholic Daughters.

Catholic Daughters join Habitat to build home

CAMERON – Turning a spade of hard Cameron Parish soil was the beginning of the end of a long road for Mary Clark recently. It marked the start of her new home, made possible by Calcasieu Area Habitat for Humanity, National and State Catholic Daughters of the Americas and the generosity of an anonymous corporate benefactor.

Clark, who serves as vice regent for Our Lady Star of the Sea Court 1898, lost her house to Hurricane Rita and has been living in a rented mobile home with two of her brothers since then. Clark works for a law firm and her daughter attends McNeese State University.

The road since Rita has been difficult for Clark. She found only a piece of the frame of the mobile home where she lived before the storm. Besides having to replace clothing, personal items and appliances and furniture, in August 2006 she broke her hip, which required surgery and extensive physical therapy.

"This new home means everything in the world to me," Clark said.

The house will take about nine months to build, according to Terry Richard, the construction superintendent for the project. At the time of the groundbreaking there were eight other houses under con-

struction by Habitat, making the Clark house the ninth and the first built outside of Calcasieu Parish. Since the hurricane, the organization has built 52 houses in the Calcasieu Area. "We would like to spread out to all five parishes," said Judy Tinker, Habitat's Executive Director. "We have built in Lake Charles and Sulphur and now have two in DeQuincy."

Members of the Catholic Daughters will be joining Clark and others in the construction process. The dedication of the completed home has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12.

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GENEE GREMILLION, Gracie Devall, Gage Byler, Addie Domingue, Jeanne Trahan, and Reagan Darbonne were the winners of the 7-8 year old division.



SUMMER LYONS, Emme Johnson, Alec Johnson, Gunner Gremillion, Addison Constance, and Justin Vincent were the winners of the 3-4 year old division.



Submitted by Dwayne Sanner



ANNA DEVAL, Slade Shove, Jackson Bedoe, Wyatt Poole, and Andrew Constance were the winners of the 0-2 Year old division.



OLYVIA LABOVE, Roy Devall, Hanna Russell, and Arian Ericson were the winners of the 5-6 year old division.



CHARLI LITTLE, Jacie Granger, Bailey LaBove and Khory Kyle were the winners of the 9-10 year old division.

Old and new memories at T'giving

What are your fondest memories of Thanksgiving? What do you want your children and grandchildren to remember - Traditions? Giving? Togetherness?

LSU AgCenter family life professor Dr. Diane D. Sasser says traditions are a vital part of family life. After the hurricanes of two years ago, for example, Louisiana families often fell back on their family traditions for comfort and security.

"If your family doesn't have any traditions, it is never too late to start them," Sasser says, adding, "But they should include the whole family, if possible." The shared experiences strengthen relationships. Those experiences also can be opportunities for learning more about each other and yourself.

Thanksgiving Day doesn't have to be all about the food - unless you want the preparation to be a shared family experience. Sasser offers other ideas on how to spend Thanksgiving Day:

Children can learn a great deal about measurements, organization and nutrition during food preparation. They can even be part of the planning and the shopping. The meal does not have to be extravagant, particularly with Christmas holidays coming up when many people choose to purchase and exchange gifts.

- Consider preparing a Thanksgiving meal for a needy family. Your family can make the meal together and deliver it. Talk to your family about helping to serve Thanksgiving meals in a homeless shelter. Learning to give to others is an important example you can set for your children.

- Be sure to include grandparents in the Thanksgiving celebration. They can be wonderful sources of information on how previous generations celebrated Thanksgiving. Ask them to bring along old family photos to share and to tell stories about. Have the children record their grandparents' stories to preserve for future generations. Before the visit, have the children prepare questions they would like to ask their grandparents. This can help them to connect even more with extended family and appreciate the older adults and their heritage.

Have each family member write something they are thankful for about each family member at the table. Place the notes at each individual's place setting before the meal. Watch the smiles (and perhaps tears) spread as each person reads what another family member has written about them.

Invite a family or individual who has no other family members living nearby and who might otherwise be

spending Thanksgiving Day alone. "Make Thanksgiving Day

about time together as family and friends building new memories," Sasser says.

For related Thanksgiving Day topics, click on News>Holidays at the LSU

AgCenter Web site, tional programs, contact an extension agent in your local information and educa- parish LSU AgCenter office.

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