

DEMOLITION OF the Cameron Elementary School has begun. The Louisiana National Guard is conducting the demolition. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Thanksgiving dinner to be served residents

A number of organizations from Friendswood, Tex. will host a Thanksgiving dinner for Cameron Parish residents on Thursday, Nov. 24 at the Hackberry Community Center.

The food will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the group would like to cook for as many as 1000 persons

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Kenneth W. Crabtree, Jr., one of those heading up the dinner, said Friendswood residents had feared the storm would hit their area and when instead it went to the east hitting the Cameron Parish area the Calvary Chapel, which has two members from Hackberry, decided to offer their help there.

Joining with the church in preparing the Thanksgiving dinner will be the Lighthouse Cooking team from Friendswood and members of the Friendswood and Forest Bend volunteer fire departments, their friends and other area churches.

Also aiding with the dinner will be the Cornerstone Fellowship Church from Livermore, Calif. which has had teams in Hackberry for several weeks helping with the cleanup work.

For more information on the Thanksgiving dinner call 1-800-777-5693 and ask for Gwen.

Quilts given out by Diocese

The Diocese of Lake Charles has quilts available to anyone who lost their blankets due to Hurricane Rita.

If you would like some quilts for your family please call Margaret Theriot at 249-1406, leave a message of how many quilts you would like and a contact name and number.

Calif. church aids Hackberry

A church from Livermore, California has adopted the town of Hackberry and is doing its part to help the Cameron Parish community recover from Hurricane Rita.

Cornerstone Fellowship, a Calvary Chapel Church, in a missionary outreach effort established a fund to purchase supplies such as chain saws, tools, work trailers, rental vehicles to help Hackberry.

They then sent a team of helpers to help with the cleanup work. Using Jimmy Brown as a contact person, the team has during the past several weeks come to the aid of many Hackberry families.

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They have cleared trees and debris from yards, moved appliances and performed

other cleanup jobs.

The first team has just departed and another one has arrived. The teams are made up of six to eight employed, professional people who are giving of themselves and their time to help others in need.

Cornerstone is also taking names of families to sponsor

Doctor now in new location

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Jason Morris and Dr. Mary
Sherk in the newly-opened

For more information call 337-312-0030.

Christmas gifts. They expect about 200 families to be helped.

If you know of someone or a family who could use a little help with Christmas this year, go by Brown's Food Store and talk to the Cornerstone helper at the table in the front of the store.

The Cornerstone Fellowship teams are also being sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Hackberry.

Vet's clinic is relocated

Southwest Louisiana Veterinary Clinic, located at 7X Square in Oak Grove suffered major damages to their facility during Rita. As a result, Dr. Mike Meaux, veterinarian, is now caring for large and small animals at both the Sulphur and DeQuincy Clinics.

He is at the DeQuincy Clinic located at 204 Velmer St., each Monday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon and available at the Sulphur Clinic, located at 128 W. Napoleon St., the rest of the week with the exception of Tuesdays.

The Sulphur clinic hours are: 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday, and appointments are required. The phone numbers are 786-5520 or 527-7143 (also used for emergency, after hours.)

The clinic also has two other veterinarians, Dr. Dennis Stelly and Dr. Steve Nicholson.

A Harvest Feast The Pilgrim in1621 n Massachuse

The Pilgrims held a feast in1621 near Plymouth, Massachusetts, after their



LSU AGCENTER natural resource and fishery agent Kevin Savoie makes friends with a Labrador retriever while looking at a pile of debris near Big Pasture in northern Cameron Parish. The natural marsh vegetative debris contains many items from homes and industries devastated by the hurricane. Some of the items in the debris should be considered hazardous waste. Residents are urged not to burn the debris.

າ the debris. (Photo by John Chaney.)



JEFF DAVIS Electric Co-operative General Manager MIke Heinen addressed a gathering at the Cameron Courthouse last Friday marking the turning on of power at the courthouse. Shown seated in front were Gov. Kathleen Blanco and members of the Jeff Davis Board. Jeff Davis workers and other workers are shown on the courthouse steps in the background. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Governor pays visit as power comes on

"I've come to associate light with life," said Gov. Kathleen Blanco just before Jeff Davis Electric Cooperative turned on the lights at the Cameron Court House for the first time Friday.

The mood was festive around the Court House steps as Jeff Davis employees and board members, parish officials, recovery workers, and Cameron citizens gathered to witness this important milestone in the road to recovery from Hurricane Rita.

Gov. Blanco, who had formerly served on the Public Service commission, praised the 40 plus JDEC employees for their oustanding job doing their own work and organizing the efforts of the 1400 workers from across the United States who came in to help bring power back to the stricken area.

She said "Cameron Parish will come back, and come

FEMA representatives will

be at the Disaster Recovery

Center at the Hackberry Community Center Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-

19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday will be the last day

Jan. 11, 2006.



Babineaux Blanco

back strong," because the people are "tough, strong, and smart. We've been here before and we know what to do."

The task at hand is to "renew our economy, ourselves and our spirits," Blanco said, acknowledging that

recovery won't be easy.

The Governor noted that

SBA loan applications are

urged to mail them or take to

"Even if you are not eligi-

a DRC center for processing.

ble for the loan, you may be

referred back to FEMA for

spokesman said. "If their

additional assistance,"

the national media has paid little attention to Southwest Louisiana, possibly because Rita missed the larger Houston area.

Yet, "Southwest Louisiana took a brutal blow which all by itself would have been a terrible blow for Lousiana, a monster hurricane in its own right," Blanco said. She praised Cameron people for being "so smart," in taking action first to protect life and second to start again. "We're here about bringing renewed life to Cameron Parish and Southwest Louisiana."

JDEC General Manager
Mike Heinen gave credit to
his board of directors, who
were all present for the ceremony, for the speed with
which the electrical system
has been restored. "The
Board told me to do whatever
it takes," he said.

He also thanked the 900

He also thanked the 900 fellow co-operative reoganizations around the country who sent line construction specialists to help, as part of a mutial assistance agreement, and also independent linemen and tree-trimming crews

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Board member Scott
Henry acknowledged that "by
the grace of God we're able to
have electricity." He declared,
"We've done it before, in 1957,
except that then we had over
500 lives lost, which a diligent
OEP helped prevent this
time. Now we've got to get the
people back. Light, electricity,
is the first step."

Board member Garner Nunez said the JDEC board

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open. application is not processed through SBA no further assistance will be granted."

Telephones progressing

FEMA deadline extended

The deadline for applying Recreation Center will contin-

for assistance from FEMA for losses incurred in Hurricane Rita has been extended to Persons who have received

Cameron Communications work crews continue restoration of telephone, high speed internet, and digital television service to the hurricane affected areas of Cameron

Electrical service is in the process of being restored to the Cameron Communications facilities located in Johnson Bayou, Cameron, and Grand Chenier, meaning dial tone will be available in nearly every South Cameron exchange, allowing for the removal of our temporary generators.

In Johnson Bayou and Grand Chenier, all services are available to anyone requesting to be reconnected with telephone, high speed internet or digital television services.

Cameron already has the same services restored to

majority of the area.

"The restoration of

"The restoration of service to our customers is our top priority, without a doubt," said David Goldstone, Director of Marketing and Public Relations. "We are working with area businesses and organizations doing our utmost to keep the area residents informed as to exactly what is going on and how our efforts are progressing.

efforts are progressing.

Customers desiring more information in reestablishing communications should call toll free to 1-800-737-3900 to speak with a customer care professional.

Attorney tells new office

Penelope Richard, Cameron Attorney, has announced the relocation of her law office due to damages from Hurricane Rita. The new office is located at 1587 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake (next to Shear Simplicity Hair Salon.)

The new telephone number is 905-8135; the fax number is 905-8137; and she can also be reached by her cell phone, 370-6416. The mailing address remains the same as before, P. O. Box Drawer 579, Cameron, LA 70631.

Office hours are 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, or by appointment.



JEFF DAVIS Electric Board member Scott Henry is shown addressing the crowd at Friday's lighting ceremony at the courthouse. E.O.C. Director Kisha Killmer and O.E.P. Director Freddie Richard look on.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Pilot will be out early

Because of Thanksgiving, the Cameron Pilot will be printed a day early next week.

Persons with news, classified ads, legal notices or display advertising are asked to get these items to the Pilot by Monday, Nov. 21.

Telephone: 337-786-8004 or 1-800-256-7323.

Items may also be faxed to 337-786-8131 or e-mailed to: dequincynews@centurytel.net

Funerals



MR. DUPRE HEBERT JR.

Memorial Services for Mr. Dupre Hebert Jr., 77, of Hackberry, were Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Robison Funeral Home Chapel. Deacon Johnny Mounce offici-

Mr. Hebert died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005, in a Houston hospital. He was a native of Hackberry, and was a Veteran of the Korean War for which he received the Purple Heart

Survivors include two sons: Kirby Hebert and wife Amy, and Kevin Hebert, all of Hackberry; one daughter: Paula Hebert, Westlake; two grandsons; one great-grand-daughter; two brothers, John Hebert, August Hackberry and Lester Hebert, Sulphur; two sisters, Urlene Deason, Carlyss and Linda Lou Hebert, Hackberry.

LULA MAE SWIRE

Lula Mae Swire, 77, of Hackberry, died Saturday Nov. 12, 2005, at home.

She was preceded in death by her son, Lester Lee Swire; and grandson, Lester Lee

Survivors include her husband, Wilfred Swire of Hackberry; sons, Leslie Swire of Houston and Joseph and Lionel Swire, both of Hackberry; daughters, Mary Katherine Portie, Lillian Dronet, Carolyn Sue Hebert and Gay Lynn Varnes, all of Hackberry; brother, John L. Venable of Hackberry; 23 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 17 greatgreat-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Monday, Nov. 14, in Sulphur United Pentecostal Church. The Rev. Allen Celestine officiated. Burial was in New Hackberry Cemetery under the direction of Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral

WILLIE RAY "DOC" **VEAZEY**

Willie Ray "Doc" Veazey, 82, a Dayton, Nev. resident for 28 years, died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005, in Dayton. Before moving to Dayton, he had lived in Hackberry for many years.

He served in the U. S. Army during World War II and received the Purple Heart, American Theater service medal, European African Middle Eastern service medal and World War II victory

He was preceded in death by his parents, Agenore and Ada Veazey, sister Ethel

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Grand Lake - Cameron Agencies Roundup

Grand Lake Firemen are asked to attend a meeting on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Grand Lake Fireman Center in the back room. A meal will be served. This is a very important meeting and all volunteer firemen are urged to

The Cameron Community Action Agency will be sponsoring a Job Fair on Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Grand Lake Ĉommunity Center in the back room. Anyone interested in work is urged to attend the meeting.

The Cameron Council on Aging is sponsoring a Senior RX sign up program. If you are interested in signing up for assistance with purchasing your medications, please bring your medications and your physician phone number and address to the sign up day on Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grand Lake Community Center in the back room.

The Cameron Council on Aging is planning to begin serving meals for seniors both congregate and home delivered on Dec. 1. Meals will be served in Grand Lake at the Grand Lake Community Center from 11 a.m. to 12

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Burch, and brother A. J. "Cake" Veazey.

He is survived by his children Prefecto Veazey of Dayton, Nev.; Sheena Veazey of Baker, Mont.; Nita Veazey and Wanda Arnold, both of Sulphur; seven grandchil-

His remains were cremat-

noon, Monday through Friday with the exception of holidays. If you were on the program prior to Hurricane Rita and would like to continue, please call us at 598-5158.

If you were not on the program but would like to join call us at 598-5158. All home delivered meal recipients must have a doctor's excuse for receiving meals at home. The Council on Aging must have this excuse from the doctor for the records.

In addition to meals served, there are guest speakers, entertainment, games played, etc... We invite you to come on out and join us. Please let us know if you are interested. We have to order meals each day.

The Cameron Community Action Agency and Council on Aging will be saying good bye to new friends that we have made. For the past several weeks a group of 23 AmeriCorp workers have been in our area helping with debris clean up, mass distribution centers and the Head Start program. It is with heavy hearts that we see this fine group of students leave. We appreciate their fine attitudes, their great work, their kind hearts and eagerness to please. Special thanks to each of these fine folks.

A new group of helpers will be assigned to our area following their departure. We will miss them!

Casket ID is needed

(AMERICAN PRESS)

The coroner's offices in Cameron and Calcasieu Parshes are asking for the public's help in identifying caskets that have been washed away from mausoleums and cemeteries by Hurricane Rita.

Calcasieu Coroner's Office investigator Zeb Johnson said that 300 caskets in Cameron Parish were moved from their resting places by the storm.

Johnson said 260 of those caskets have been recovered, but only 70 have been positively identified.

We need for families to contact our office or Dr. Sanders, the Cameron Parish coroner to help us identify

these caskets," Johnson said. He said that with the opening of hunting season this weekend, some hunters may come across caskets in the marsh.

"If those hunters will call our office or if they can record the GPS location, we'll take care of recovering the casket,'

Johnson said. People with information or questions can call the ameron Parish Coroner's Office at 755-5102, the Calcasieu Parish Coroner's Office at 477-7537 or Calcasieu Family Assistance at 842-0321.

Medication help offered

Senior citizens needing to apply for help with medications are invited to meet with Senior RX personnel on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Grand Lake Multi-Purpose Bldg.

For questions contact Cameron Council on Aging at 598-5158.

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CHAD DESHOTEL, president of the Home Builders Association of Southwest Louisiana, and J.O. Heath, member of the Northern Arizona Building Association, stand before a truckload of tools that Heath's organiza-

\$10,000 donation made to **Cameron Parish Schools**

Home Association of Southwest (HBASWLA) Louisiana received a donation of more than \$10,000 in tools and money from the Northern Arizona Building Association (NABA) today and passed it on to benefit Cameron Parish schools.

NABA member J.O. Heath of Flagstaff, Ariz., drove the truckload of tools to Lake Charles and presented a check in the amount of \$5,713 to the HBASWLA. The money and tools were collected through a drive called "Operation Toolbox" during the month of October.

"Everyone is doing such meaningful things to help in the aftermath of the hurri-canes," said NABA President Don Henry. "We wanted to help as well, but it was important to us to make sure that our efforts were relevant."

Half of the tools and money was given to Grand Lake High School and the other half was given to

Builders Hackberry High School. The money will be used by the schools to purchase uniforms for the students and the tools will be given to each school's agricultural department where the students will be taught how to use them.

We are very grateful to Northern Building Association for this very kind donation," Chad Deshotel, president of HBASWLA, said. "When we got the call that they were bringing this in we thought long and hard about the best way to distribute their donation and decided that the students in Cameron Parish could really put it to good

For more information, contact the Home Builders Association at 477-7893 or visit www.hbaswla.org





Dr. Sanders is Seeing Patients in a New Office



Due to damage from Hurricane Rita, Dr. Richard Sanders has relocated his family practice from Creole to The Clinic — Moss

The office is located at 277 Hwy. 171 North, Suite 8, in Moss Bluff. Office hours are 8am - 5pm, Monday - Friday.

The Clinic — Moss Bluff provides comprehensive primary care for patients of all ages. Dr. Sanders joins Dr. Jason Morris and Dr. Mary Sherk in this newly-opened

Dr. Sanders will see patients by appointment as well as walk-ins. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (337) 312-0030.

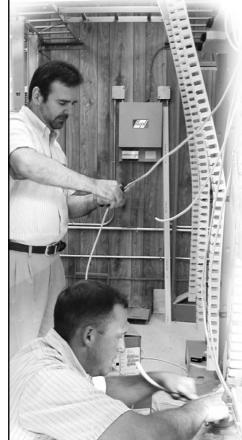


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Appreciation for the Pilot

Dear Editor:

First, thanks to all of you for the effort each of you has made to put out the Cameron Pilot over the past several weeks. This is one link that we, the residents of Cameron, have that brings all of us closer together. I know that it probably isn't easy getting the paper out under the circumstances, hats off to each of

> Phillis Doxey Southern Screen Printing

Yard giveaway told Saturday

To the people of lower Cameron Parish:

Due to the kindness and generosity of family, friends, and neighbors we have been able to collect clothes, toys, household items, and more to be given to you. We know we cannot replace everything you lost. However, we can try to replace some material things you need right now to survive.

On Saturday, Nov. 19 we will have a yard "giveaway". The only requirement is to bring your lower Cameron Parish driver's license with you. The address is 8096 Nelson Road (on the corner of Lincoln and Nelson). Time will be from 9 a.m. until. You can call 474-8703 with any questions or for more informa-

Please come even if only to

Geraldine Savoie McDaniel Lacey Delcambre

Evacuees appreciative

Dear Editor:

Please find the enclosed check to subscribe to the Cameron Pilot. We have an elderly couple living with us who like many have lost their home to Rita. I want to thank

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you on their behalf for continuing to provide news from the area. My brother and his wife have lost their home of thirty years as well.

On Saturday my sister-in law and I were going through the mud as many residents have been to find any shred of their life, to somehow piece the years together, neighbors stopped to visit. It was very warming to find the fellowship of the community still

Please continue the excel-lent reporting in helping to keep the people informed of the place they have always known and loved.

Sincerely, /s/Becky Young

Not happy with FEMA

Dear Editor:

I am a very proud resident of Cameron Parish. The people of Cameron Parish always help each other. I attended the FEMA meeting and this is no longer true. FEMA told us everyone must build up in the air, everyone even if you have no insurance, schools, hospitals, lumber yards, gas stations, all businesses.

We also have Cobra Zones and if you are in one of these zones you can not get Federal Flood Insurance, but you still must build up. When asked about handicap exceptions, the District Six Deputy Director said FEMA does not grant medical exemptions. FEMA discourages handicap returning persons Cameron Parish.

It causes problems with evacuations and endangers first responders in the aftermath. Cameron Parish was evacuated without any help and no one was endangered because there was no one to rescue. Why is New Orleans, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas not put under these same handicap restrictions only Cameron Parish?

Our Parish Administrator defended FEMA at every point. The administrator is a FEMA puppet, they pull the string and the administrator dances. No one stood up for us when FEMA made the comment about the handicapped. Our Police Jurors were sitting on stage swinging their legs and talking on their cell phones. The Police Jury did not stand up for us and we don't have the voting power to get State Representatives to speak for us much less our Senators or Representatives in Washington to talk to us.

To our Administrator and Police Jurors you do not need to respond to this letter, I'll do it for you, the regulations are...., and we have to follow the regulations.

FEMA played the music and our Parish Administrator lead our Police Jurors in the dance and they waltzed all over the residents of Cameron

> Jean Dimas **Cameron Parish Resident**

Compromise is proposed

ue to suffer.

and loan needs.

flood insurance or any FEMA

disaster benefits. This is very

acceptable to some residents

like myself who desire no

flood insurance and no eleva-

tion restrictions, but does not

address the problems of secur-

ing mortgages and loans-it is

up to our local banks to step

up and support our mortgage

eligible for flood insurance

and FEMA disaster benefits.

Another key point of this pro-

posal is that no one can ever

raise our elevation standards

beyond the existing 1992 ele-

vation requirements, which is

the ground has been taken

away by FEMA, but maybe we

can get a little or some of our

freedom back. The name of the game is COMPROMISE,

and it may take some time to

with these laws. These heavy

handed federal tactics to drive

us off our land began in the

late 1960's and both political

parties are to blame for allow-

ing elevation restrictions to

No matter what is done, not

everyone will be happy with

the result, and this elevation

variance permit will be free

only to the elderly and handi-

capped. The choice to pursue

Until then, we're stuck

change the laws.

grow out of control.

The freedom to build on

already too much to bear.

Those who elevate will be

Dear Editor:

The following information is not law in Cameron Parish, but is a new proposal by a concerned citizen. I am working on a proposed "compromise" ordinance for elevation variance permitting which could possibly satisfy the demands of FEMA, the Cameron Parish Police Jury, and the residents of lower Cameron Parish with special focus on the elderly and hand-

This is because FEMA will not allow our Police Jury to issue any elevation variances to anyone at any time for any reason, and I offer this compromise as an alternative to sitting back and doing noth-

If this compromise does not work, the voters of Cameron Parish will vote to kick FEMA and the NFIP out of Cameron Parish, and completely do away with all elevation requirements on a community by community basis if necessary.

I have heard locally that someone is printing tee shirts that read "I survived Rita, but the insurance companies did me in." Some big name insurance companies are already pulling out of Southwest

This "compromise" proposal is not an official legal document yet, but I plan to present it at the Cameron Parish Police Jury agenda meeting on Monday, Nov. 21, 6 p.m., Grand Lake High School for possible consideration and review by the Police Jury and the D.A.'s office.

If approved by the Police Jury and FEMA, eventually it may be possible for Cameron Parish to retain FEMA "participating community" status, and for elderly and handicapped residents to build on the ground through a simple, free, and easy to use elevation variance permit process if they desire to build on the ground.

Maybe homes and businesses could choose to build on the ground for a small permit fee, generating some permit income for Cameron Parish, otherwise we have no

chance of ever building back A. Legion on the ground, and our elderly and handicapped will continmembers Those who build on the ground will not be eligible for

are sought The Louisiana Department of the American Legion has launched a program to locate all Legionnaires who were evacuated because of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In the Seventh District of Louisiana current addresses of members of Legion Post 176 of Cameron and Post 364 of Grand Chenier are being sought.

Members of these two Posts have been requested to notify the Legion's Seventh District Commander of their current addresses. They should notify:

Larry J. Abshire, 910-C Sampson St., Westlake, LA 70609. Business phone: 497-1885; Cell phone: 513-3860

this, or not, rests in the hands of the Cameron Parish Police Jury. Our police jurors are willing to listen to your concerns and opinions.

Let our police jurors know what you think about this. Speak up, be heard, and remember to vote.

Jay Rutherford Cameron Parish Resident

Page 3, The Cameron Parish Pilot, Cameron, La., November 17, 2005 School lunch menus told

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week beginning Nov. 17

are as follows: Thursday, Nov. 17 - Oven fried chicken, seasoned rice, green beans, fruit cocktail,

wheat biscuits, milk. Friday, Nov. 18 - Beef finger steaks, mashed potatoes, orange wedges, white sauce, wheat sliced bread, milk.

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made a good decision when it "hired a leader (Mike Heinen) four years ago." He said Heinen and the employees "performed a miracle" in restoring power in such a short time.

JDEC is still working in some of the outlying areas. The co-op plans to shut down its Chennault base on Nov. 18 and complete the remainder of its work with existing employees and private contractor crews.

Until the mandatory evacuation order is lifted in Cameron Parish, the cooperative will restore service only to industrial and commercial



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The Cameron Pilot

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Where are they now? Report on the evacuees

By NELL COLLIGAN

It took no time at all to fill a column with news coming in by phone and email. By the looks of things, everyone else is an anxious as I am to find out where our friends are.

(The Beniot family) Peggy Benoit writes that she and Eddie and their family as well as Kent and Janette Beniot first went to Thibodaux where they were taken in by relatives, 22 in one house-

They went from Thibodaux to the KAO campground in Scott, eventually ending up in Rayne where Peggy and Eddie spent 13 days in their camper. The family has finally settled in Lake Charles: Janette and Kent in the home that was

Janette's mother's, and Eddie and Peggy and their family in a vacant home owned by a cousin who lives in Texas. Janette's house was totally wiped out. Kent lost his trailer and the house he was moving into (Penelope and Darren Richard's former home). Peggy and Eddie's house is still standing but filled with collapsing, moldy ceilings and wet carpets. Peggy said it is such a mess, they don't know where to

(Hilaire and Alta Hebert's family) I finally did locate my neighbors, Eldie Cheramie and her sister, Betty Savoy. They spent the storm at Claude and Vernie Hebert's in Lacassine, and then went on to stay with relatives in Lake Arthur.

Now Eldie is with her daughter, Toni and husband, James Boudreaux in Grand Lake. She's waiting for a FEMA trailer to put on Toni's land in Grand Lake. Betty and her daughter Kathy and Giz Guilbeaux are living in a mobile home in Grand Lake. Kevin and Michelle are living in a mobile home next door.

Jerome and Myra Rutherford are in Lake Arthur but will be moving to the LeBleu Settlement. Richard Hebert and Cricket are in Basile, planning to buy a home there. Other news from Eldie: Dale and Galton Boudreaux are in Grand Lake living in a mobile home owned by Dale's daughter, Genji who is at Fort Polk with her husband who is in the service. Hazel and Pamme Dronet have purchased a home in Lake Charles.

(The Peshoff family) Jane



CRYSTAL CONNER of Creole was Homecoming Queen at the Louisiana School for the

Crystal Conner reigns as School for the deaf queen

The Louisiana School for the Deaf, located in Baton Rouge, announced that Conner, senior, Crystal daughter of John and Linda Conner of Creole, was named Homecoming Queen on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Football competition started at 2:30 p.m. when the Georgia School for the Deaf played the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. Georgia won the first game of the "Battle on the Bayou" by 20 points.

Later in the evening, LSD

Peshoff Whiteman phoned me from Chesapeake, Va. were she has been staying with her

daughter since before the storm. Jane and Robert lost

their trailer but plan to get

Lake Charles or somewhere

within driving distance of Robert's job on the Cameron

Navarre, David Peshoff and Paula Acosta are all with Kathy's daughter, Teffany

Deanna Peshoff Jordan is in Opelousas with her son Larry Kiser. She plans to go

back to Cameron and put a trailer on her daddy's land.

in Lake Charles with Joe and

Edith Miller. Jane's son, Joey

Sedlock and his wife Dawn

are with family members in

from Jane: Glenda Bailey is with her daughter in

N. C. but is now with his son,

Kenneth Roux, Jr. (I guess that's in Lake Charles.) (The Colligan/McCall Families) The Colligan home

from

Elementary School is totally

Madeleine salvaged only a few of their belongings and are living with Joyce and Norman McCall at their farm

Deanne

The McCall home was also

destroyed as was the old drug store, which was leased by

the Seacor company for its

Norman is now working at the Seacor office in Lake

ing was being used as a ware-

house for Seacor. It is now

just a slab with a roof sus-pended on steel beams. I

understand various members

of the national press have

used it as a makeshift head-

quarters when they exit their

helicopters on Smith field next door. It's a fair shelter

Joyce's daughter, Phyllis and her husband, Billy Johnston, live in the Grand

Lake area. Their home sus-

tained damage but they have

managed to remain in it. Joe McCall's home in Grand

Chenier sustained some dam-

age but I am not sure how

much. Joe and Paula and the

family are in their Lake

age to his home in Lake

Charles. The Colligan's long-

time family friend Mary

Richard is also staying between the McCall's farmhouse and her parents' home in Kaplan. Her home sustained major damage.

Deanne tells me she saw Anna Boudreaux and Theresa

Martinez at the "new Cameron-Creole post office" located at the Chennault Air

Base. Anna and Theresa's

home in Creole was totally

wiped out. They are buying a home in Moss Bluff.

Ralph and Betty Newton

Alan McCall had no dam-

The Cameron Drug Store closed in 2002, and the build-

Cameron

Kenneth Roux initially evacuated to Winston Salem,

Nealie Kay McDaniel and family are in a motel in the Toledo Bend area. Other news

the Grand Lake area.

DeRidder.

across

gutted.

in Singer.

Cameron office.

from the sun.

Charles home.

Elaine Thompson, Dori Taylor and Pat Saltzman and her friend, C-Bob Doxey are

Kathy

Miller in Lake Charles.

They will probably stay in

Peshoff

another one.

won the homecoming game against the top ranked Mississippi School for the Deaf, 86 to 64 to complete an undefeated season.

The Louisiana School for the Deaf offers a K-12 educational program for deaf and hard-of-hearing children from all parts of the state, at no cost to their parents.

For more information please contact Trish Mann. Director of Outreach Services at the Louisiana School for the Deaf, 225-757-3327.

are at their son's home in Houston. Ralph will be going back to work on the "Inez," T-Boy McCall's party boat. Their tentative plan is to get a trailer and live in Rockport, Tex. near Betty's sister.

Jerry Wise has asked that I remind everyone who had a Cameron Pilot subscription to send address changes to: Cameron Parish Pilot; P.O. Box 995; DeQuincy, La.

Keep the mail coming in folks; 302 Trailwood Lane; Lafayette, La. 70508. Or email me at nnadc67@aol.com. If you call, please make it between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. 988-5395.

We're all waiting to hear from Creole, Grand Chenier and Johnson Bayou/Holly Beach residents. I'm wondering, where's Mr. Sonny and Janie, where's Zeek, where's

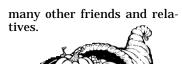
vaults from each location.



THE OLD FEED store in Creole, which was filmed for the movie "Little Chenier" last summer, still survives. Note the fake jail bars in the windows.

Sha Sha Styron and her family in Creole, the Touchets in Holly Beach and my friend from school-nursing days, Diane Price in Johnson

I guess we are assuming everyone in Grand Lake is still in their homes along with



(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)





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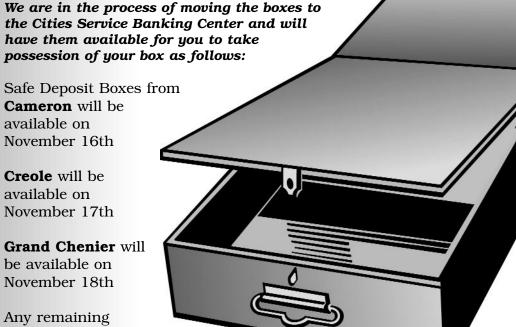
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THE CAMERON PARISH Courthouse survived another hurricane. The Courthouse also survived Hurricane Audrey in 1957. (Photo by John Chaney.)

School board hears report on damages from Rita

SCHOOL BOARD

The Cameron Parish School Board heard reports on storm damage and insurance and made plans for the future at their regular meeting Monday afternoon, held in Grand Lake.

Steve Racca, vocational teacher agriculture High School Hackberry reported that broken windows and damaged roofs have been repaired, all rooms and sanitized, grounds cleared and raked, downed trees removed and stumps ground.

The building repairs are down to trim, facia, some lights, gutters, drain pipes and stove hoods. Two gym floors and bleachers still need to be replaced.

Racca credited the help of the 877th Brigade engineering company, who helped clear debris for eight days, and the Belfor company which was contracted to complete the clean-up. "At one time we had 240 people at a time working on the site," he said. "The grounds were raked three times.

At Grand Lake School, principal David Duhon reported, most damage was from wind, with windows blown out and roofs damaged. He praised the crew from Bessette Construction who left their job site next door and secured the roofs the day after the storm, the Belfor crews, and Jeff Davis Electric Co-op who found a way to get power for repair crews.

The floor of the back gym is presently being prepared for a new surface.

The School Board's insurance consultant M.B. Slocum reported on expected insurance payments for storm

The Board had \$500,000 worth of flood insurance on each building and on the contents of each building in lower Cameron Parish. Except for the contents on the Cameron Elementary gym, all policies should pay in full, he said.

At Hackberry, damage will be a combination of wind and flood, and engineers are still assessing how much of each. Grand Lake's damage was all wind related.

The cost for Belfor to clean the schools will be "in the millions,' he said, but it should be a pass through to the insurance company except for the deductible, which he hopes FEMA will reimburse.

BESE board member Dale Bayard addressed the Board to bring them up to date on the measures being considered by the state legislature this week affecting education. He said he will be trying to keep the budget cuts small, but the fight is still on.

No Child Left Behind requirements and testing waivers are under discussion as well, he said.

Architect Gayle Zembower reported that the new roof at Johnson's Bayou School held, but storm surge reached 54" above the floor. He estimated it will cost \$1.5 million or less to get the school back in shape, after clean-up costs.

The Board is working with FEMA to try to keep the new gym at South Cameron High School, even though the rest of the building will have to be replaced. This would save \$1.5 million to \$2 million.

The new tracks at Hackberry and South Cameron will both require DISASTER LOAN

The Board voted to adopt a resolution to apply for a bond sale and to authorize the sale of such bonds if needed for operations, under the disaster loan program.

The money can only be used for operations, not buildings, and may not be needed, said Margaret Jones, Board accountant, but the process needs to be put in place in case of need.

Legislature is still considering what to do about tax assessments for the next year, so the budget is uncertain.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The Board voted to begin enforcing student attire rules after the Christmas break. This means uniforms will again be required beginning Jan. 2, however anyone with a hardship in this area may contact the school principal or the School Board office. Donors have already come forward to help supply students' needs.

MODULAR BUILDINGS

The Board agreed, for the most part, with a comprehensive plan presented by Supt. Dr. Doug Chance for management of student populations and school campuses during the recovery period.

Chance proposed to improve parking and drive-ways at Grand Lake and bring in modular buildings to house the South Cameron High School, and combined CES and SCES students, including restrooms. kitchens, administration, and computer lab. the buildings would be placed on the grounds of the school.

sort of arrangement would be made for the Johnson's Bayou **Cameron Parish Sports Roundup** own tournament as Grand Lake dropped to 6-4 on the **BOYS** Lacassine 63, Grand season and claimed second

Lake 57 - The Hornets were playing for the championship of their own tournament and came up just short to take second place. Brett Griffith paced the 6-2 Hornets with 57 points. Deon Bergeron added

Hackberry 53, Bell City 34 - The Mustangs claimed third place in the Grand Lake tourney. Individual stats not

Grand Lake 79, Reeves 55 - Brett Griffith scored 23 points for the Hornets and . Justin Howerton and Deon Bergeron added 18 points each. The Hornets improve to 5-1 on the year.

Grand Hackberry 45 - Brett Griffith led the Hornets with 14 points. Deon Bergeron added 13 points and Kory Dahlen chipped in 12 points.
Jay Sanner was the leading scorer for the Mustangs with 17 points. Judd Addison added 11 points.

GIRLS

Bell City 58, Grand Lake 39 - The Lady Bruins spoiled the chance for the Lady Hornets to win their

School population, either at the Hackberry School or the Hackberry Recreation Center.

In addition, Chance proposed adding an additional P.E. field and a varsity softball field at Grand Lake, to accommodate the four teams which will be playing in the spring.

Restoration of the two gym floors, track, baseball field damage, and possible water damage to welding machines at Hackberry were also

At South Cameron High School, a plan to cut and remove most of the building, while preserving the new gym area, and to restore the track and stands was approved.

A proposal to place modular buildings on the remaining SCHS slabs for the 2006-07 school year was postponed until next month for further study of locations and architectural assessment.

HOLIDAYS

On Monday, Nov. 21, CES, SCES, SCHS, and HHS will have their regular school day. On Tuesday, Nov. 22, GLS and JBS will have school. All students will be off Wed. -Fri. for Thanksgiving.

After the Christmas holidays, the school days will be shortened to 7:40am 4:10pm., with the platoon system still in effect.

PERSONNEL

The following resignations were accepted by the School board:

Virginia Dupont, CES aide; Rachael JBS teacher; preschool Collins. Hinton, SCES Suzanne teacher; and Stephanie Skinner, CES teacher.

Toni Dean, CES cafeteria tech, was granted a leave without pay for the rest of the school year.

place in the Grand Lake tourney. Liz Kingham was the leading scorer for the Lady Hornets with 10 points.

Lacassine Hackberry 21 - No stats available.

Grand Lake 56, Reeves 21 - After a 26-0 first quarter lead, the Lady Hornets let their second stringers get some playing time. Leading the scoring route were Kat Kingham and Brandy Carroll with 10 points each.

Grand Lake 47,
Hackberry 39 - The (6-3)
Lady Hornets were led by
Meagan Miller with 19
points. Marlene Lavergne scored 11 points. The Lady Mustangs(3-2) top scorer was Allison Sanner with 11 points.

South Cameron High News

BASKETBALL The SCHS girl's basketball team's community calendar have arrived. Due to Hurricane Rita all records of who ordered calendars were lost. If you ordered and paid for a birthday community calendar please contact the player you ordered from or come by Grand Lake High School on any Monday or Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to pick up your calendar. We are sorry for the inconvenience. And we thank you for your support

FBLA NEWS

FBLA members reminded to pay \$20 dues to Mrs. Hession before the end of November.

BASKETBALL NEWS Tarpon basketball players

will be in Kinder on Nov. 21 for the Kinder Tournament.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Seniors are to check online for Horato Alger and

ing McNeese State University may pick up applications and scholarships forms next week from Mr. Broussard. ACT packets are in the counselor's

Walmart Scholarships. Those

students interested in attend-

THANKSGIVING HOLI-DAY SCHEDULE

Attending school on Monday, Nov. 21 will be Cameron Elementary, South Cameron Elementary and South Cameron High School. The holiday will begin on Tuesday, Nov. 22 through Friday, Nov. 25. Classes will resume on Monday, Nov. 28 on the normal platoon schedule - 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

November 21 - Kinder Basketball Tournament. November 22 - 25

Thanksgiving Holiday.

November 28 Classes

November 29 - Basketball Bethel Christian (home).

NOTICE TO CAMERON PARISH CITIZENS. . .

The Cameron Parish Police Jury is considering the following proposed ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 9-2 RELATIVE TO THE UNLAWFUL OUTDOOR BURNING OF GARBAGE, TRASH, WOOD, TREES, TION/DEMOLITION MATERIALS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE VIOLATION AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF. "BURN BAN"

Be it enacted by the Cameron Parish Police Jury:

Section 9-2, Unlawful burning of garbage, trash, wood, trees, limbs, leaves, household goods or construction/demolition materials "burn ban"; violation; enforcement.

(a) Unlawful Burning: No person, firm or corporation shall burn or dispose of by outdoor burning, any garbage, trash, wood, trees, limbs, leaves, household goods or construction/demolition materials during a period of "mandatory evacuation", "declaration of emergency", or any other time period as mandated by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, State of Louisiana, United States Government, or their Agencies.

(b) Waiver Permit: Any person, firm or corporation who desires to request a waiver of this "burn ban" shall apply to the Police Jury for a permit, and which application shall describe in detail the items to be burned, the location, the method and typeof ignition/fuel, and the date(s), time and place of burning. The Police Jury, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether or not this waiver may be granted and the conditions of the waiver. The application fee for a waiver permit is \$25.00

(c) Violation and Penalty: Any person, firm or corporation who violates any provision of this Section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$300.00 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days or both, plus the payment of court costs, in the discretion of the Court. Each occurrence shall constitute a separate offense

(d) Enforcement: The Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office shall enforce the provisions of this Section.

Approved unanimously by the Cameron Parish Police Jury on Monday, November 07, 2005 in regular session at Grand Lake, Louisiana.

For Comments Please Call:

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Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



I know our state will lose lots of dollars this hunting season, not only on big game, but also on migratory waterfowl licenses and duck stamps, but for some die-hard duck hunters, life as a Louisiana Sportsman goes on.

We do know some of the Big Lake and Hackberry guide services will go on, as well as a couple of clubs in the Grand Chenier area. Although I spent the weekend on a clean-up detail, it was hard for me not to hit the marshes to pop a few caps.

Little Pecan had a fairly good opening on ducks, as blinds with three hunters had their 18 duck limits. I talked to my brother-in-law, Barry Richard, and he and his brother, Lester "Ferpo" Richard, tried the Grand Chenier marsh and they had five gadwalls. They found five decoys, tied on weights and eight ducks came and five stayed. Barry tells me that there wasn't lots of ducks, but they did have ducks flying high. I think with colder weather, we'll see ducks in our southwest Louisiana marshes, but I don't think they'll stay as we just don't have the feed or freshwater.

We've seen heavy rains and saltwater come into our marshes before, but the fresh and saltwater mix wasn't so bad, as we still had plenty of submerged aquatic vegetation, lots of wigoin grass for feed. However, we were pestered with roseon canes, cattails, salvinia and other bad grass that now is way thinner than before and hoping saltwater will kill the bad stuff and not the good. With the amount of saltwater staving so long, as well as all the chemicals and oil spills, I think it'll take a few years for the good grass to grow. I keep wondering, will this kill and keep the hyacinths out.

State biologists think that birds will come down, but will move to our northeastern part of Louisiana, northwestern Mississippi and southern Arkansas. I think you'll see way more ducks in our rice fields, where the impacts of saltwater wasn't as great and

INCLUDING...

feed will be there.

I understand that some duck hunters who normally hunt our federal refuges are mad because of the closure of duck season on these refuges. I don't think they really know how bad things are, with structure of our marshes being different, trails and canals plugged up, lots of debris piled up, plus chemical and other hazardous materials

We all have to realize that things won't be the same in our parish for many years, so we need to hear with it

we need to bear with it. THINGS HAPPEN

Remember reading about the high profile hen mallard that had a nest in a mulch pile near the entrance of the Treasury Department, well the eggs hatched and there's eleven ducklings and the Secret Service transported the entire duck family to a nearby park.

There was a few weeks where the mallard nicknamed Duck Cheney and T-Bill, among other things, had high ranking alongside Donald Duck, Howard The Duck and the AFLAC Duck, as one of the most famous quackers on the continent. She was even featured on television shows, in newspaper stories, and certainly was the only duck ever to be guarded by the U. S. Secret Service. I still think that mallard mistook the "Mulch Pile" for a "Bush". What a Quack!

Our government spent money on this project, but to send more "Duck Stamp" dollars for our breeding grounds, wasn't even heard when the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission met in June. Washington doesn't always have its priorities straight when it comes to do what's best for ducks and our duck hunter.

REMINDER

The recreational red snapper fishing in the Gulf of Mexico federal waters has closed effective Nov 1 and will remain closed until 12:01 a.m. local time Jan. 1, 2006. Possession of red snapper during this closure taken from the EEZ is prohibited.

Despite Rita La. seafood is safe!

By KEVIN SAVOIE

Hurricanes Katrina and

Rita dealt a heavy blow to coastal Louisiana. Our already suffering seafood industry was not spared any of the hurricanes' wraths. Fisheries losses from Katrina and Rita are expected to total more than \$2 billion over the next 12 months, and many consumers are questioning the safety of Louisiana's seafood following the storms. However, Louisiana seafood is closely monitored and tested and is safe to eat.

The immediate damage of some fish kills is minor compared to the long-term effects from destruction of marsh habitat and nearly total devastation of the commercial seafood and charter/recreational fishing infrastructure. Louisiana's vast coastal marsh ecosystem serves as critical nursery for estuarine dependent species, including fish, crabs, shrimp, oysters, etc...

etc...
In the weeks immediately following the hurricanes, there was a boon to production, especially in the shrimp and crab harvesting sector. This was caused by the huge storm surge

storm surge.

Carried along with the enormous surge of Gulf water were aquatic organisms inhabiting the near-shore waters. Essentially, the Gulf covered the coastal zone up to 20 miles inland, creating a vast habitat for shrimp, crabs and other aquatic organisms. The downside is that this windfall will be short lived, and in the long-term there will be a decrease in production because of the destruction of coastal marsh habitat.

While coastal resources will recover, the commercial, charter and recreational industries associated with these resources are badly damaged and may not come back as quickly. Many com-mercial fishing and charter boats were sunk, stranded onshore and badly damaged. Much of the infrastructure required for the fisheries industries to operate is also devastated. Shrimp loading docks, freezers, ice plants, fuel docks, marinas, etc. were wiped out or badly damaged.

In addition, news stories across the nation reported storm water contamination of coastal waters could affect seafood. This has caused concern among consumers and may cause them to reduce seafood consumption unnecessarily. In fact, the only significant problem identified to date has been higher than usual levels of bacteria. But that is expected whenever storm runoff occurs.

Bacteria (and associated viruses) are a concern for oysters because they are filterfeeders that concentrate water-borne particles and because oysters are often consumed raw. But a spike in bacteria in the water will not change the food quality of any seafood that is cooked properly.

Monitoring of oyster-producing waters is a continuous process. The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) must certify that waters are clean enough that oysters growing in them are safe to consume uncooked. For that reason, no oystering is allowed unless waters have been tested and found safe. After any storm, all waters must be tested.

Oyster harvesting areas along the Louisiana coast have begun reopening. The Calcasieu Lake and West Cove conditionally managed areas were opened on Oct. 26, a little over a month after Hurricane Rita hit the area. This quick opening is attributed to the dedication and work of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and DHH.

I'll say it again, Louisiana's seafood is closely monitored and tested - and is safe to eat.

- Memorabilia found -

During the cleanup efforts from the aftermath of Rita, if someone's precious memories or items are recovered, please contact the Cameron Pilot at 1-800-256-7323 or 337-786-8004. The following items have been found:

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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 Waterworks District No. 10 met in Regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. at the Hackberry Community Center in the village of Hackberry, Louisiana, due to Hurricane Rita. Members present were: Mrs. Connie Trahan, Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr., Mr. Nathan Griffith, and Mr. Jim Cox. Guests attending were Sonny McGee, Barry Badon, Tracey Webb, Tommy Taylor, and Pat Credeur. Members absent were Mr. Lloyd Badon.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith to call the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried that the minutes be read and accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried to approve the bills as paid.

Gary Badon and Tommy Taylor and Pat Credeur with La. Rural Water Association gave an update on progress of getting water system running due to Hurricane Rita. Generators, trailers, pumps, and motors have been purchased to get water to the Johnson Bayou area. Janco was called in to help repair and replace water lines lost or destroyed. At this time there is water all the way to Johnson Bayou, but it is not safe to drink. Operators are in the process of trying to get water to the Cameron ferry. There was severe damage to all of our water sites, along with the office, shop, and system lines. A lot of work and testing are left to be done at this time.

Rhonda will contact channel 7 to report that Johnson Bayou has water, but it is not safe to drink at

Chemical analysis and health code testing will be performed and passed before water will be safe to

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to bill all customers for the month of September, since readings were complete on the day prior to evacuation. Residents and agricultural accounts will not be billed again until January 1, 2006. Customers will be billed for all water usage from September's billing until December 31, 2005 at that time, providing they remain a customer. All commercial accounts and plants will be billed each month, unless the accounting

department is notified in advance. There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Griffith adjourned the meeting at 6.15

The next Waterworks meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of December 2005 at 6:15 p.m. at the Waterworks office.

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Nathan Griffith - Chairman Attest:

/s/Connie Trahan Connie Trahan - Secretary RUNS: Nov. 17 - N 12

MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3 held on Tuesday, August 16, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex.

Present: Scott Members Henry, Edward Racca, Jr., Mike Johnson, and Coy Mudd.

Member Absent: Joe Dupont. Present: Édward Petersen, Lonnie Harper, Rusty Welch, and Kirk Peshoff.

A motion was made by Mike Johnson and seconded by Edward Racca, Jr. and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2005, regular meeting as written.

A motion was made by Cov Mudd, seconded by Mike Johnson, and unanimously carried to approve the Financial Statement for the month of July, 2005, and to approve holding out \$100,000 from the \$200,000 Certificate of Deposit maturing on September 3, 2005, for deposit in the Maintenance Account, and to approve the following bills for payment:
1. Cam-Tool and Machine shop,

Inc. - \$144.25.

2. Lake Charles Diesel, Inc. -

3. Welch's Airboat Service -\$1,650.00 Construction E.

Company, Inc. - \$20,850.00 Cameron Parish Pilot - \$90.00. 5. ASCO USA, LLC -

\$1,061.06.

6. Gulf Coast Supply - \$44.28.7. Cameron Parish Pilot -

Edward Petersen mentioned that Crain Brothers, Inc. has submitted a bid on cleaning the drainage ditch East of W-1 West Canal. It was noted that the Drainage Board has a culvert to be provided by the landowner in that area which needs to be set, and we can have the contractor do that work at a day rate at the same time. Also, we need to remove the spoil near the pump and clean out from the Courthouse pump discharge North to W-1 West. In addition, we have a culvert to set on the canal at Wakefield Church ditch, and this culvert could also be set in W-1 West at the same time to prevent intrusion of salvinia. All of these small projects were approved by consensus, to be done on a day rate by whatever contractor gets the bid for digging out the drainage ditch East of W-1 West canal. Scott Henry stated that he would like to see Lonnie Harper put a man on the individual small projects to be done in conjunction with the dredging of the drainage ditch East of the W-1 West Canal. This was agreed by

consensus. Myles Hebert reported that the Parish did some more spraying for salvinia.

Discussion ensued regarding levee repair as called for in the Operations & Maintenance Report Cameron-Creole Watershed. A motion was made by Edward Racca, Jr., seconded by Mike Johnson, and unanimously carried to authorize Engineer Lonnie Harper to prepare a permit application and specifications for the necessary levee repair project and to advertise for bids after the

permit process is complete. Lonnie Harper presented a permit application for the Murphy

lateral clean out. It was reported that Barbara Lou LeBlanc is securing necessary rights-of-way for this project. A motion was made by Edward Racca, Jr., seconded by Coy Mudd, and unanimously carried to authorize Engineer Lonnie Harper to submit the permit application once the rights-of-way are complete, and to authorize President Scott Henry

to sign said permit application.
It was reported that ERA Helicopter wishes to expand their parking lot, and if allowed to do so, the parking lot would extend over our drainage canal that ends behind the School Board. It was agreed that this Board will approve expansion of the ERA Helicopter parking lot, if they will install necessary culverts. It was requested that Engineer Lonnie Harper oversee and approve the project, to make sure the grade is right in order to maintain drainage in the area.

It was noted that Greg Wicke made the remark that since the dredging was done at East Fork and the Calcasieu loop, the local ad valorem taxes increased by \$3 million. Because of that, we've been able to reduce our millages.

A motion was made by Coy Mudd, seconded by Mike Johnson and unanimously carried to approve the following project applications:

1. LCUP #050802, Callon Petroleum Operating Company; 2. LCUP #050803, A & R Pipeline Company;

3. LCUP #050811, Callon Petroleum Operating Company. Edward Racca, Jr., reported

that work at the pumps is almost complete, providing security for all our pump sites. We will install a 6foot fence with barbed wire top, and the project should be complete by the next meeting.

Scott Henry reported that he met with Gravity Drainage District No. 4 concerning the Creole Plug and Miami Corporation's application for a permit to remove that plug. He stated that there was some discussion, and it was agreed that Miami Corporation will develop a Management Plan for the project and submit it to us at a later date.

There being nor further business, the meeting was adjourned. E. Scott Henry, President

A. Edward Racca, Jr., Secretary - Treasurer RUNS: Nov. 17 - N 13

MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3 held on Tuesday, September 20, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex.

Present: Edward Members Racca, Jr., Joe Dupont, and Mike

Members Absent: Scott Henry

and Coy Mudd. Present: Edward Others Petersen, Charles Starkovich, Kevin Boudreaux, Henry Rankin with Southern Tank, and Myles

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Dupont. A motion was made by Edward Racca, seconded by Mike Johnson, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2005, regular meeting as written.

Mr. Rankin, of Southern Tank Specialty, Inc. was introduced and reported that all work being done at pump sites for security is complete, but fences are still being put up. Mr. Rankin also presented a contingency plan to the Board, and some discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Edward Racca, seconded by Joe Dupont, and unanimously carried to approve the Financial Report for the month of August, 2005, and to approve the following bills for pay-

1. Gulf Coast Supply - \$15.80. 2. Southern Tank Specialty, Inc. - \$16,121.00

3. Lake Charles Diesel, Inc. -

4. Cameron Parish Pilot - \$90.00.

5. Red Man Supply - \$344.10. 6. Savoie Lumber - \$1,071.59. 7. Lonnie G. Harper &

Associates - \$3,665.20. Charles Starkovich NRCS spoke to the Board regarding a program called "Emergency Watershed Protection" that could

be of assistance after a hurricane. A motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded Johnson, and unanimously carried to approve several Coastal Zone permits following review of those

There being nor further business, the meeting was adjourned. Vice President

/s/A. Edward Racca, Jr. A. Edward Racca, Jr., Secretary -Treasurer RUNS: Nov. 17 - N 14

> DEEP LAKE FIELD 05-1338

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF LOUISIANA OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, State LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2005, upon the application of EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION.

hearing such Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the 13,250° SAND, RESER-VOIR C, in the Deep Lake Field,

Cameron Parish Louisiana. 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the 13,250 Sand,

Reservoir C. 2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the 13,250°

Jeff Davis lines now completed

Jeff Davis Electric has completed the Cameron Transmission lines. The Transmission lines are completely functional and energized. This work has modernized the electrical system in Cameron Parish, which will make it more efficient and less prone to disruption.

The transmission lines are now capable of serving loads to Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach. The community of Cameron is energized and hook-up can begin on a business by business request. Creole, Grand Chenier and Little Chenier will have limited service over the next few days, until needed equipment and supplies have arrived and can be installed.

Jeff Davis Electric will be shutting down their operations Saturday, Nov. 19 and will be returning to their work in the Parish on Monday, Nov. 28. This will not affect the services that have been provided so far. A service representative will be available in case of emergencies. If you see any loose cables or wires hanging from new or old power poles, please call

Water service within the Parish continues to move forward. District 7 (East Creole. Creole, Little Chenier and Chenier Perdue) recently tested as potable, all districts now have water. Districts 1-9 (Cameron, Oak Grove, Grand Chenier, Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach) are still being flushed and not potable as of

Parish officials ask all residents, workers and people driving Parish roads to be cautious, as there have been a accidents recently. few Remember to drive 45 mph or slower depending on road conditions, slow down for people and equipment working along the roads, and stay alert while driving.

Incident California Management Team-5 arrived Nov. 12, to assist the Parish with developing a long term debris removal plan and to help coordinate all agency and utility recovery efforts within the Parish. Team specialists are now out in the Parish identifying opportunities to augment the existing recovery efforts.

Disaster cleanup roundup

process of debris removal in Cameron Parish seems to many people to be taking a long time. The Corps of Engineers has been working steadily, however, for the past three weeks.

As of Monday, Nov. 14, the corps reports having removed approximately 108,500 cubic yards of debris, out of an estimated 200,000 cubic yards in the right-of-way clearing mission. This is about 54% of the

Sand, Reservoir C, designated as the 13250 RC SUA, as shown on $\,$ the plat submitted with the appli-

3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation.

4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

5. To consider such other mat-

ters as may be pertinent.
The 13,250' Sand was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 243-K, effective January 16, 1991.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in Baton Rouge and Lafayette, Louisiana.

www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CON-SEREN/hearings/pubhearings.ht

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Relief fund set up for fishermen

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is advising fishermen that the Fish For the Future Foundation, a nonprofit institution established to improve the scientific and economic understanding of marine fisheries management and the seafood industry in the U.S., has announced the establishment of the Gulf Fisherman's Relief Fund.

The Gulf Fisherman's Relief Fund is offering to assist members of the fishing community in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and parts of Florida affected by this natural disaster.

In order to assure fairness, the fund plans to appoint an advisory panel made up of the

Corps spokesman James Pogue says, "At the moment, we are only concentrating on vegetative and woody debris, not on construction or demolition debris. However, clean-up crews

have again begun to work in the town of Cameron, after several days absence.

The Louisiana National Guard has begun demolition of parish buildings. School board office has been completed and the demolition of the Cameron Elementary School is under way. The Corps is responsible for removing tthe debris after demolition, and has begun that task.

Debris removal crews contacted by the Corps are also making a second pass through Cameron, picking up debris homeowners have placed beside the streets as well as demolished houses.

The Corps is averaging about 160 truck loads a day throughout the parish. On Monday, 42 loads were colected in Cameron, 19 loads in Hackberry, and 130 loads in Grand Lake/Big Lake.

Hackberry residents should note that the Monday residents after Thanksgiving will be the last time crews will pass to pick up debris.

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most knowledgeable fisheries administrators within the region to review applications submitted by fishermen and assessments provided by local

authorities. Funding for the program is derived from charitable events and volunteer contributions and overhead expenses will be limited through the use of volunteers and professionals who have offered their services pro bono. The foundation is also accepting contributions from individuals, groups and corporations interested in donating to the relief fund. Checks and money orders may be sent to the **Gulf** Fisherman's Relief Fund, 3382 Gunston Rd.,

Alexandria, Virginia. Applications for assistance and more information concerning the relief fund are available at the Fish For The Future Foundation Web site at http://www.fish4thefuturefoundation.org. In addition to name and contact information, grant applications require information on state and federal permit type, number and effective dates, vessel information and a brief statement of losses.

For more information con-

Kevin A. Savoie, Area Agent - SW Region Natural Resources - Fisheries, 475-8812, Fax 475-8815, cell 263-2880, 7101 Gulf Hwy., Lake Charles. La. 70607, ksavoie@agcenter.lsu.edu.

Miller Livestock Markets, Inc. **Market Report**

DeQuincy (Saturday) NOV. 12 Livestock Receipts: Cattle 1292, Horses 4 Hogs 64, Sheep 29, and Goats 71. BABY CALVES: Dairy 50^{oz}-75^{oz} per HD, Beef 125^{oz}-200^{oz} per per lb. STEER & HEIFER CALVES: 200-300 lb. Steers: <u>1.35-1.75</u> per lb., Heifers: <u>1.20-1.65</u> per lb.; 300-400 lb. Steers: <u>1.20-1.55</u> per lb., Heifers: <u>1.15-1.45</u> per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: <u>1.15-1.40</u> per lb., Heifers: <u>1.10-1.30</u> per lb.; 500-600 Lb. Steers: <u>1.05-1.20</u> per lb., Heifers: <u>.95-1.05</u> per lb.; 600-700 lb Steers: <u>.75-.90</u> per lb., Heifer: <u>.75-.85</u> pe lb. CATTLE: Cutter& Utility: .50-.54 per lb. Canners: .44-.49 per lb.: Fat Cows: .47-.50 per lb.; Thin Cows: .35-.45 per lb.; Slaughte Bulls: <u>.52-.57</u> per lb.; Feeder Bulls: <u>.70 -.77</u> per lb. **COW/CALF PAIRS**: <u>800</u>[®]-<u>1075</u>[®] per pair. PREGNANCY TESTED COWS: 650° 900^{oo} per HD. **HOGS**: Choice Barrows & Gilts: .<u>50-.54</u> per lb.; Medium Barrow & Gilts: .45-.50 per lb.; Butcher Pigs: .45-.60 per lb.; Feeder Pigs: .65-.80 per lb.; Sows per lb. HORSES: .<u>25-.39</u> per lb. **SHEEP & GOATS:** <u>30⁰⁰-185</u>⁰⁰ per HD

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