



Luderin Darbone

## Darbone, co-founder of H. Ramblers, dies

Luderin Darbone, the acclaimed Cajun-swing fiddler who co-founded The Hackberry Ramblers in 1933, passed away on Friday, Nov. 21, 2008, at West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital in Sulphur.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Eddie and Annette Darbone; his granddaughter Paige Neal, her husband, Bob, their daughter, Julia, and son, Taylor; his grandsons, Heath and Dustin; and band-members, Glen Croker and Ben Sandmel.

Luderin Darbone was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lue, who steadfastly encouraged his musical career and travels until her passing in 1999.

A devout Catholic who attended Mass every day, Darbone was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

Visitation was held from 5-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at Hixson Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home in Sulphur. The funeral was at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, from Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur.

Born in Evangeline and raised in Orangefield, Tex., Darbone taught himself to play, at age 12, by taking a correspondence course. With the technique that Darbone acquired, he was soon able to play by ear and learn songs he heard on radio. As a teenager, Darbone moved to the then remote salt marsh town of Hackberry. There he met his lifelong musical collaborator, Edwin Duhon, a multi-instrumentalist who, at that time, focused on the accordion. The two began playing dances together.

They quickly gathered a following, added a third member and dubbed themselves The Hackberry Ramblers

Edwin Duhon soon switched to playing guitar, reflecting a prevalent trend in which the accordion faded from Cajun music in the 1920s and '30s. This String Band Era, as it came to be known, coincided with the introduction of electricity to rural Southwest Louisiana, and The Hackberry Ramblers brought two important innovations to the local scene.

They blended the Cajun repertoire with Anglo-American western swing and country songs, which thus far were totally separate traditions, and they introduced electronic amplification to area dance halls.

This later innovation allowed acoustic instruments such as the fiddle to be clearly heard over the sound of a crowd, thus encouraging musicians to increase their technique as soloists, raising levels of skill all around.

At some far-flung places that did not yet have electricity, Darbone powered the band's primitive Sears-Roebuck P. A. system with his Model-T Ford, which idled outside the dance halls they played.

In 1935, The Hackberry Ramblers signed with RCA Bluebird, a prominent national-level record label. Their hits, released on 78 rpm records, included the first rendition of "Jolie Blonde" under that title, and "Wondering," which later scored a huge hit for country crooner Webb Pierce.

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## G. Lake Recovery Center closes

The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Grand Lake will close on Wednesday, Nov. 26, and reopen Monday, Dec. 1, as a U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC).

Visitor numbers at the DRC are down to an average of seven residents per day after having served over 525 visitors. The DRC offered help with housing, SBA loans, unemployment assistance, IRS tax information, hazard mitigation information, legal assistance referrals and more.

The DRC, soon to become a DLOC, is located at the following address:

Cameron Parish  
Grand Lake Recreation  
District #15  
108 Recreation Lane  
Grand Lake, LA 70607

The hours of operation for the DLOC will be Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The office will be closed on Sunday.

Although the Grand Lake DRC will be closing, the DRC in Hackberry will remain open. The Hackberry DRC, located at the Hackberry

Recreation District, 1250 Recreation Circle, is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. However, it will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Disaster Recovery Center staff can answer questions about registration for disaster assistance and hazard mitigation, help with disaster loan applications and provide information and contacts for other programs.

Homeowners, renters and business owners affected by hurricanes Gustav and Ike are encouraged to register for assistance by calling the toll-free registration line at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) (TTY 1-800-462-7585) which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Applicants also may register on-line at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

Residents are encouraged to register prior to visiting a Disaster Recovery Center.

Officials remind affected residents who have already filled out damage report forms with the state, parish emergency managers or voluntary agencies that they must register with FEMA at the above numbers or Web site to be considered for fed-

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Happy Thanksgiving to all!



CYCLISTS WITH Acorns of Hope set out on another leg of their 4 day journey through South Louisiana, heading to Rockefeller Refuge after replanting oak trees at the South Cameron Athletic Field on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Bikers ride for trees

By CYNDI SELLERS

Last Wednesday, Nov. 19, a group of gardeners and cyclists from all over the country rode through parts of Cameron Parish, planting trees as part of the Acorns of Hope coastal reforestation project. Founder Bob Thibodeaux, of Church Point, began the effort by growing seedling oak trees and recruiting volunteers to bike through South Louisiana and plant them.

Last year the group planted trees at Cameron Prairie Refuge, South Cameron

High School, the South Cameron Elementary Athletic Complex, and Rockefeller Refuge. This year, they rode the same route to check on damage from Hurricane Ike, replant lost trees and add to those planted last year.

The trees are grown from acorns collected from mature trees at least 100 years old because of their proven toughness. Some of this year's trees were grown from a 200 year old oak on Shell Beach Drive in Lake Charles.

Thibodeaux says he

plants the acorns and grows the seedlings in wild conditions, without fertilizer or extra care. Only the strong survive and these naturally selected trees are then planted throughout the coast.

The group spent the night at Rockefeller Refuge before traveling on toward Morgan City. Next year, the tour will take in western Cameron Parish, and Thibodeaux is looking for sites to plant trees. "These cheniers should be full of oaks," he said. "They are the native tree and are essential to the protection of the land."

## Mosquito control site is still being debated by jury

By CYNDI SELLERS

The future location of the Mosquito Control facility was discussed at the Police Jury Agenda Meeting on Monday, and will be on the agenda at the voting meeting Dec. 1. A proposal worked out between the Mosquito Control Board and some Police Jurors earlier this month was questioned by other jurors, who balked at spending \$200,000 to add office space at the Cameron/Creole Maintenance Barn, now under construction.

Board members had been assured that they could rent space in the new facility, and were waiting to hear whether their chemical containers could be secured underneath. An Attorney General's opinion showed that the District could not use property taxes to build a new office, and proceeds from the Cheniere bond issue had failed to materialize, due to the national economic crisis.

Faced with the prospect of having trucks and chemicals in the open and working without proper lab facilities for the foreseeable future, the Board had agreed to the move, as long as the Police Jury would go on record in favor of it.

The Mosquito Control District's budget had been depleted by rising costs for chemicals and fuel and the expense of paying off the note for a new spray plane. A reported \$450,000 increase in property tax revenue for next year would still not help the District build a new facility, since those funds are only for operation and maintenance, according to the District Attorney.

Just released estimates of property tax assessments for 2008 show an increase of 25% on average for parish-wide taxes, likely due to an increase in oil and gas activity this year. Some of the revenue will be received under protest, but the taxing entities should still see a healthy increase in revenue at a time when it is desperately needed for hurricane recovery.

Jennifer Jones reported on the FEMA Community Assessment Visit held earlier this month. She will be presenting proposed changes to the Flood Damage

Prevention Ordinance which should clarify the accessory and agriculture building status. Jones has been working for months to show FEMA officials that agriculture buildings such as barns should be exempt from elevation requirements.

A firm definition of accessory buildings will also help residents who are trying to rebuild. The proposed ordinance changes must be sent to FEMA for approval before being advertised locally.

Parish OEP Director Clifton Hebert reported that the Corps of Engineers has completed its right of way debris removal mission for parish roads. He will be working with the state and FEMA to evaluate the remainder of the debris and prepare a project worksheet for an applicant managed contract for the rest.

Demolitions and private property debris removal are still in the evaluation stage, and will hopefully be managed in the same way. "The Corps is done here," Hebert said, "We'll be doing the rest ourselves."

HOUSING INITIATIVE  
Parish Planner Ernie Broussard reported to the Jury on the status of several ongoing projects such as property acquisition for Cameron Square, Holly Beach sewer design, land use ordinance, DFIRM appeal, and the Cameron and Hackberry fisheries proposals. He also announced a major tenant has taken an option on property on Monkey Island, with final FERC and bonding package approval in the works.

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## Bishop to visit church

Bishop Glen John Provost, D. D., Bishop of Lake Charles, will celebrate Holy Mass at St. Patrick Chapel in Sweetlake on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 8 a.m.

His Excellency will remain after Holy Mass for a reception on the church grounds and will be available to visit with you and answer any of your questions.

He will remain until time for the 10 a.m. Holy Mass so as to be available for both congregations. He will depart at 10 a.m. Holy Mass begins.

Father Joseph McGrath is church pastor.

## Debris pickup is completed

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced that its debris removal mission in Cameron Parish, established in response to Hurricane Ike, has been completed.

During the course of the mission, the Corps removed approximately 44,817 cubic yards of storm-related debris.

Under the umbrella of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or Corps of Engineers removed authorized debris along the public right-of-ways of local parish roads. Disposal efforts associated with this cleanup were coordinated with Cameron Parish officials, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency, among others.

## Hackberry Festival set

The 5th Annual Hackberry Holiday Festival will be held Thursday, Dec. 4 at the Hackberry Community Center from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

This Community Christmas Event will feature:

Photos with Santa, cookie decorating, holiday music, Christmas tree lighting, gumbo and beverages and a cake walk.

For information contact: Anya McInnis at [anym@sbglobal.net](mailto:anym@sbglobal.net)

Event partners include: Hackberry Duck off, Targa Midstream Services LP, Cameron Communications, Hackberry High School, and Deep South Productions.

Event Underwriter is the Sempa Energy Foundation.

## Library tells activities

Come join in the fun at the Grand Chenier Library. "Crossword Daze" 10 a.m. daily.

Thursday, Nov. 27 - Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

Friday, Nov 28 - Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

Monday, Dec. 1 - Kids Fun Day - Story Time 1-2 p.m., Low Impact Walking Program 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 - Kids Fun Day - Movie Time 1-2 p.m., Low Impact Walking Program 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3 - Kids Fun Day - Story Time 1-2 p.m., Low Impact Walking Program 2 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4 - Kids Fun Day - Movie Time 1-2 p.m., Low Impact Walking Program 2 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5 - Louisiana Spirit Team games and crafts for children 1-3 p.m.

Please call 538-2214 for more information about our weekly programs.



THE CAMERON PARISH Library's bookmobile is now parked at the site of the Hackberry Branch Library which was badly damaged by Hurricane Ike. It will serve as the Hackberry Library until the branch library is repaired.

(Photo by Coot McInnis.)



VOLUNTEERS FROM The Harvest Connection, the disaster relief ministry of the Original Free Will Baptists, help Emma Jean Miller (left) clear out the Creole home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arceneaux Boudreaux. Pictured with Miller are Pat Cayton, Roy Wetherington, and Seth Cayton. The North Carolina based group plans to continue to send teams to Cameron over the next four months. They are based at the First Baptist Church of Cameron.

(Photos by Cyndi Sellers.)

# Jeff Davis school officials thanked for parish's aid

By DORIS MARICLE  
American Press

Cameron Parish School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue voiced her appreciation Thursday to Jeff Davis Parish school officials for helping displaced South Cameron students return to class.

"I am here to say thank you," Rodrigue said in addressing the Jeff Davis School Board. "If I had to say one group made the significant difference in getting our students back to school 30 days after Ike, it was you."

Jeff Davis school maintenance workers helped turn a former skating rink, bingo hall and FEMA center in Lake Charles into temporary classrooms for South Cameron elementary and high schools.

"You allowed your maintenance crew to work with us and get the facility up and running," Rodrigue said.

She praised Jeff Davis Maintenance Supervisor Dan Lejeune and maintenance workers for stepping into helping get a temporary school set up in Calcasieu Parish after her own maintenance supervisor took sick leave after suffering damage

to his own home. "Dan filled in, and from day one I didn't have to worry about anything down to having signs in the right places," Rodrigue said, "Mr. Lejeune knew what he was doing and just took care of it."

The crews installed lights, put together furniture, completed electrical and plumbing work, and set up special partitions for the classrooms.

"It was just an outstanding situation for us," she said.

Rodrigue presented the board with an appreciation plaque and a reimbursement check for travel and salary expenses from the Cameron Parish School Board. She also gave maintenance workers duffel bags bearing their names.

"The bags are a personal gift from me because without your help none of this would have happened," She said. "I don't know where I'd be if this had never happened."

Jeff Davis Parish had offered South Cameron schools use of the old James Ward Elementary School in Jennings, but it was too far to transport the students.

of the mortgage industry will not be a factor, Broussard said, because the plan depends upon federal and state programs which are already funded.

Transitional housing, which could roll into permanent housing later on, is also needed to support the fishing, maritime, and oil and gas industries, and is being addressed, Broussard said.



ACORNS OF HOPE founder Bob Thibodeaux, of Church Point, watches as Frank Jenner and Andrew Duston replant an oak tree at the South Cameron Athletic Field last Wednesday. The group was riding through South Louisiana, checking on trees planted last year, replacing those that did not survive, and planting additional trees to help restore and protect the Louisiana coastline. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## POLICE JURY

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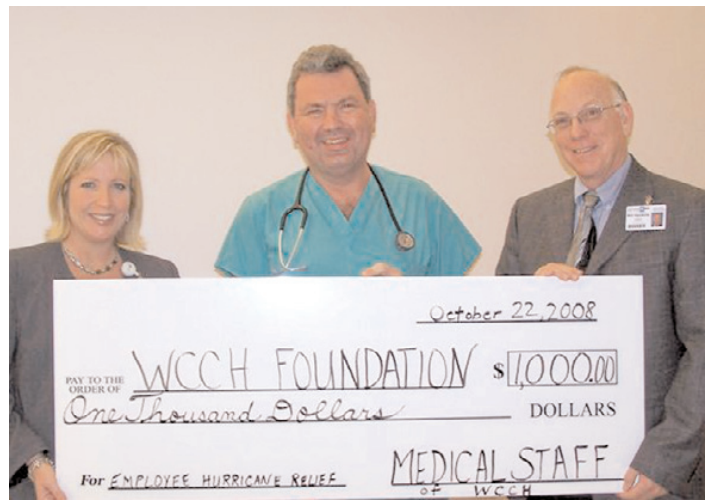
The name of the tenant will be announced in early 2009. While his office is continuing to work with FEMA on the temporary housing issue, Broussard is also putting together a permanent housing plan involving the parish, the Louisiana Recovery Authority, the Louisiana Housing Finance Authority, and the USDA. This plan, if approved, would fund the building of 50 new homes, with 0% or low interest mortgages and a "soft" second mortgage for the

down payment, which could be forgivable. "This would allow people to get into a house at no initial cost," Broussard said.

The program would use some public properties, acquired by the parish through the Road Home buy-out program, and some homes could be built on private property. LHFA and USDA funds would be used for the mortgages, and if approved, the proceeds could be sent to a "Cameron Housing Trust Authority," which would then turn the funds around into more loans. The Louisiana Land Trust is holding 93 Road Home properties which the parish could acquire for the housing program.

"This cutting edge approach to the housing issue puts Cameron Parish in the forefront of hurricane recovery," said Broussard. "We have to think out of the box and do non-conventional things. This shows that Cameron people are not asking for a hand-out but are willing to do our share. We think this is the best approach to get housing back into lower Cameron Parish."

The final assessment of the plan will take place two weeks from now, after market and financial studies are complete. The current state



MANY OF the employees of West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital in Sulphur were impacted by a hurricane hitting Southwest Louisiana for the second time in three years. WCCH employees who suffered damages and loss from Hurricane Ike were encouraged to apply for relief from a fund set up specifically to assist them financially. The Medical Staff of West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital recognized this area of need and donated \$1000 to the Employee Relief Fund. The check was presented to Bill Hankins, CEO, and Christi Kingsley, Human Resources Director, by Dr. Kevin Schlamp, the President of the Medical Staff for WCCH.

## Tarpons did well this year despite school's destruction

By MARK LEIBSON  
Kinder News

High school football teams in Southwest Louisiana can point toward Hurricanes Gustav and Ike as one of the main causes for an early exit for the state playoffs.

Most schools in this region lost their first two weekends of the 2008 football season because of the two storms that battered the area.

While most prep teams were able to play their regularly scheduled 10 games, that was not the case for all teams in Districts 5-2A and 5-1A. The lack of practice and competition became evident when the playoffs began last week.

Never before have so many teams in Southwest Louisiana been eliminated during the first week of the playoffs. Three of the four 2A schools - Oakdale, Welsh, South Beauregard - lost last Friday with only Rosepine beating Sacred Heart of Ville Platte to advance to regionals. All four 1A schools - Basile, Oberlin, Hamilton Christian and South Cameron - fell out of the playoffs last week, leaving no small schools from this area in the playoffs.

The school most affected by Hurricane Ike was South Cameron. Students are being required to take their school courses on a campus in Lake Charles while the administration deals with rebuilding the school for the second time since Hurricane Rita destroyed the campus in 2006.

It was an interesting point how well South Cameron performed on the field early in the season when the Tarpons began the season with five straight victories and were ranked as high as No. 7 in the state.

It was during this period of time that South Cameron's students were not required to attend classes,

which enabled the football players to concentrate solely on improving their game between the chalk lines.

Once classes were set up and the student-athletes were required to attend school, their performances diminished on the playing field and they lost three of their final five games including a 30-12 setback at the hands of Gueydan.

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# Funerals



**JOHN ENIS DOMINGUE, JR.**

Funeral services for John Enis Domingue, Jr., 64, of Jennings will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29, at 10 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Msgr. Ronald Groth officiating the services. He died on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008 at his Jennings residence. Mr. Domingue was born in Grand Chenier to John Enis Sr. and Azalia Duhon Domingue.

A rosary will be recited on Friday evening at 7 p.m. Burial will be held in the Raymond-Hathaway Community Cemetery following his services.

He was a crewboat captain for Seacor for 34 years. He was an outdoorsman and loved being on the water. The art of making cast nets was one of his many hobbies.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Sonnier Domingue of Hathaway; one son, Samuel Jacob Domingue of Hathaway; three daughters, Denise Benoit and husband Chad, Heather Domingue, and Allison Domingue and fiancé Michael Jardell, all of Hathaway; two brothers, Wilfred Lee "Pete" Domingue of Bettendorf, Iowa and Walter Leo Domingue of Evangeline; three sisters, Mary Jane Thibodeaux of Hayes, Dorothy and Joyce Landry, both of Lake Charles; and two grandchil-

dren, Lance Benoit and Gavin Domingue.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Landry, Mark Breaux, Len Sonnier, Dane Sonnier, Craig Domingue, and James Daigle.

Honorary pallbearers will be Pat Landry, Terry Landry, Glen Landry, Leo Domingue, Pete Domingue, and Scott Breaux.

Visitation will be held Friday, Nov. 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and again on Saturday, Nov. 29, from 8 a.m. until time of service.

Words of comfort may be expressed to the Domingue family at [www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net)

Arrangement have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home of Jennings.

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## KENNETH ROY SMITH

Kenneth Roy Smith, 69, of Hackberry died Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008. He served his country in the Army for 25 years.

Survivors include his three daughters, Glenda Richard of Lake Charles, Amanda Collins of Boston and Christine Earley of Westlake; one son, Ricky Smith of Hackberry; 10 grandchildren; one brother, Dan Smith; three sisters, Glays Golden, Agnes Seageant and Helen Magnon; and longtime caregiver, Elizabeth O'Kelley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Victoria Benoit Smith; and daughter, Tabatha Ainsworth.

His funeral was held Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home. Burial was in New Hackberry Cemetery.



# It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By KEITH HAMBRICK



## Pilot RENEWAL REVENUE SOUGHT BY POLICE JURY

Ronald J. Trosclair, Jr., president of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, sent the Cameron Parish Federal Grants Coordinator to Washington, D. C. to join 2,000 county officials from across the United States seeking speedy renewal of Revenue Sharing on Dec. 18.

In Trosclair's correspondence in the Louisiana congressional delegation and leaders of Congress, he pointed out that Revenue Sharing amounts to about 10 percent of the Parish budget. He described increased services needed by the Parish, and the high level of unemployment.

## PIONEER DAYS

By GENEVA GRIFFITH  
At the recent Cameron Parish Extension Homemakers Achievement Day each community club was asked to present a skit on moments in Cameron Parish history as a salute to the Bicentennial celebration.

The Creole club chose as their theme "A Typical Chenier Perdue Household of the 1840s."

Most of the club members are descendants of the settlers of this area.

In acting out their skit, this bi-lingual group used names of the original settlers and their props were the actual antiques used in the Chenier Perdue area, east of Creole, during that period.

These antiques have been handed down from one generation to the next and preserved with loving care.

Mrs. Harold Carter was the narrator and writer of the script for the skit which will also be presented at the 1976 Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival in Cameron Jan. 9-10.

Among the props used were an ironing board and flat iron, chairs, wood stove, coffee mill, butter churn, spinning wheel, quilting frame, wooden drinking bucket with gourd dipper, and the indispensable chamber pot.

Even in those early days, the lady of the house engaged in the old French custom of serving fresh-ground, fresh-brewed coffee to all visitors. The coffee mill was a must in every household -- what an enticing delectable odor the coffee gives off.

## FRENCH LANGUAGE MEET

Several items of importance were taken up at a meeting of the Cameron Parish Chapter of the Council of the Development of French in Louisiana held Nov. 18 at the Calcasieu Marine Bank in Cameron. Mrs. Adam Conner, vice president, presided.

Father Jean Marie James explained the exchange student program which will be for four weeks next spring at a cost of \$450 per student. He also called on the local chapter to sponsor a booth at the Louisiana Exposition in Parish, France April 24 to May 8.

Gerard Thibodeaux, CODOFIL representative explained Act 714 of the La. Legislature which authorizes all public school systems to include second language instruction as a part of the elementary school curriculum beginning in the 1976-77 school session.

## NEW LICENSE PLAN FOR 1977

Automobile owners will

renew their license plates beginning January 1 with a validation sticker rather than with a new license plate. The Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Public Safety said the validation sticker will be placed in the provided area on the lower right hand corner of the present license plate. The license plates are expected to last a minimum of six years. The use of stickers to validate the plates for the next two years will save the state an estimated \$800,000.

## GRAND CHENIER METHODIST HISTORY

By BERNICE STEWART

Oct. 8, 1859: The Fourth Quarterly Meeting Conference for the Calcasieu Circuit and Grand Chenier Mission, Opelousas District, Louisiana Conference, held at Grand Chenier Oct. 8, 1859.

...It was proposed to organize the Grand Chenier Mission into a circuit by appointing a Board of Stewards, whereupon A. A. Alexander, John D. Armstrong, and George W. Wakefield were appointed, and George W. Armstrong was appointed recording steward. Joel Sanders, Pres. Pro. Tem.

March 18, 1860: Missionary Report. The preacher at Grand Chenier reports: One Sunday School, one superintendent, 7 teachers, 15 scholars, average attendance 20. About 150 volumes, library. Joel Sanders (Missionary).

August 25, 1860: The Third Quarterly Meeting for Calcasieu Circuit and Grand Chenier Mission, Monroe District, Louisiana Conference, held at Grand Chenier, August 25, 1860.

Members present: Joel Sanders (Missionary and Pres. Pro. Tem.) W. D. Stayton (Preacher in charge); John D. Armstrong (Steward); A. A. Alexander (Church Leader); Alex McDonald (Sunday School Supt.)

Conference opened with singing and prayer. Alex McDonald was appointed secretary. Qs. 1st - Are there any complaints or appeals? Ans. - None.

Qs. 2nd - Have the rules respecting the instruction of children been faithfully observed?

Ans. - Brother Stayton reports two schools, two superintendents, ten teachers, sixty scholars, and 200 volumes in the Library in moderate condition. Bro. Sanders reports on Mission School in prosperous condition, with an average attendance of thirty scholars.

Qs. 3rd - What is the condition of the works.

Ans. - The circuit is in tolerable good condition. This past quarter we have had 17 successions to the church, 16 whites, one black; by letters nine; eight on probation, baptized, three adults and six children; eight removed by letter; one expelled; and one death.

Qs. 4th - What is the financial report?

Ans. - Bro. Stayton reports having received \$51.

Qs. 5th - Where shall the next quarterly meeting be held?

Ans. - Sugartown. Moved and seconded, the conference closed with benediction. Joel Sanders, Pres. Pro. Tem.

# Hackberry News

By COOT MCINNIS

## BINGO WINNERS

The Thanksgiving Bingo was held Nov. 19, at the community center. They had 20 turkeys and 20 pork roasts to give away. Winners are listed below:

Turkeys - Marie Little, Donald Soirez, Dawn Abshire, Champ Venable, Lois Soirez, Anna Lester, Lavina Lopez, Inez Hebert, Gordon Gremillion, Theresa Guidry, Leon Hinson, Irene Kershaw, Sandy Wright, JoLynn Buford, Vernice Vincent, Chasity Cole, Irene Croker, Wanda Romero, Robert Largent, and Debbie Kittner.

Pork Roast - Irene Kershaw, Shane Gremillion, Inez Hebert, Donald Soirez, Brenda Venable, Wanda Romero, Anna Lester, Marie Little, Leon Hinson, Crystal Moses, Michael Carter, Ernie Little, Irene Croker, Cathy Moody Jack Kandler, Jolene John, Wayne Welch, Norma Jinks, Trish Savoie, and Mildred Vincent.

Black Out Ham Bingo winner was Donald Soirez. Alice Reeves was winner of the \$50 gift certificate. Kristen Nunez was winner of the \$25 gift certificate.

## STORE OPEN

I went to Hackberry on Saturday and was glad to see the Deli at Brown's is now open. The store is open from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Jimmy Brown, owner of Brown's Grocery, was in the process of remodeling and updating the store when Hurricane Ike caused his damage. This is why it has taken so long for the Deli to open.

Next I went by the Dollar General Store where they are getting ready to reopen.

## BOOKMOBILE

The Bookmobile is open and located by the Hackberry Library. The Hackberry Clinic has also been open. All the information you need is available when you call the phone number to the Clinic.

Again from our family to yours, have a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.



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## ROUNDAABOUT THE PARISH

Amdee Pujo Stewart passed away Nov. 22. He was born in Grand Chenier in 1909 and was married to Bernice Hollister Stewart.

A Thanksgiving Bingo was held Thursday at Hackberry Recreation Center. Winners were Billie Kyle, Dorothy Lovett, Irene Kershaw, Janelle Backlund, Carolyn Spicer, Eunice Smith, Mrs. Harold Spicer, Vickie Winters, Verale Welch, Hazel Ellender, Charlene Abshire, Beth Backlund, Bobby Hewitt, Peggy Welch, Bonnie Welch, Leatha Core, Betty Seay, Nancy Venable, Melissa Jinks, Margaret Shover, Cairbourne Duhon, and Joyce Seay.

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LACIE BOWMAN, along with grandparents L. J. and Shirley Saltzman, enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast hosted by Grand Lake Head Start.

## Household water system grants are available

USDA Rural Development Secretary Thomas C. Dorr announced that qualifying non-profit organizations may now submit funding applications for the Household Water Well System Grant program.

"This program provides financial assistance through non-profit organizations to rural residents who need to drill water wells," Dorr said. "Because many rural residents do not live in areas where a centralized water system is feasible, this program helps meet a basic human need: access to clean, safe drinking water."

Grants may be made available to qualified non-profit organizations to establish lending programs for household water wells. USDA does not provide funds directly to property owners under this program. Non-profit organizations must use the grants to make loans to individual home-

owners to construct or upgrade household water well systems. The non-profit groups must contribute at least 10 percent of the grant request to capitalize the loan fund.

USDA Rural Development is issuing this notice prior to passage of a final appropriations bill, which may or may not provide funding for this program, to allow applicants sufficient time to leverage financing and submit applications. In recent years the amount available for this program on a nationwide basis has been under \$1 million per year.

The deadline for completing applications is May 31, 2009. The published Notice and application guide may be obtained electronically at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/>. Call 202-720-9583 to request paper copies of application guides and materials. For additional information,

# Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



## DUCK SEASON TO CLOSE

Duck hunting in some areas has really slowed down, but we've done well since the season opened. The cold spell came, and we got nine then 11 and a goose, looking better.

This is the last week of the first split of duck season, which ends on Sunday, Nov. 30 in our west zone. Light geese (snow, blues and ross) as well as white fronted, specklebelly geese also ends the same day. The conservation order for light geese will kick in Dec. 1 thru 12 (blues, snows and ross). These conservation order days allow the use of electronic calls and unplugged shotguns and eliminates the daily bag and possession limits. Shorter hours begin one half hour before sunrise but extends until one-half hour after sunset.

The start of the special split for ducks, light geese and specklebelly is Dec. 13 for our west zones. Remember coot season runs with the duck season, as well as snipes, however you can shoot rails and gallinules through Dec. 31, the closure

see the Nov. 20 Federal Register, page 70315, <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-27586.pdf>.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development has invested more than \$111 billion since 2001 for equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. More than 2 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA Rural Development's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

date. Dove season ends Nov. 30 in our south zone for the second split. The third and last split begins Dec. 20 for doves.

## BRIEFS

As we travel lower Cameron Parish roads, we still see turtle and an alligator or two run over by the cars and trucks. We also see quite a few coyotes crossing the road early in the morning. Some hunters tell me they see quite a few deer on the Grand Chenier ridges. Talk is that some 80 pen deer escaped during Hurricane Ike.

## FISHING

Jerome Rutherford and I made a duck hunt last week, and brought our rod and reels and caught four redbird and we caught our limit of crabs, full and fat.

Anglers on Big Lake are still doing well, but the cold front that came through sort of stopped fishing for a couple of days. I also find since hunting season began, I don't see as many fisherman on the lake, but still you can get your limits of Redfish, speckle trout and flounder, from Turners Bay to the south end weirs.

## MIGRATORY BIRDS

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that the federal government has spent over \$1 billion from migratory bird conservatory funds to conserve wetlands and the upland habitats in the United States. We are celebrating the 75th anniversary (1934) of the Federal Duck Stamps, which is very successful Duck Stamp sales and has provided \$700 million, that has been used to purchase 5.2 million wetlands acres for the national wildlife refuge system.

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## SURPRISE

I just had a birthday last week and I usually get something for hunting or fishing from my wife and children. Well I got a package; It said Road Home, and yes! there was a coke, potted meat, bar stick, cheese crackers, and even a straw for the coke., but just who is this Road Home gift from. I think my kids pulled one over on me, now I can't say I didn't get anything from Road Home!



DAYLAN LEMAIRE and parents Heather and Clay LeMaire enjoyed the annual Thanksgiving feast hosted by Grand Lake Head Start.

## Sheriff arrests are told

The following arrests were made by the Cameron Parish Sheriff Dept. Nov. 11-26.

Marcus D. Nelson, 30, Lake Charles; Fail to appear- for open container.

Brandon Thomas Uptigrove, 28, Reeves; Brought down from court to serve time - 7 years DOC.

Johnny Wayne Hires, 40, Barwick, Ga.; Fugitive warrant from Florida - Grand theft auto, Criminal trespassing, Resisting an officer, Simple criminal damage to property.

Jeremy Antonio Dukes, 23, Houston, Tex; Probation violation.

J. Scott Jackson, 45, Houma; Disturbing the peace by intoxication.

Steve M. Martin, 45, 211 Self St., Sulphur; Theft (felony) - warrant.

Marvin D. Celestine, 46, Iowa; Unauthorize use of a moveable.

William F. Mosley, Jr., 47, Yazoo City, Ms.; Disturbing the peace by fighting.

Steven Paul Dye, 36, Bourg; Disturbing the peace by fighting.

Charles Nicholas Belanger, 42, Houma; Possession of marijuana, Felony theft (of fuel).

Joseph Charles Grabolski, Jr., 48, Hampton, SC; Accessory after the fact.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Thank you told

Dear Editor:

As the Thanksgiving season approaches and we contemplate those things for which we are especially grateful, FEMA and the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) would like to say "thank you" to all of the citizens of Louisiana and our federal, state and local partners that have played such a critical role in the disaster response and recovery from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

The past months have been difficult, and while you struggled to put together your lives, you had to navigate the system to apply for assistance. We acknowledge that everything has not been perfect, but we want you to know that we are working together to make the system better and to ensure that you are receiving the maximum benefits for which you are eligible.

We especially would like to say thank you to the voluntary agencies that also strive to make your lives easier and have worked tirelessly to do so.

Voluntary agencies are vital partners in providing critical services to those suffering from the devastation of disasters. Thanks to them, disaster survivors have been assisted in preparing for and finding employment; getting to and from essential places such as work, medical offices, church and shopping centers; clearing debris; gutting and rebuilding homes and securing quality care for their children.

Case managers step in to fulfill the unmet needs. Crisis counselors ease the pain and distress disasters invariably create. No task is too large or too small; their versatility ranges from hosting countless community job fairs to helping families with utility deposits.

It should be noted that the vast majority of the voluntary agencies with which we work are non-profit and/or faith-based. This

means their success in providing services is dependent, to a large degree, on the kindness and generosity of the general public. FEMA encourages anyone interested in making a charitable contribution this holiday season to consider supporting a volunteer agency that is significantly involved in helping disaster survivors get back on their feet.

To all of the voluntary agencies, citizens, federal, state, and local officials that have partnered with us in the disaster recovery effort, we simply say thanks again and please know we will not rest until the state has fully recovered.

/s/ Jim Stark,  
Director of the Louisiana  
Transitional Recovery Office  
/s/ Paul Rainwater,  
Executive Director of the  
Louisiana Recovery  
Authority

## Update on Davis

Dear Editor:

I don't know if you remember or not, but I sent you an article about my husband, Aaron Davis, who does the MMA fighting who's from Cameron?

Anyway, I just wanted to say thanks for putting it in the paper! It made his day to see it there!

Update is that he won his first pro-fight in Sulphur in October. A ton of Cameron guys were there and it was wonderful!

/s/ Theresa Davis

## Funds told for unemployment assistance

The Louisiana Workforce Commission today announced that it has been approved to receive an additional \$2.5 million from FEMA to pay Disaster Unemployment Assistance claims resulting from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

The Commission has been paying DUA benefits to 1,310 claimants, but payments had been delayed for 2,800 others pending the release of funds from the federal government.

Of the \$2.5 million, \$500,000 will be released for payment this week.

This puts the total at around \$1.3 million paid to 4,110 claimants in the Disaster Unemployment Assistance program. The remaining funds will be used to pay continuing claims.

The Commission will begin processing those payments this week, and claimants should expect to see benefits by the end of the week.

## Mushroom Blue Cheese Turkey Burger

(allrecipes.com)  
1 pound ground turkey  
8 ounces fresh mushrooms, finely chopped  
1 onion, finely chopped  
2 tablespoons soy sauce  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese

Directions:  
Preheat grill for high heat.

In a medium bowl, mix together the ground turkey, mushrooms, onion, and soy sauce. Season with kosher salt and pepper. Form into 4 burger patties.

Lightly oil the grill grate. Place patties on the prepared grill, and cook for 10 minutes per side, or until well done. Top with blue cheese during the last few minutes.



THIS IS THE MARQUE for the Hackberry United Methodist Church which is being repaired due to damage from Hurricane Ike. (Photo by Coot McInnis.)

## DARBONE Cont. from Pg. 1

Their eclectic repertoire included Cajun music, country-and western swing, jazz, lowdown blues and even the occasional Hawaiian novelty number.

When singing in English, the band adopted the moniker The Riverside Ramblers, thanks to a sponsorship deal from the Montgomery Ward department store chain that was then marketing a new line of Riverside Tires.

These recordings revealed Luderin Darbone, with his lilting, lyrical fiddle style, as a leading creative figure of his day whose contributions have come to be considered historic.

By the 1940s, the Hackberry Ramblers evolved from a hillbilly string-band - to use the record-business parlance of the day-into a 10-piece Western swing orchestra with horns, piano and electric guitar. In this config-

uration, they recorded for the Deluxe Records in 1950. At the time, the Ramblers were in the midst of a 10-year house-band gig at a local roadhouse known as the Silver Star.

The popularity of Cajun music reached a low ebb during the 1960s, and The Hackberry Ramblers contemplated retirement. But cultural crusader Chris Strachwitz, the guiding force behind Arhoolie Records, encouraged the band to stay active, recording them anew in 1963 and reissuing some of their Bluebird classics.

The pace eventually accelerated with the advent of the Cajun music and zydeco renaissance in the late '70s. Heritage-conscious young fiddlers, such as Michael Doucet, sought out Darbone and other old masters and brought their songs to new audiences.

In 1988, The Hackberry Ramblers began a series of annual performances at The New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, which lasted through 2005. They

also started touring nationally, appearing over the years at diverse venues that included the 1996 Super Bowl, the Grand Ole Opry, the Newport Folk Festival and dozens of festivals and nightclubs.

By this point, the group's sound had evolved once again, as electric guitarist Glen Croker added a swaggering honky-tonk tinge that included R & B, rockabilly and country ala Ray Price and Merle Haggard.

By the early 1990s The Hackberry Ramblers' rich history and undiminished vitality began to pique media interest. This groundswell inspired the Ramblers to record their first album in 30 years, "Cajun Boogie."

It was released in 1993 by Flying Fish Records and reissued in 2003 by Hot Biscuits. The album was well-received by national publications, including The New York Times, Rolling Stone and USA Today, leading to TV and radio appearances on Entertainment Tonight, NBC's Today Show, CNN Showbiz Today, MTV Live and NPR's Weekend Edition, Fresh Air and World Cafe.

The Ramblers follow-up album, "Deep Water" (Hot Biscuits), featured guest appearances by Marcia Ball, Rodney Crowell, Michael Doucet and Jimmie Dale Gilmore. "Deep Water" was nominated for a Grammy award as the best traditional folk album of 1997.

Continual touring followed and, in 2002, The Hackberry Ramblers debuted in Europe with festival performances in France and Holland. That same year, Luderin Darbone and Edwin Duhon received a prestigious National

Heritage Fellowship from the Folk Arts Program of the National Endowment for the Arts.

In January 2004, Darbone was featured, along with the rest of the band, in the documentary "Make 'Em Dance: The Hackberry Ramblers' Story." Directed by filmmaker John Whitehead, "Make 'Em Dance" was nationally broadcast on the PBS series Independent Lens.

The Hackberry Ramblers' final tour included a performance at the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2004, where one of Luderin Darbone's fiddles is on permanent display following a donation ceremony in 1999. The Ramblers' final performance took place at the Shaw Center's Manship Theater in Baton Rouge in 2005.

But Luderin Darbone, who loved his music, continued to play every day at home, and he rallied for two performances in 2008, performing in public for the last time at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

Luderin Darbone was a kind, gentle, conscientious man. He was a deeply talented musician, a loving parent and grandfather and a wise bandleader. Although he will be sorely missed, he leaves a rich and beautiful legacy from a long, happy life. May he rest in peace.



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## How to celebrate Christmas on a shoestring budget

By NANCY GIBBS

Christmas is right around the corner and you find there is more month than money. What do you do? You want to give your loved ones gifts, but you simply can't afford it this year. What do you do? Tears come to your eyes as you walk through the department store checking out the price tags. What do you do? You go to bed and realize you are dreading what should be the best day of the year. What should you do?

First of all, we must remember that we are not alone. The fact that we can't afford to buy Christmas gifts doesn't mean we are poor money managers. With prices soaring on everything from gasoline to groceries, many people will have to look for better and less expensive ways to celebrate the holidays.

We must also look for ways to find enjoyment in simple things. Regardless of how much money we have or how much money we don't have, Christmas can be a joyous event. How can we make this the happiest Christmas ever?

1. We can remember why Christmas exists in the first place. Luke's account of the first Christmas tells us that the greatest gift is not under

anyone's Christmas tree, but available to everyone.

2. We can sing Christmas carols not only with our lips, but also with our hearts. Christmas is a time to celebrate in song. Won't you sing this year?

3. We can decorate our home with pine cones, holly and a live Christmas tree. An old-fashioned Christmas is still the best holiday of all.

4. We can serve someone else this Christmas. Give out coupons for everything from hugs and kisses to car washes. When the coupon is used during the next few months, with all the giving and receiving going on, it seems like it is Christmas all over again.

5. We can read Christmas classics to the children before they go to bed. A little hot chocolate and a platter of holiday shaped cookies always make the occasion joyful.

6. We can share stories of Christmases from the past. Kids love to hear how Grandma and Grandpa spent the holidays when they were children.

7. We can focus on the blessings we received last year. No matter how bad the year was, there is always to be thankful for.

Once we enjoy a simple, non-expensive holiday season, we may never want to go back to a 'shop till you drop' way of living again. Christmas is not a day to be dreaded. It's a day to be celebrated - even on a shoestring budget.



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**ARMS** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

**SPEECH** Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred? Can he/she repeat the sentence correctly?

**TIME** If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is important. Call 911 or get to the hospital fast. Brain cells are dying.

## Live are one the most popular trees found in Louisiana

By LSU AgCenter Horticulturists

Southern live oaks, known by the scientific name *Quercus virginiana*, are one of the most popular trees found in Louisiana landscapes. They certainly are considered to be a signature tree in many public places across the state and are widely used in home landscapes.

We also regularly hear news stories about old live oaks when development threatens individual trees. You can register and name live oaks that fit the size requirement with the Live Oak Society operated by the Louisiana Garden Club Federation. Live oaks definitely are one of Louisiana's most sustainable trees.

Fall and winter are a great times to care and maintain your live oak trees. From selecting trees at the garden center, to planting, pruning and fertilizing, November through February is the time for live oak maintenance.

All trees do great when planted in the fall and winter months, and live oaks are no exception. Live oaks are grown at many wholesale nurseries in Louisiana and are one of the most sold trees at garden centers.

Select trees with a well-developed central leader system. Be sure the trees were properly pruned at the nursery. Proper pruning at a young age is important for long-term tree health and shape.

Most home gardeners should select trees to plant growing in 3- to 15-gallon containers, although you can purchase live oaks that are much larger. It is hard, however, for an average homeowner to handle planting trees larger than those growing in a 15-gallon container.

When planting, be sure to follow LSU AgCenter tree planting recommendations. Dig the planting hole the same depth as the root ball and two to three times as wide as the container in which the tree has been growing. Make the sides of the planting hole rough, not smooth. After removing the tree from the container and placing it in the hole, fill in

around the roots with the same soil that was removed to create the hole. Do not amend this backfill soil with compost, pine bark, or similar materials. Trees establish best when amendments are not added to the backfill soil.

After the hole is filled in, water thoroughly to eliminate any air pockets and mulch around trees. The mulch should extend out at least as far as the edge of the hole, be no deeper than 2 inches and pulled back slightly from the base of the trunk.

Live oaks are an outstanding native tree, but they are very large, with a wide spread and low branches. Be sure to give your new live oak tree adequate room to grow. Most of the time, live oaks are now planted on 30- by 30-foot spacings. These intervals, however, are way too close. You also see live oaks planted on 60- by 60-foot spacings. These are better, but, ideally, live oaks need to be planted on 90-foot centers.

Unfortunately, live oaks are commonly planted in average urban lots that have no room for a tree this large. Also, live oaks are routinely planted between streets and sidewalks. Once again, this is the wrong tree in the wrong place. Be sure to plant live oaks where they have room to grow and do what they want to do.

Fertilizing live oaks is not recommended the first year after planting. You can start a fertilization program thereafter. The first year, the emphasis on the tree should be directed to the root system. Nitrogen fertilizer applications during this time favors shoot growth at the expense of root growth. Mature live oaks generally do not need fertilization. However, you can examine the new growth to see if it might be beneficial.

If new growth in spring is significant, fertilization is not needed. If not much new growth or no new growth is obvious, fertilization or other cultural practices may need to be implemented. In that case, a licensed tree care professional should examine your mature live oak trees to determine a course of action.

## Physical activity is even more important during the holidays

By DR BETH REAMES LSU AgCenter

Physical activity is important year-round but can be especially helpful during the holidays when you may be eating more than usual. It is a good way to burn calories and help you feel less guilty about enjoying holiday favorites, according to LSU AgCenter nutritionist Dr. Beth Reames.

"In addition to burning calories, physical activity helps build muscle," Reames said, explaining that the more muscle you have, the more calories you burn.

"Besides the benefits of burning calories, physical activity can improve your sense of well-being and help reduce your stress level," Reames said.

The nutritionist offers several ideas to increase physical activity during the holiday season:

Plan time with family and friends that does not revolve around food.

Take walks after holiday meals to enjoy fall foliage or holiday home decorations.

If you're near a mall, try mall walking. Find out about special hours reserved for walkers. Do some window shopping and enjoy the decorations.

Take a walk in the woods to collect foliage and pine cones for decorating your

home and tree.

Take time to play with your children or grandchildren. Try favorite activities such as biking, throwing the football or shooting hoops.

Try some different activities, like line dancing or an exercise video workout.

During halftime of your favorite football game, join friends in a game of flag football. You can burn as many as 140 calories for every 15 minutes of play compared to only 71 calories for each hour of TV game watching.

New physical activity guidelines from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services released in October recommend that adults get two and one-half hours a week (30 minutes per day) of moderately intense aerobic physical activity, such as brisk walking, water aerobics, ballroom dancing and general gardening, or one hour and 15 minutes of vigorous physical activity, such as racewalking, jogging or running, swimming laps and jumping rope.

For related nutrition topics, go online to the LSU AgCenter home page at [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com) and click on the Food and Health link. For local information and educational programs, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office.

Live oak trees originating from seed sources in Louisiana will grow best in Louisiana. In other words, do not expect acorns obtained from a tree in Texas to produce trees that grow as well Louisiana. An excellent seed grown variety of live oak, called Orange Island, is produced from locally gathered acorns by Live Oak Gardens in New Iberia. It grows vigorously and is generally superior to other seed-grown live oaks.

Wholesale growers also now have access to the Cathedral and Highrise varieties. These varieties are asexually propagated from stem cuttings. As a result, the trees within each variety are similar in growth habit and size providing a very uniform look in a landscape planting. These are not being grown in large numbers in

Louisiana, and at this time are limited in availability to home gardeners.

Southern live oak trees are planted as a perimeter in the landscape at LaHouse. Come to LaHouse in Baton Rouge to see sustainable landscape practices in action. The home and landscape resource center is located near the intersection of Burbank Drive and Nicholson Drive (La. Highway 30) in Baton Rouge across the street from the new LSU baseball stadium. For more information, go to [www.louisianahouse.org](http://www.louisianahouse.org) and [www.lsuagcenter.com/lyn](http://www.lsuagcenter.com/lyn).

Additional information on home landscaping from the LSU AgCenter can be found at [www.lsuagcenter.com](http://www.lsuagcenter.com) and [www.louisianahouse.org](http://www.louisianahouse.org).



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# Classifieds

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FOR SALE: Grand Lake - mobile home, 1994 14 X 52 Legend. Two bedroom/1 bath. All appliances/some furniture, \$13,000. Call 513-9103. 11/27p.

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FOR SALE: '06 White cargo trailer, 16 ft x 6 1/2 ft. Side door, back ramp door, 2 axles, \$3800. Call (337) 304-8756 or (337) 802-9700. 10/30-11/29p.

FOR SALE: Bassett armoire and 2 matching night stands, cherry wood. Excellent condition. Asking \$200. Call 598-5945. If no answer, leave message. 11/20 - 11/28p.

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## REAL ESTATE

HIGH AND DRY: 27.5 Acres, 2125 Graybow Road, Deridder. \$174,900. 337-274-3321. 11/5 - 11/27p.

GRAND LAKE -118 Brian Circle. 5 yr. old 3 bedroom/2 1/2 bath, 1655 living, fireplace, custom cabinets, built-ins. All appliances, restricted subdivision. No damage from Rita or Ike. Not in flood zone. \$169,500. Ph. 598-5179. 11/12 - 12/3p.

FOR SALE By Owner in DeQuincy: 212 Coffee St., three bedroom, 3 bath. Apartment, pool. Reduced to \$160,000. Call 764-6716. 11/5 - 11/29

## REAL ESTATE

CENTURY21 BESSETTE Realty, Inc., Office: 337-474-2185, Grace Robideaux, Realtor: 496-1611

•842 W FRIESEN Rd: Mobile homes welcome!! 1.12 acres with mechanical system and well in place, needing to be re-done due to hurricane Rita. 11 ft elevation required. Already 5 ft above with 3 ft house pad. Received Road Home elevation money with 2 yrs remaining occupancy required. Call C21 Besette 474-2185 and ask for Grace (496-1611) for more details.

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•ONE ACRE, home, 2/3 bedrooms, 2 baths, \$161,500.

•SOUTH LAKE Charles- Vacant acre, ready to build, next to home in south Lake Charles, \$40,000.

•IOWA, LA - 3 bedroom, 1 bath large home, fenced in large yard, \$106,000.

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

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

# Deadlines told for filing for storm damages

If your home or business was impacted by hurricanes Gustav or Ike, there is still time to register to receive assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Residents who incurred damages must submit their application by Dec. 17 for Hurricane Gustav and Dec. 26 for Hurricane Ike.

Some Louisiana residents who have registered for disaster assistance have received a letter from FEMA stating their application was denied. This may not be the last word. If you receive this letter, follow up with FEMA to discuss any issue that may have deemed you ineligible for help. Applicants can visit a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) to meet with a FEMA representative face to face or call FEMA at 1-888-294-2822.

"We ask applicants to help us help them. If they have a denial letter, they need to read them carefully and contact FEMA for further information about the reasons that led to the denial letter," said Jim Stark, director of the FEMA Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office. "However, many applicants are not doing so, and as a result, they are not completing the paperwork required to be considered for some of our grants."

There are a number of reasons why an applicant may receive a denial letter. The applicant may need to:

- Return additional insurance information;
  - Provide information to prove occupancy or ownership of the damaged property;
  - Fill out all the paperwork;
  - Complete and return the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loan application.
- FEMA community rela-

tions specialists are reaching out to residents in Louisiana hurricane-affected neighborhoods to urge them to submit the requested documentation if they have received denial letters. The specialists are also providing information on the federal disaster assistance available.

In addition, applicants can visit a DRC to get answers to questions about registration for disaster assistance and hazard mitigation, help with disaster loan applications and information and contacts for other programs. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is also on hand to meet individually with each applicant to provide assistance in completing his or her disaster loan application and to accept completed disaster loan applications. Returning the application is an essential part of the disaster recovery process even for individuals who do not want a loan.

For more information, call the FEMA helpline at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585, log on to www.fema.gov or visit a DRC at one of the location below:

Cameron Parish, 1250 Recreation District Napoleonville, LA 70390, Hackberry, La 70645

# Basketball Roundup

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

**BOYS**  
Grand Lake 37, Singer 33 - Jordan Hebert scored 12 points for the 7-7 Hornets.

**GIRLS**  
Grand Lake 50, Singer 41 - Kat Kingham led the Lady Hornets with 19 points.  
Northside 38, Johnson Bayou 28 - Tabitha Harrington scored 14 points for the Lady Rebels.

DeQuincy 46, South Cameron 32 - Shelby Willis scored 15 points for the Lady Tarpons.



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•WESTLAKE: Excellent location, 2 bath, 4 bedroom home, 1 1/2 stories. Anxious seller, make offer, \$102,500.

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

## NOTICE FOR BIDS

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive bids until the hour of 12:00 p.m., Friday, December 5, 2008, to the Cameron Parish School Board Administrative Office, for purchase with the option to lease, of temporary/portable refrigeration and freezer units to be used at Johnson Bayou High School, Johnson Bayou, temporary facility for a period of 36 months. Bid purchase and lease prices should include delivery and set-up price, as well as a removal fee.

Delivery date for units to be received is December 22, 2008. Detailed specification for each unit shall be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board Office, 1027 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, LA 70607.

All bids must be submitted on or before the above date and time sent to the above address. Bids to be sent to the Attention of Selena Cisneros, Project Manager.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
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He will remain until time for the 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass so as to be available for both congregations.

His Excellency will depart as 10:00 Holy Mass begins.

Reverend Father Joseph McGrath







# Caution urged on highways this weekend

Thanksgiving provides the opportunity to slow down and focus on all we are grateful for as we spend time with family and friends and enjoy a seasonal feast. Unfortunately, it's also a time of increased risk for driving accidents and home fires. The Safety Council of Southwest Louisiana urges everyone to be aware of risk and to be extra cautious during the upcoming holiday.

The Thanksgiving weekend is one of the busiest times on national highways, as millions of Americans travel to share the holiday with loved ones. Travelers during this time are more likely to experience an accident on the way to their destination.

According to data collected by Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, there are more automobile accidents during the Thanksgiving holiday than any other holiday period, and an average of 13 people are killed each year in traffic crashes in Louisiana during this holiday.

"Stronger seat belt laws, along with diligent enforcement of those laws, have led to a record high national seatbelt use rate of 82 percent," says Joni Fontenot, spokesperson for the Safety Council. "Unfortunately, not everyone buckles up, and that number needs to be higher in order to prevent more injuries and deaths."

Fontenot adds that in addition to wearing seatbelts, there are several ways drivers can help reduce their risk of being involved in a crash. "The main causes of death and injury in highway crashes are preventable. Not driving drunk, staying alert behind the wheel and driving

within speed limits will greatly reduce your chances of being killed or seriously injured in an accident."

Studies show that driver fatigue contributes to many highway crashes, particularly over the holidays when people are in a hurry to reach their destination. Traffic safety experts recommend that drivers who are taking long trips this Thanksgiving should plan their trip so they can get adequate rest while driving.

It's also recommended that drivers pull off the road every few hours to stretch their legs and to take a break from the pressures of driving.

Because many road trips this Thanksgiving will include children, Guidry says it would be a good idea to check any child restraint systems to be sure they are installed correctly. A recent National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study found that nearly 73 percent of child restraint systems were being used incorrectly, especially those for babies and small children. Proper child restraint installation guidelines can be found in both the vehicle owner's manual and the child restraint system's instruction manual. The Safety Council will provide an inspection of a child restraint system by appointment.

Once you get to your destination for holiday celebration, the next big safety concern is home fires. According to U.S. Fire Administration Thanksgiving Day has more than double the number of home cooking fires than an average day. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires. "When there's a

# LEGAL NOTICE

CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY AGENDA DECEMBER 1, 2008 3:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Additions to Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Staff Report:
  - a. OEP Report - Clifton Hebert
  - b. Planning & Development Report - Ernie Broussard
  - c. Administration
  6. Drilling and Pipeline Permits:
    - a. Tensas Exploration & Production Co., LLC - South Thornwell Field, Section 1, T12S, R5W, (proposed well location to drill Lacasanne Co., Inc. Well No. 1), Cameron Parish, LA. (081202)
    - b. Pel-Tex Oil Company, LLC - Chenier Perdue, Section 21, T14S, R5W, (proposed drill site, wells, driveway, and board road to drill Mermentau Mineral Land Company Well Nos. 3 & 4), Cameron Parish, LA. (081204)
    - c. Marlin Coastal, LLC - West Cameron Area, (proposed structures for drilling SL 19748 No. 1 Well in Block 21), Cameron Parish, LA. (081206)
    - d. Penn Virginia Oil & Gas, L.P. - South Creole Area, Section 29, T14S, R7W, (proposed well location & ring levee to drill Thibodeaux Well No. 1), Cameron Parish, LA. (081209)
    7. Other Permits:
      - a. Gary Matte - Grand Chenier, Section 2, T15S, R6W, (proposed fill for parking, elevated home site, and walkway to existing pier), Cameron Parish, LA. (081201)
      - b. Pioneer Exploration, LLC - Oak Grove, Section 34, T14S, R7W, (proposed site remediation project associated with Meaux No. 1 Well location in Kings Bayou Field), Cameron Parish, LA. (081203)
      - c. Sabine Pass LNG, L.P. - Johnson Bayou, (proposed modification to (4) 24-inch check valves to add export functionality to Sabine Pass LNG terminal), Cameron Parish, LA. (081205)
      - d. Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 7 - Oyster Bayou, Section NA, T14S, R10W, (proposed installation of (1) low level rock weir, (3) water control structures, and (1) earthen plug), Cameron Parish, LA. (081207)
      - e. Milagro Exploration, LLC - North Holly Beach, Section 13, T14S, R12W, (proposed removal & replacement of existing storage tanks at the Second Bayou Facility), Cameron Parish, LA. (081208)
      - f. Chevron USA Inc. - Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, Section 11, T14S, R12W, (proposes to remediate (3) pits in East Cameron Meadows Field, (4) pits in the Wildcat SO Lake Charles Field, and (1) pit in the Wildcat SO LA Lafayette Field in Hackberry), Cameron Parish, LA. (081210)
      - g. Swift Energy Operating, LLC - Creole, Section 34, T13S, R7W, (proposed earthen pad refurbishment in High Island Field), Cameron Parish, LA. (081211)
      - h. URB Holdings - Hackberry,

house full of people and much more going on than usual while you are cooking, it's easy to become distracted," says Fontenot. To help prevent home fires this Thanksgiving, the Safety Council offers the following precautions:

- \*Keep potholders and food wrappers away from heat sources.
- \*Set timers to keep track of food items that require extended cooking times, such as turkeys and hams.
- \*Avoid clothing with long, loose sleeves while cooking.
- \*Make sure all stoves, ovens, and ranges have been turned off when you leave the kitchen
- \*Use back burners if possible to keep pots and pans out of reach of young children

- Section 40, T12S, R10W, (proposed residential subdivision on North Riverside Drive), Cameron Parish, LA. (081212)
- i. Kendal Boudreaux - Grand Lake, Section 6, T12S, R8W, (proposed excavation of pond to provide fill for home site), Cameron Parish, LA. (081213)
- j. Jeffery Boudreaux - Grand Lake, Section 1, T12S, R9W, (proposed excavation of pond to provide fill for home site), Cameron Parish, LA. (081214)
8. Appointments:
  - a. Recreation Dist. #7 - Angelia Conner - resigned
  - b. Beachfront Dev. Dist. #1 - Bobbie Primeaux - term expired
  - c. Recreation Dist. #9 - Mitchell Baccigalopi
  - d. Fire Dist. #9
  9. Liquor Permit:
    - a. Catherine Martin - Remember When - Big Lake - Class A
    10. Resolution - CDBG - Waterworks Dist. #11 - Donation of Fixed Assets
    11. Resolution - DOTD - Council on Aging - Transportation
    12. Acceptance of Bids:
      - a. Project #2008-12 - Road Improvements, Phase I
      13. Advertise for Bids:
        - a. Motor Grader
        - b. Limestone
        - c. Chemical Sprayer
        14. President Authority to Sign:
          - a. Contract - Pacer Health - Emergency Food Services
          - b. Contract - Repairs to Ridgecrest Sub-station, Creole Sub-station, Oak Grove Sub-station, Johnson Bayou Maintenance Barn
          - c. Contract - RFQ - Planning & Development Assistance - Hurricane Ike
          15. Advertise for Abandonment - E. Creole - Alton Baccigalopi - Parish Road #264 & Parish Road #265
          16. Plan Change:
            - a. CDBG - Project #2007-04 - Waterworks Dist. #11 - Contract I - Jan's Construction - Underrun \$15,508.16 - Adjustment of final quantities - #4
            - b. Project #2007-21 - Jetty Fishing Pier - Overrun \$570,288.46 - #3 - Hurricane Ike-related
            - c. Project #2007-34 - Cameron Maintenance Facility - Overrun \$6,875.00 - #1
            17. Amend Speed Limit Ordinance - PR#425 (Tan's Road) - 35 mph to 25 mph
            18. Employee Evaluations
            19. Advertise to replace Road & Bridge personnel
            20. Advertise for two (2) full-time firefighter's - Cameron Fire #1
            21. Pay Bills
            22. Set special meeting to approve 2009 Budget/2008 Budget Amendments
            23. Comp Time Rollover
            24. Purchase of Vehicles - through State Contract
            25. Advertise - Proposed Amendment to Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance
            26. Appropriation - 2009 Budget - Recreation Dist. #5 - \$15,000
            27. Mosquito Control location

# Medicare Part D offering "open-enrollment" now

From now until Dec. 31, Medicare Part D is offering an "open-enrollment" period, meaning that seniors can change their prescription drug coverage to pick a new plan that better meets their needs.

Seniors should jump at this once-a-year opportunity. Instead of being forced into a one-size-fits-all plan run by the government, Part D participants can choose among a variety of private insurance plans, custom tailoring their coverage to their particular drug needs.

Since companies have to compete for the premium dollars of millions of Part D participants, they're delivering increasingly attractive offerings. Beneficiaries are seeing a boarder selection of drugs, lower prices, and more generous benefits.

Indeed, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) estimates that the average monthly premium for standard Part D coverage in 2009 will be \$28, only \$3 higher than last year, and a whopping 37 percent lower than the \$44.12 monthly premium projected for 2009 when Part D was launched.

The prospect of substantial cost savings is another why savvy seniors should sign up for Part D. "Until I enrolled in Medicare Part D I paid more than \$4,000 a year just in premiums," says Joan Wells of East Aurora, New York, "Now I only pay about \$300 a year for coverage." You don't have to be a rocket scientist to pick the right plan. Simply make a list of all your current prescriptions and dosages. Then visit Plan Finder, an easy-to-use, interactive comparison tool at Medicare.gov. Once you enter your information, Plan Finder kicks out a list of all the appropriate plans and their costs in your area.

This year, the CMS Plan Finder has a valuable new feature that can help you save even more on drugs by comparing the cost of filling your prescriptions by mail versus buying directly from a local retail pharmacy.

According to a recent poll, nearly nine in ten seniors covered by the Medicare drug benefit are satisfied with the program. In the coming weeks, seniors should take advantage of the open enrollment period and sign up or switch to a new plan that better meets their needs.

Senior should also pay attention to any effort Congress makes to take those choices away. Many lawmakers are pushing for a redesign of Part D, as they'd like to turn it into a more traditional government program with just a single, price-controlled plan. By taking the opposite approach, Medicare Part D leverages market forces to create competition, leading to lower prices, better service, and more choices. And choice is what better health is all about.

(Robert Golberg is vice president of the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest.)

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## CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

### — Current Openings —

For all positions listed, applicants should download the appropriate application from [www.camsch.org](http://www.camsch.org); and schedule an interview with the contact person listed for the positions in which the applicant is interested. The applicant must submit the completed application to the contact person at the time of the interview.

**Johnson Bayou High School (4 day week)**

- Contact: Gene Reynolds, Principal (337) 515-4910 (cell) or (337) 762-3305 Hackberry High School.

**Teacher/Coach Position**

**Secondary and/or middle school science/core curriculum with coaching duties (boys baseball and girls basketball).**

**South Cameron High School**

- Contact: Zeke Wainwright, Principal (337) 542-4628 (cell) or (337) 542-4615.

**School Nurse with District Administrative Duties**

**Minimum Degree: Registered Nurse; experience in school or public nursing preferred - 5 day week position; Lake Charles, then Creole school site.**

**Deadline for all applications is: December 4, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.**

Available positions will continually be updated at [www.camsch.org](http://www.camsch.org). Appointments will be approved at monthly meetings of the Cameron Parish School Board.

RUN: Nov. 27 & Dec. 4 (N-40)

## ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Cameron Parish School Board is issuing a Request for Qualifications for Architectural and Engineering Services for the new construction and renovation projects at various School Board sites throughout Cameron Parish.

**Projects needing A&E services shall include, but are not limited to: Athletic Fields and Complexes at Grand Lake High School, Hackberry High School, Johnson Bayou High School, and South Cameron High school for Ike-related repairs.**

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

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

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

Any questions should be e-mailed to: [stephanie\\_rodrigue@camsch.org](mailto:stephanie_rodrigue@camsch.org).

Solicitation deadline is December 5, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

RUN: Nov. 27 & Dec. 4 (N-39)

## — NOTICE TO BIDDERS —

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids until 11:00 A.M., December 5, 2008, at the Office of Randall D. Broussard – Architect, L.L.C., 206 South Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663 for SLAB & FOUNDATION DEMOLITION at South Cameron Elementary School Site, Grand Chenier Warehouse Facility Site, Administration Building Site, Audrey Memorial School Site and Cameron Elementary School Site. Complete plans and specifications may be obtained from Randall D. Broussard – Architect, L.L.C., 206 South Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663.

No Bid shall be considered or accepted unless the bid is accompanied by bid security in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the Base Bid and all Additive Alternates. The bid security shall be in the form of a certified check or cashier's check drawn on a bank insured by the FDIC, or a Bid Bond Form written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana with a A.M. Best rating of "A" or better, countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond insurer as a licensed agent in this state and who is residing in this state.

Each bid must be placed in an envelope, sealed and marked on the outside, "Slab & Foundation Demolition at South Cameron Elementary School Site, Grand Chenier Warehouse Facility Site, Administration Building Site, Audrey Memorial School Site and Cameron Elementary School Site". The sealed envelope shall bear the name, address and license number of the bidder.

The owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212 (A) (1) (b), the provisions and requirements of this Section, those stated in the advertisement for bids, and those required on the bid form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.

A deposit may be required on the bid documents; however, the deposit shall not exceed twice the actual cost of reproduction. Deposits on the first set of documents furnished bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. On other sets of documents furnished to bidders the deposit less actual cost of reproduction, will be refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. R.S. 38:2212 (A) (1) (e).

Stephanie Rodrigue,  
Superintendent  
Cameron Parish School Board

RUN: Nov. 13, 20, 27 (N 13)

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## Sweetlake Methodist to observe 100th anniversary

(EDITOR'S NOTE--Members of the Sweet Lake United Methodist Church will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the church on Sunday, Dec. 7. The following history of the church was prepared by Mrs. Hebert and others.)

By MRS. KIM HEBERT

Long, long ago in a land not so far away, Sweet Lake, Louisiana was giving birth to a place of worship that would ultimately stand the test of time and survive for over 100 years. The first gathering place for local Christians was a gift from Mr. H. G. Chalkley.

He donated a one room school house to the original few, which was located just east of the present day St. Patrick's Catholic Church. With Chalkley's continued grace and God's guidance, a six room parsonage was also built.

The Sweet Lake Memorial Methodist Church was organized Dec. 20, 1908 with the Reverend Willie Hebert as its first pastor. Reverend Hebert, lovingly known by all who knew him as "Brother Willie" served as the first pastor from 1908 to 1929. Willie Hebert was a circuit rider.

A "Circuit Rider" was a term used rather loosely in the late 1700s and early 1800s to describe the young men, most under the age of thirty, who were selected by the Louisiana Conference to spread the gospel.

These young men had to be willing to leave home, enter frontier lands and cover areas on horseback from 300-500 miles called Circuits. They rode carrying saddlebags filled with religious books and a change of clothes. Hebert was born in Bell City, Louisiana and was raised as a Catholic, but was later converted to Methodism by the Reverend Joe Berwick.

Reverend Hebert and his brother Martin raised a rice crop in Bell City and used the proceeds to pay for the schooling it took for both brothers to become Methodist ministers.

Sweet Lake Memorial Methodist Church's first Sunday School Superintendent was the Reverend Dallas Hayes. Hayes, along with Dolzie Broussard, Mrs. Mabel Hebert, Willie Hackett, Tom Hebert, and Mr. R. O. Hackett were among some of the church's pioneers. The hurricane of 1918 did extensive damage throughout the Sweet Lake area. The school building in which worship services were being held was demolished. Until permission was obtained to use a one-room school farther to the North, services were held in the homes of different local families.

### EARLY PASTORS

Many years later, the old schoolhouse building was purchased by the Sweet Lake Memorial Methodist Church and remodeled in 1949 under the auspices of Rev. C. J. Thibodeaux, pastor at that time.

Ministers who served from 1935 to 1956 were: Rev. Carl W. Barham, Rev. Cleburne Quaid, Rev. C. W. Rodgers, Rev. M. C. Cady, Rev. E. W. Day, and Rev. Hubert Gibbs.

A dedication ceremony and dinner on the grounds was held on Nov. 11, 1956. New church pews and other additions were dedicated to the church at which time the sermon was delivered by the Rev. Martin Hebert, brother of our first pastor Willie Hebert. In 1957, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hebert presented the church with a beautiful Kimball piano in memory of their daughter, Linda Faye. Mrs. Tom Taylor also presented pulpit furniture to the church as a memorial to her late husband, Mr. T. E. Taylor. In the later part of 1959, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Helms donated an acre of land to the Sweet Lake Memorial Methodist Church. At that time, a deed was filed declaring incorporation.

1959 was a very busy year for the community. Because the church now had its own land, considerable interest was developing in the matter of building a brand new church. A building committee was formed and made up of: Charles Hebert, Mervyn Taylor, Charles Hackett, Hardy Stone, and Jerald Helms. They drew up tentative floor plans and had sketches of the new church made. Dr. Leonard Cook, District Superintendent, conducted the special service for the laying of the cornerstone in December of 1963.

From 1963 to present, our church has seen many changes that have not only changed our church, but have changed our congregation. Although we remain a changing and evolving community, our goals remain the same as they were 100 years ago. Today, in our pews sit members who have direct ties to our intriguing past. Many members of Sweet Lake United Methodist Church are direct descendants of those who so graciously paved the way for Christianity and Methodism in Sweet Lake.

In early 1999, Joyce and Jennings Jones, Jr. donated the funds for our church to build a Family Life Center. The center consists of two new Sunday School rooms, new restroom facilities, a commercial kitchen, and a gymnasium. This center is being utilized very often by not just members of the church, but by the community. The Jones' are also responsible for our bell tower located on the Southeast side

of the church. The bells chime every hour and for 10 minutes twice a day, serenade the community with beautiful songs that add a tranquil peacefulness to the neighborhood.

Under the shadow of the church bell tower quietly lays Sweet Lake United Methodist Memory Garden. This cemetery was established for members of the church. The first member to be buried at this site was James Cox on Aug. 24, 1995. Since then, other members of the Cox family, the Daughenbaugh family, and Jennings Jones, Jr. rest peacefully there.

Upon the death of church member Terrell Woosley, it was learned that he left the church with a large sum of money to be used on permanent church improvements. We have since then used some of those funds to supplement monies raised for our community playground as well as our illuminated state-of-the-art new church sign.

In 2000, Mrs. Barbara Helms Stone donated several more acres of land to the church. By this time, our church was growing, expanding, and was more than accommodating.

In the year of 2005, a devastating hurricane hit the coast of Cameron, Louisiana. Our church was the closest church to the coast that sustained the least amount of damage. Under the leadership of our pastor, Wayne Taylor, our church opened its doors as a distribution center of foods and sundries to our neighbors to the South. For months and months we fed, clothed, and gave council to those hurting. During this recovery period, we also housed many volunteers from all over the U. S. and Canada. These volunteers used our Family Life Center and other resources available to help us extend loving hands to those around us. So, just as Brother Joe Berwick came preaching the gospel in 1891- some one hundred and fourteen years later, the tradition is still strong in our community.

After three years of continuing recovery efforts, another vicious hurricane made landfall in 2008. Hurricane Ike destroyed Cameron parish once again and even more viciously, weaseled its way up to Calcasieu parish flooding homes there as well. With the help of the United Methodist Center on Relief (UMCOR), Sweet Lake United Methodist Church was once again in business. Local community volunteers and church members gave unselfishly and gratuitously those needing help.

In the last 100 years, the Sweet Lake United Methodist Church has been growing and continues to minister to our neighbors.



THE SHINING STARS Head Start class at Grand Lake celebrated Thanksgiving by dressing up in Indian hats and enjoying a Thanksgiving feast with their families.

## Johnson Bayou building survived due to elevation

After Hurricane Rita, the Johnson Bayou Multi-Purpose Building was rebuilt significantly higher off the ground than before. The result was that it survived Hurricane Ike unscathed and was able to serve as a base camp for first responders to conduct essential response work during the storm's aftermath.

Three years earlier, following Hurricane Rita, the Johnson Bayou Multi-Purpose Building had a very different hurricane experience. Rita's high winds and storm surge severely damaged the facility to the extent that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) found it eligible for replacement.

"Having provided nearly \$1 million for a replacement facility, FEMA is proud not only of our funding assistance, but of our mitigation efforts to rebuild the facility smarter than before," said Jim Stark, director of the Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office. "We're happy that these mitigation improvements proved successful during the recent storm."

The seed of Christianity that was planted so long ago in this fertile land has sprouted and is flourishing. The single seed has become a lush, vibrant garden where peace and love abide... and like the old Methodist Hymn says, "There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place."

We know that by God's grace and His loving kindness, one day we will all reap the reward for continuing to keep this most magnificent place alive- We are the people of the Sweet Lake United Methodist Church and on Sunday, December 7th at 9:30am we will celebrate our 100th Anniversary. After the special 100th Anniversary Service, there will be a FREE catered dinner, a memorabilia display, LIVE entertainment, a video documentary, and an opportunity to purchase a small part of history. You won't want to miss the unveiling of our time capsule located behind the church cornerstone! Our event is open to the public.

In accordance with the Cameron Parish floodplain code, FEMA's Public Assistance Program funded these mitigation efforts to elevate the new facility approximately 10 feet above ground. FEMA's Public Assistance Program allows for replacements to be built to codes and standards in place during the 2005 hurricanes. Additionally, applicants are required to rebuild to the Advisory Base Flood Elevation.

"As a result of these elevation measures, the Johnson Bayou Multi-Purpose Building withstood Ike's storm surge and was able to open its doors and serve as a hub for response and recovery efforts in the Cameron community - a great mitigation success story," added Stark.

After Hurricane Ike, first responders including firefighters, ambulance services and Cameron Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness personnel utilized the Johnson Bayou Multi-Purpose Building as a base camp for response work. Today, the facility is being utilized as a recovery staging point, serving as a distribution point for emergency commodities throughout the parish.

Previously, the facility was used as a community center, hosting weddings, receptions, graduations and birthday parties. It also provided the Cameron Parish community a central location

to hold meetings.

FEMA obligated \$987,899 for replacement of the facility after floodwaters significantly damaged its interior and exterior walls. High winds also damaged the roof of a covered pavilion located near the building. When project funds are obligated by FEMA through its supplemental Public Assistance grant, the funds are transferred to a federal Smartlink account. Once the funds have reached this account the applicant can request reimbursement from GOHSEP for eligible work completed. Obligated funds may change over time as the project worksheet is a living grant that is often adjusted as bids come in and scope of work is aligned.

The Public Assistance program works with state and local officials to fund recovery measures and the rebuilding of government and certain private nonprofit organizations' buildings, as well as roads, bridges and water and sewer plants. In order for the process to be successful, federal, state and local partners coordinate to draw up project plans, fund these projects and oversee their completion.

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.

### ATTENTION: RESIDENTS OF JOHNSON BAYOU

Any person or persons having a claim against WesternGeco arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, or materials in the performance of seismic operations conducted in the Gulf of Mexico over the last 18 months is asked to report their claim to the Cameron Parish Police Jury office prior to December 19, 2008.

RUN: Nov. 20, 27 & Dec. 4 (N-28)

### • NOTICE TO BIDDERS •

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids until **11:00 A.M., December 8, 2008**, at the Office of **Randall D. Broussard - Architect, L.L.C., 206 South Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663** for **Storm Repairs at Hackberry School**. Complete plans and specifications may be obtained from Randall D. Broussard - Architect, L.L.C., 206 South Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663.

No Bid shall be considered or accepted unless the bid is accompanied by bid security in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the Base Bid and all Additive Alternates. The bid security shall be in the form of a certified check or cashier's check drawn on a bank insured by the FDIC, or a Bid Bond Form written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana with a A.M. Best rating of "A" or better, countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond insurer as a licensed agent in this state and who is residing in this state.

Each bid must be placed in an envelope, sealed and marked on the outside, "Storm Repairs at Hackberry School". The sealed envelope shall bear the name, address and license number of the bidder.

The owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212 (A) (1) (b), the provisions and requirements of this Section, those stated in the advertisement for bids, and those required on the bid form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.

A deposit may be required on the bid documents; however, the deposit shall not exceed twice the actual cost of reproduction. Deposits on the first set of documents furnished bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. On other sets of documents furnished to bidders the deposit less actual cost of reproduction, will be refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. R.S. 38:2212 (A) (1) (e).

Stepanie Rodrigue, Superintendent  
Cameron Parish School Board

RUN: Nov. 13, 20, 27 (N 18)

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