



HOLLY BEACH resident Loretta Meaux is shown presenting funds collected by the West Cameron Parish community to Pastor Brian Spicer of Maplewood Church of Christ to help with the church's Christmas Basket pantry, one of its efforts to help Cameron Parish residents affected by the hurricanes.

Maplewood church aids residents

By CYNDI SELLERS

One of the many church groups that have been helping Cameron Parish residents recover from Hurricanes Rita and Ike, Maplewood Church of Christ has been diligent in meeting people's needs. Last week, residents returned the favor.

During Rita recovery, and again since Ike, the church has been the Southwest Louisiana distribution center for the national Church of Christ Disaster Relief effort. Pastor Brian Spicer says the church has distributed cleaning supplies and food, followed by washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, mattresses and furniture. Distribution is on a case management basis. "We have been working with these folks for so long that they have become like family," he said.

Holly Beach residents Sonny and Loretta Meaux are two of those "folks." They had begun receiving the church's newsletter, and saw that funds were needed to supply the church's food baskets for the needy. So the Meauxs called around and took up a collection for the church pantry, to show their appreciation for all the church had done for their community.

Pastor Spicer said the help was appreciated, and will provide assistance for even more families throughout the SWLA area. In addition to household assistance, the church has provided school supplies to Hackberry students, and is working with the School Board on Johnson Bayou school needs.

Food boxes to be given out Saturday

The Cameron Mobile Food Pantry will pass out hundreds of boxes of food and kitchen needs on Saturday, Dec. 20 in Cameron Parish.

The food is being furnished by Church of the King and Ebenezer Baptist Church in partnership with the Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana.

The boxes will be distributed from 294 Marshall St., Miller Seafood Site, in Cameron from noon until 2 p.m. or until food is gone. The boxes will be available to the first 150 families.

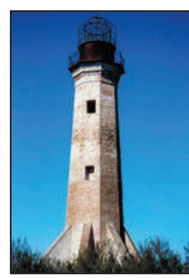
For more information contact Church of the King at 477-8890.



CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS representative Trina Johnson presented a \$1,000 check to Darryl Farque and Dinah Landry, representatives for the Cameron Council on Aging. The donation supported the Cameron Council on Aging Annual Christmas Party.

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Police Jury budget adopted; cushion becomes thinner

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Parish Police Jury adopted its 2009 budget on Monday, and expectations are for the cushion that had built up over the past two years to become a lot thinner.

The General Fund will begin 2009 with a balance of \$9.7 million, and revenues are expected to reach \$6.6 million. Regular expenditures of \$4 million would have left a large surplus, but \$10 million of that amount are expected to be diverted to other funds, such as Road and Bridge, Criminal Court, and Disaster Recovery, that are expected to experience shortfalls. The ending balance for 2009 is expected to be \$2 million.

The Disaster Recovery fund, consisting of remaining insurance payments and FEMA project worksheet funds expected as reimbursement for completed projects will total \$11.4 million, but expenses are projected to reach \$18 million, leaving \$6.6 million to be made up from the general fund. The shortfall is partly from under-insurance penalties and partly from the high cost of rebuilding. Not all recovery projects are fully funded by FEMA.

When all departments are included - Health Unit, Road and Bridge, Library, Fire Departments, Garbage, Courthouse and Jail Maintenance, Criminal Court, and 911 - the total 2009 Police Jury budget shows a decreasing surplus. A beginning balance of \$28 million and revenue of \$27.8 million will be offset by expected expenses of \$32.5 million, \$10.4 million to other funds, and \$10.3 million to other uses, for an ending balance of \$23 million.

"That sounds like a lot of money," said parish accountant Darrel Williams, "but \$11.5 million of that money won't actually arrive until 2010, even though they must be listed in the 2009 budget." Road royalty funds from the state are also going down as the price of oil has plummeted in recent weeks. "Cameron Parish received \$1.5 million in road royalty money in October, and averaged over \$1 million a month over the last several months," Williams said, "but in November the amount dropped to \$750,000. It is hard to predict, but we can guess that it may stay lower for the next several months."

BIDS ACCEPTED

The Jury approved bids on repair of four Fire Department substations, which will be part of the outlay for next year. Delta Development was low bidder at \$71,432.71 for the Cameron substation, \$21,750 for the Creole substation, \$50,735.7 for the Oak Grove Substation, and \$71,900 for the Johnson Bayou substation.

Lake Charles Office Supply was low bidder on office furniture for the Sheriff's investigators, OEP, and FINs, at \$52,930.08. All of these costs should be recoverable through insurance and FEMA project worksheets.

Bids are being advertised for repairs to the Creole and Muria Fire Stations, Creole Ball Field, and Big Lake Pier.

ARCHITECT CHOSEN

Following a Request for Qualifications and review, Parish Planner Ernie Broussard recommended architect Randy Goodloe to design the West Cameron Square Annex and the Law Enforcement Center being planned for the Courthouse square area. These projects are to be funded through Community Development Block Grants as part of the Rita recovery effort.

Jurors asked that all future building contracts be studied to make sure they include the requirement that the contractor hold Builder's Risk policies that include flood coverage. It seems that some of the ongoing projects that were damaged by Hurricane Ike did not have the flood coverage, even though the contract specified "all risk" coverage. Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Jones said the office is looking at the contracts to see who is actually responsible for the flood damage. Parish Treasurer Bonnie Conner said all architects and engineers for the parish should make clear to future contrac-

tors that flood coverage is necessary.

Cameron Parish School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue offered to move salvageable equipment from the South Cameron Elementary ball field to the Creole Recreation District ballfield. She said the move would allow for parents to watch baseball and softball games at the same location, and avoid duplication of effort. A memorandum of understanding will be prepared to facilitate the move, which involves a scoreboard, batting cages, bleachers, nets and a backstop.

CONTRIBUTION

Douaine Conner, of Apache Corp., presented Johnson Bayou Fire Chief Larry Jinks with two \$25,000 checks to help the Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach fire departments with hurricane expenses. The Sheriff's Office received \$50,000 from Apache, and the Cameron Parish School Board received \$100,000 last week, for a total contribution by the company of \$200,000.

Former president Bush's visit cancelled by weather

(American Press)

A visit to Cameron Parish by former President George H. W. Bush scheduled for Wednesday has been canceled because of the possibility of dense fog, according to Jim McGrath, a spokesman for the Bush-Clinton Coastal Recovery Fund.

Bush was to visit Cameron with former Secretary of State James Baker and Gov. Bobby Jindal. They were to meet with local officials.

He was to fly out of Lake Charles by helicopter to

Cameron Parish for a fly-over and then on to South Cameron Memorial Hospital.

Cameron officials were set to make presentations to him about the effects Hurricane Ike has had on the parish.

Bush was to later hold a news conference at the nearby volunteer fire station to announce a new relief fund for Hurricane Ike victims - the Bush-Clinton Coastal Recovery Fund.

The former president is hoping to come to Cameron Parish in January, McGrath said.

Parish hunting guide dies in accident on Monday

By CYNDI SELLERS

A Sweetlake area hunting trip turned into tragedy Monday morning when the guide, Patrick E. Hebert, of Sweetlake, was accidentally shot and killed.

Hebert was acting as guide for three other hunters at a blind located west of the Cameron Prairie Refuge Headquarters on private property.

He was pronounced dead

Christmas services set by Baptists

First Baptist Church of Cameron will hold a Christmas service Sunday, Dec. 21, at 9:30 a.m. The service will be followed by a Christmas fellowship meal. Members are asked to bring a snack or dessert.

The service and fellowship are open to all, as a gift to the people of Cameron.

at the scene. The Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office is treating the incident as an accident, and no charges are being considered at this time. The names of the other hunters have not been released.

Food boxes to be given out Thursday

Food for Seniors' boxes can be picked up from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18. Hackberry residents may pick up boxes in Hackberry at the community center and Cameron, Creole, Grand Chenier and Grand Lake residents may pick up boxes at Grand Lake Senior Center.

At this time these will be the only locations available for pick-up. Please make arrangements to have your box picked up. If you have any question please call Toni 598-5158 or Hackberry can call Christina 438-2889.



THE LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATION of Professional Landmen hosted the second annual Christmas party for preschool and challenged students at South Cameron High School. This young man is happy to be receiving a gift from Santa!

Landmen hold party for Cameron kids

The spirit of Christmas shone brightly in Lake Charles on Dec. 16 as the Lafayette Association of Professional Landmen (LAPL) held its "Christmas in Cameron Encore" event for the displaced children of South Cameron School.

The initial event was held in December, 2007 to brighten the Christmas season for many young preschool and special needs children still feeling the effects of Hurricane Rita of 2005. Then in September, 2008, Hurricane Ike forced schools in Cameron Parish to close with many children being displaced.

The children of South Cameron School relocated to an abandoned building in southeast Lake Charles where many were bussed for a daily 100-mile commute to continue their education. It is at this temporary location that the 2008 event was held to the delight of over 50 children and their families, many with very significant challenges.

Stephanie Rodrigue, Cameron Parish Superintendent of Schools, Principal Carol "Zeke" Wainright, and faculty/staff members Natalie LaLande, Heidi Baccigalopi, Flora Semien, Nelvia Murphy, Sybil Wolfe, Della Vaughan, Dana Baccigalopi, and others helped to get the event organized and running well!

A spread of pigs-in-the-blanket, mini-sandwiches, chips, dips, fruit, vegetables and candy canes dipped in chocolate were prepared and donated by Marie LeBlanc, and her husband and LAPL member Buster, with the help of Betty Wolfe.

Santa Claus himself (a/k/a Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court) appeared to the delighted crowd! Santa hugged and handed out gifts to each of the children.

Santa was assisted by Main Elf Jennifer Bass along with Elves Barbara Duhon, Damon Weger and Keith Hebert, all LAPL members. After the meal and gift giving, everyone joined in singing Christmas carols. Each family was given a smoked turkey to take home for a holiday meal.

Visitors to the Christmas in Cameron event included Cameron Parish Library Employee Dede Sanders who was presented with two large boxes of arts and crafts supplies worth over \$200 to be used in their after-school

programs for children.

The library also received a check for \$500 to be used for other library-sponsored activities geared toward the children of Cameron Parish.

The LAPL Elves also presented a check for \$1,500 to Deputy David Hebert with the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept. The money will be used for the Sheriff Dept.'s C.O.P.S. Program (Children Of Prisoners) and D.A.R.E. Program to provide gifts to the truly needy children of Cameron Parish, many whose families are still trying to recover from the effects of Hurricane Rita of September, 2005 and Hurricane Ike of September, 2008.

Special thanks go to all who contributed food, time and money to make this a successful venture: St. Mary Land and Exploration Co., Charles and Barbara Duhon, Dale Thevenet, Christopher J. Roy, Carolyn Savoy, Mike Deville, 4 Winds Marketing Co., Mark and Yvonne Mitchell, Joan Young, Tim Ledet, Mark Oliver, WLB Investments, Inc., Macy Dennis, HPS Oil & Gas Properties, T. C. Green, W. K. Rainbolt, Jr., Oil Land Services, Bellard & Company, Inc., Chabar-D, Inc., Debbie Bushnell-Springer, Durelle Allen, Merlin Oil & Gas, Donald Loper, Les and Tyra Landry, Cornay-Lowry Land & Abstract, Shelf Energy, LLC, Buster and Marie LeBlanc, Betty Wolfe, Barbara Duhon, Jennifer Bass, Damon Weger, Mildred and Wyvos Edmond, Kathy, Tommy and Keith Hebert.

Project Coordinator Keith Hebert of Opelousas closed the event by stating, "We thank everyone for their generosity and may God bless!"

School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue responded by leading the group in a thanks not only their generosity, but for their awareness of the challenges still facing the families of Cameron Parish, "while tucked into our very special southwest corner of Louisiana!"



NO, IT'S NOT Colorado. Cyndi Sellers took this photo last Thursday following the rare snowfall across south Louisiana. She and husband Paul were in Denham Springs where he was recuperating from surgery, which went well. Cyndi is the Pilot's reporter and Paul is a Cameron Parish deputy sheriff.



TERRY HOLDEN, Louisiana Association of Educators UniServ Director, presents to Jan Walker, president of Cameron Association of Educators, and Cherie Myers, CAE representative for Grand Lake High School, a \$22,500 check for Hurricane Ike relief aid to Cameron Association of Educators. The funds were received from several state chapters.



PICTURED above are Alexis Reeves, Ally Thomas, Quaid LeBoeuf, Bryton Cox, and Marissa Dupont who participated in the recent 4-H sponsored event, "Cameron Parish Cooks up a Storm!" Participants prepared dishes to compete in many different cookery categories. The day also included hands-on leadership and team building workshops. (Photo by Ruby Miller.)



GATHERING FOR an official group photo following the LAPL Christmas Party at the Lake Charles campus of South Cameron High School were Keith Hebert, Opelousas, LAPL Project Coordinator; Stephanie Rodrigue, Creole, Superintendent of Schools; Jennifer Bass, Baton Rouge, with LAPL; Zeke Wainwright, Grand Chenier, South Cameron High Principal; Barbra Duhon, LAPL and LAPL President Damon Weger, both of Lafayette. Also on hand in a very special way, but not shown in this photo, was Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court.



PICTURED ARE A few Cameron Parish 4-H youth of yester-year who fit this description. Cathy (Lowery) Munson, Cheri Kay (Griffith) Gibbons, and Darlene (Guidry) Taylor attended the 1969 4-H Short Course representing Cameron Parish in a variety of competitions.



SOUTH CAMERON High pre-K students are shown opening the gifts which they received Thursday, Dec. 11. The Lafayette Association of Professional Educators worked with the teachers to select gifts individualized to students' interests and abilities.



SOUTH CAMERON High chose their representatives for Student of the Year this week. Winners include: fifth grade - Megan Primeaux; eighth grade - Becca Richard; and 12th grade - Collise Dupont.

4-H Centennial observance comes to an end in 2008

By RUBY MILLER

During 2008, more than 218,000 Louisiana youth along with more than 9,000 volunteers celebrated the 4-H Centennial Anniversary.

Here in Cameron Parish, the event brought about opportunities for the youth of today to learn more about the 4-Hers who came before them. Each year, senior 4-H

members attend a statewide competition held on the LSU Campus called 4-H University, formerly known as 4-H Short Course. At this event, the parish is able to showcase the best of the best in project knowledge and skill through active, involved, and engaged 4-H members.

During a time of disaster for many Cameron Parish residents it has been heart-

warming to reflect on an eventful past and encouraging to look forward to an even more eventful future for our youth who are involved in 4-H.



SOME CHILDREN are shown playing at the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center which has been relocated to the Community Center. (Photo by Rhonda Coleman.)

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Grand Lake FFA meets

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, the Grand Lake FFA Chapter held its monthly meeting. Some 40 chapter's members enjoyed a barbecue sandwich meal. The T-shirt committee will meet to decide on a design for this year's club shirt.

It was also decided to clean up the roadside between Boone's Corner and Grand Lake High School for one of this year's service projects. Chapter officers explained how important it is that every member updates their Supervised Agricultural Experience record books.



MISTY LESUEUR, a member of the Grand Lake FFA Chapter, won first place in the District 9 FFA Gulf of Mexico Prepared Public Speaking Contest last week at McNeese State University. She gave a seven minute speech about environmental issues surrounding LNG terminals.

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Funerals



TROY PATRICK BYLER

Funeral services were held at Saturday, Dec. 13, at St. Theresa Catholic Church, honoring the life of Troy Patrick Byler, 47 who died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008.

He was laid to rest at the New Hackberry cemetery with Father Donald Jeffery officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Hixson Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home.

Troy was born in Sulphur, on Oct. 16, 1961, the son of Lloyd Peter Byler and Vivian Byler. He graduated from Hackberry High School after becoming a high school state champion steer wrestler, bareback rider and wrestler. He also captured the title of high school state champion shotput thrower, breaking the existing state record and adding yet another championship to his impressive athletic career.

Troy was a kindhearted and devoted father known for his personality. After high school he began weight training and sparked an interest in arm wrestling, and he became a national champion arm wrestler.

He worked the majority of his life in the oilfield industry and tending to his cattle on the ranch. Later in life he got involved in coaching his daughter's fast-pitch softball team. Most recently

he became interested in hand carving duck decoys.

Always the perfectionist, he mastered the art and became a world champion decoy carver. He was also an avid outdoorsman who loved nothing more than tending to his cattle.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Jacqueline Byler, grandfather, Peter Lloyd Byler, and grandmother, Annette deLaunay Byler.

He is survived by his father, Lloyd Peter Byler and wife Yvonne of Houston; his mother, Vivian Byler of Hackberry; brother, Chris del Corey Byler and wife Jenny of Houston; sisters, Darcy Roxane Byler of Hackberry and Jill Byler Harrison of Houston; one son, Rusty Patrick Byler and wife Shelly Celeste Byler, both of Hackberry; daughters, Kendra Rachelle Byler and Amber DeAnn Byler, both of Hackberry; grandchild, Gauge Patrick Byler of Hackberry; nieces, Annette Elizabeth Gunter of Hackberry and Christin Leigh Byler; nephews, Courtland Byler Harrison, David Byler Harrison, and Logan del Corey Byler, all of Houston.

Visiting hours were observed 3-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, with a Rosary at 7 p.m.

(Paid Memorial)



CAPT. PATRICK ERASTE HEBERT

Capt. Patrick Eraste Hebert, 43, of Sweetlake passed away, Monday, Dec. 15, 2008 in a Cameron Parish hunting accident.

He was a native and life long resident of Sweetlake. Capt. Pat owned and operated Hebert Guide Service, having worked all his life as a hunting and fishing guide. He served as a volunteer coach for the Grand Lake Little League.

He is survived by his wife, Kimberly Hebert; stepdaughter, Lacey Hays and stepson, Dillon Hays all of Sweetlake; daughter, Kelsey Ledig-Hebert of DeRidder; two brothers, Kenneth Hebert and wife Carmien of Lake Charles and Malcolm Hebert and wife Kim of Grand Lake; one sister, Martha Richard and husband Tommy; nieces, Sarah, Chesney, and Allyson Hebert and Kimberly George and Ashley Fruge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Malcolm Dale Hebert, Sr. and Betty Perry Hebert.

His funeral will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 18, in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel. Reverends David Holton and Brian Fitkin will officiate.

Visitation was from 4 until 9 p.m., Wednesday and will continue from 8 a.m. until time of service, Thursday, in the funeral home.

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



EVIA HINES

Evia Hines, 83, of Pineville entered into eternal rest on Dec. 13, 2008, at Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria, after fighting a hard battle and is now at peace.

A resident of Pineville, she was born in Creole, and had lived in Lake Charles and the DeQuincy area prior to moving to Pineville. She will be greatly missed by a host of family and friends.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Jenus Hines, her parents, Josephine and Joseph Doris Duhon and a grandchild, Daniel Bailey.

Those left to cherish her memory are two sons, Charles Hines and wife, Ruby of Jennings and Jerry Hines and wife, Betty of Lake Arthur; two daughters, Dolores "Dee" Spell and

Geraldine Bailey and husband, Alvin Royce Bailey, all of Pineville; three sisters, Eunice Trahan of Jennings, Margie Broussard of Lake Charles and Emily Trahan of Pineville; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and four step-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Hixson-Snyder Funeral Home in DeQuincy. Rev. Howard "Bubba" McCann and Rev. Harry Methvin officiated. Burial followed in Masonic Cemetery.

Pallbearers were David Hines, Keith "Bo" Hines, Charlie Fruge, Michael Hines, Randy Spell and Dale Bridges. Visitation was held Monday, Dec. 15 from 5-9 p.m. and again on Tuesday, Dec. 16 until time of service.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.mem.com.

(Paid Memorial)
HAROLD GORDON LEBLEU

Harold Gordon LeBleu, 65, of Big Lake died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, in his residence.

Mr. LeBleu was born in Lake Charles and grew up in Big Lake. He attended Grand Lake High School and graduated from Westlake High School. Mr. LeBleu worked for the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office for many years. He also worked in the oil field industry. Mr. LeBleu was a member of Glad Tidings Assembly of God and the Big Lake Gospel Tabernacle.

Mr. LeBleu is survived by his wife, Gloria Swilley LeBleu of Big Lake; two daughters, Eva "Jeannie" Daigle of LeBleu Settlement and Dena Watson and husband Mac of Sulphur; one son, Ryan LeBleu of Creole; two stepsons, Samuel Reeves and wife Tonda of Grant and Chad Reeves and wife Jodi of Mittie; one brother, Elray LeBleu of Big Lake; one sister, Lillie Zimmerman of Gonzales; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; and 13 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph LeBleu; one sister, Irene Stevenson; and his parents, Arsene LeBleu and Eva LeBleu Brown.

His funeral was held Saturday, Dec. 13, in Johnson Funeral Home. The Revs. Garry Mann and Gary Evers officiated. Burial was in Pujol Cemetery in Big Lake.

KENNETH A. MCCAIN SR.

Kenneth A. McCain, 92, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at a Lake Charles nursing home.

Born in Lake Charles, he was a member of McCain, LeBleu and Rosteet pioneer families of Lake Charles. He was a member of St. Theodore Catholic Church of Moss Bluff, St. Mary of the Lake of Grand Lake and St. Patrick Chapel of Sweetlake. He retired from PPG after 27 years of service as a welder. Preceding him in death was his wife, Mildred Goodman McCain.

Survivors include his three sons, Kenneth A. McCain Jr. and wife Barbara of Lake Charles, Lloyd McCain and wife Pat of Sulphur and Chris McCain and wife Annette of Sulphur; one daughter, Fredericka White Gorum and husband Larry of Lake Charles; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

His funeral was held Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles. Monsignor Charles Dubois officiated. Burial was in Highland Memory Gardens.

Sowela fees due Jan. 5

Students who have enrolled and registered for Sowela Technical Community College's spring semester have until 9 a.m., Jan. 5 to pay fees. Spring classes begin Jan. 14.

Students who do not meet the fee payment deadline will be dropped from all classes and will need to register again during late registration Jan. 7-15.

For more information call the Sowela student affairs' office at 491-2688 or 800-256-0483 or visit www.sowela.edu.

Grand Chenier library schedule

The Grand Chenier Library schedule is as follows:

"Crossword Daze" 10 a.m. daily.

Thursday, Dec. 18 - Kids Fun Day - Movie Time 1-2 p.m., Low Impact Walking Program 2 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 19 - Games and crafts for children 1-3 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 22 - Christmas Party 1-3 p.m. A Christmas Movie, Arts and Crafts, There will be refreshments.

Tuesday, Dec. 23 - Kids Fun Day - Games and crafts for children 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - Closed for Christmas Holiday

Thursday, Dec. 25 - Closed for Christmas Holiday

Friday, Dec. 26 - Closed for Christmas Holiday

Call 538-2214 for more information about weekly programs.

Hackberry DRC to remain open

While the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Grand Lake was converted to a U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Outreach Center Dec. 12, the Disaster Recovery Center in Hackberry, remains open and ready to assist Louisiana citizens.

The Hackberry DRC's hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., every day except Sunday.

Holiday hours go into effect Wednesday, Dec. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the DRC will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25.



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RONALD AND PAMELA Gill of DeRidder announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, **Tiffany Paige Gill**, to **Scott Michael Rogers**, son of **Walter and Sherry Rogers** of Cameron. The wedding is set for **December 27 at 7:30 p.m.** at **St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church** and the reception will follow in the **Lake Charles Civic Center**. Though this means family and friends are invited to attend.

S. Cameron High News

Tarpon sweat suit orders are currently being taken in the high school office. You must prepay.

SCHS Tarpon Dazzlers are hosting their annual dance **Camp Saturday, Jan. 24**, at **Grand Lake front gym**. The cost is **\$40 per participant** and registration is at **7:30 a.m.**, final presentations will be at **12 noon**.

The camp is open for students grades **K-8th**. Participants will be provided drinks, a danceline T-Shirt, and a certificate to perform between the girls and boys game verses **Merryville**. For more information contact **Ms. Sharon Picou** or **Ms.**

Sheri Dubard at 542-4628.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec. 16 and 18, Parish Tourney - Away - SPAR in Sulphur.

Dec. 18, Christmas Holidays - 4 p.m. dismissal.

Dec. 29-31, Sulphur Tourney - Girls Only - SHS gym.

Jan. 5, Return to School - 7:45 a.m.

Jan 6, DeQuincy - Away - Boys and Girls

Jan 8, Bethel Christian (Jennings) - Away- Boys and Girls.



Peter John Saab of **Lafayette**, left, and **Georgie LeJeune** of **Welsh**, were honored by the **Bishop Jude Speyrer Chapter of Pontifical Knights and Dames of the Diocese of Lake Charles** at the group's **Christmastide luncheon**. Saab was given the **Pro Deo et Pontifice Award** while **LeJeune** received the **Msgr. DeBlanc Fellowship Award**. **Msgr. Harry D. Greig**, who was unable to be present, received the **Truman Stacey Award**, given by outgoing president **James P. Martin** of **Welsh**. **Msgr. Greig** served as **Administrator of the Diocese** during the cleanup and repair of the damages caused by **Hurricane Rita**.

Three Diocese members are given K. of C. awards

A priest of the Diocese of Lake Charles and two members of the laity have been honored by the **Bishop Jude Speyrer Chapter of the Pontifical Knights and Dames of the Diocese of Lake Charles**. The awards were announced at the recent **Christmastide meeting** of the group.

Msgr. Harry D. Greig was presented with the **Truman Stacey Award** by outgoing president, **James P. Martin**, while **Georgie LeJeune** of **Welsh** was given the **Monsignor DeBlanc Fellowship Award**, and **Peter John Saab** of **Lafayette** was recipient of the **Pro Deo Et Pontifice Award**.

The president's award, given in even numbered years, goes to a person that has assisted the Chapter or the Diocese in an outstanding manner. The late **Truman Stacey** was a founding member of the chapter who was instrumental in the communications efforts of the Diocese of Lake Charles from the establishment of the Diocese.

Msgr. Greig, who currently serves as pastor of **St. Mary of the Lake Church** in **Big Lake** and as **Secretary for the Ministry of Administration** for the Diocese, was honored for his distinguished work as **Administrator of the Diocese** during the period when it was without a **Bishop**. **Msgr. Greig** was named **Administrator** on **Feb. 22, 2005** and continued until **March 23, 2007**, when **Bishop Glen John Provost** was ordained and installed. **Msgr. Greig** provided out-

standing leadership of the Diocese during the perilous times after the passage of **Hurricane Rita** in **September 2005** and the recovery period that followed.

The **DeBlanc Fellowship** is given out in even years to an individual who has given outstanding service to the civic community and to the Church, for which he or she has not been recognized.

LeJeune, a member of **Our Lady of Seven Dolors Church** in **Welsh**, is an active member of the **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** and the **Ladies Altar Society of Our Lady of Seven Dolors**.

She serves as an **Extraordinary Minister of Communion** at the Church and brings **Communion** to the patients in the local nursing home. She also has served as a **wedding coordinator** in the Church and worked in the Church's food pantry.

LeJeune is a member of the **Women's Research Club**, the **Welsh Museum**, and a **Block Off Broadway's Actors Club** in **Jennings**, working backstage as well as onstage. She also serves as editor of the **Eastern Deanery Serra Club Newsletter** and retired from the teaching in the **Jefferson Davis Parish School** system.

The **Pro Deo et Pontifice Award** is conferred on a **Knight of another diocese** who has rendered outstanding service to the Church and mankind.

Saab has been married for more than **50 years** to his wife, **Lynn** and the couple have **six children**, all practicing **Catholics**, who have, like their father, been in the forefront of service to the local church. He has **14 grandchildren** and one **great-grandchild**.

Originally from **Canton, Miss.**, where, after graduating from the **University of Mississippi**, owned a men's clothing store. He led the **Canton Chamber of Commerce** in a number of capacities including **president**. He was instrumental in organizing the nationally known **Canton Flea Market**.

He moved to **Lafayette** in **1971**, becoming **co-owner** of the **Shop Rite** convenience stores.

Saab has served as **Extraordinary Minister of Communion** and **Lector** at

Hurricane relief grants made by foundation

The **Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana** has made nearly **\$250,000** in hurricane relief grants, providing money to nonprofits at the center of **Ike** recovery work.

Grants were awarded to nonprofits that fed, sheltered and cared for people immediately after the hurricane swamped **Southwest Louisiana** in **September**.

"Nonprofits across **Southwest Louisiana** excel after storms, showing their grit and determination in helping people who need a hand up," said **Lisa Verrette**, CEO of the **Foundation**. "We hope our grants provide a little relief of their own to the organizations that were struck with unexpected expenses because of **Ike**."

Foundation grants to nonprofits included **Rebuilding Together - Calcasieu** (**\$34,000**), **Second Harvest**

Food Bank of Greater New Orleans & Acadiana (**\$50,000**), **Cameron Community Action Agency** (**\$50,000**), **Diocese of Lake Charles-Catholic Charities** (**\$40,000**), **Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church** (**\$30,000**), **United Way of Southwest Louisiana's Volunteer Housing Center** (**\$25,000**) and **Greater St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church Community Development Fund** (**\$5,000**).

The **Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana** made grants from a disaster relief fund. Grants are approved by the **Foundation's board** or executive committee. The board is chaired by **David Reinauer**.

The **Foundation** serves the parishes of **Calcasieu, Beauregard, Allen, Cameron** and **Jefferson Davis**.

several churches in the **Lafayette Diocese**, including **St. Patrick, St. Mary** and at the **Carmelite Monastery**. As a member of the **Men's Carmelite Guild**, serving as its president from **1989** to **1990**, he has done innumerable jobs to aid the nuns there.

He has personal dedication to the **Blessed Mother**, giving frequent lectures on **Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Medjugorje** and **Our Lady of Fatima** to local groups.

In **1990**, **Saab** and his wife were invested into the **Southern Lieutenantcy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem**. He was promoted to the rank of **Knight Commander** in **1995** and in **2000** was promoted to the rank of **Knight Commander with Star**.

He vigorously supports local youth athletic events, including the annual **"Top 28 State High School Basketball Tournament"** held in **Lafayette** and has been recognized for his superior support of amateur sports by the **"All American Football Foundation"**.

Saab also supports a number of other charities, espe-

cially **St. Jude's Research Hospital, St. Therese of the Child Jesus Association, Missionary Oblates, Franciscan Missionaries in the Holy Land**, and he has donated the **"Eternal Flame"** at the **Carmelite Monastery** in memory of the late **Mother Theresa Margaret, O.Carm.**

The **Chapter** also installed its new officers at the meeting, including **Chester J. Jones, Jr.**, president; **Gayle Marshall**, vice president; **Robert Chiasson**, secretary; and **John H. Roth**, treasurer.

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Letters

Pilot appreciated for new coverage

Dear Editor:
On what should be a very Merry Christmas to people of Cameron Parish, as you may have read in the last two to three weeks, FEMA has declared it wants to do no more for the people of Cameron Parish and it has attempted to justify all of their reasons for abandoning us.
I ask you is God's name please always be open-minded to the plight and needs of the people of a great but dying parish. Maybe the

Cameron Pilot isn't the biggest newspaper in Louisiana, but right not it is the biggest and most important paper to a dwindling population in the biggest parish in Louisiana.
I appreciate your endless efforts and that of Cyndi Sellers in bringing into focus our grave problems. God Bless you and your staff for a job, "well done".
Merry Christmas to you, your family and all of your staff.
/s/ Teddy Broussard

Reader unhappy with FEMA

Dear Editor:
For the last two or three weeks I've read enough newspaper stories about Cameron, and ALL of the excuses that our governmental officials state why they won't help Cameron Parish.
The truth is that FEMA HAS and WILL trample our freedom and all of our rights afforded us under the Constitution of the United States as long as we allow them to do so. And who has the guts to stand up for the people of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, USA? A lot of bark but no bites. Maybe its time that we let out our dogs.
Just ask us for it. And there is no such thing as a "V" Zone, "A" Zone that requires elevation or building codes that require engineers. However, in those countries where war exists, it is called "War" Zones and "Battle" Zones. Yet that being more severe than hurricanes or even storms, there is a freeway of doing things in other countries because it makes some good corrupt political officials in Washington D. C. popular among citizens of those war-stricken countries.
And I declare to all of you, we people of Cameron Parish have paid a price for our wanting to remain citizens of Cameron Parish. One that could forever outweigh any more good that FEMA could do for us with its present inhumane guideline, its attempting to shove down our throat, with rules that discriminate against each and everyone's human rights of freedom of choice, property rights, the right to pursue happiness and etc.
Let me remind FEMA officials that if it is wrong for them to build or rebuild in Lower Cameron Parish, may I ask them to answer as to why they were so quick to bring in FEMA campers and other FEMA trailers shortly after Hurricane Rita? Were they trying to snowball our local police jurymen to agreeing to all of the particulars

they agreed to that is now destroying our parish more swiftly than the erosion along the coastline. Look around. Where are your families, your neighbors, your human rights?
Did we really allow FEMA to walk away with those precious gifts? And why did so many people simply give up and just die. Was the money more important to some since Hurricane Rita and Hurricane Ike than to stand up for Cameron Parish? FEMA can be replaced. Cameron Parish, once destroyed is dead! And if you don't realize that the situation is right at hand, travel through Lower Cameron Parish and then maybe to Hackberry.
In closing I address to the citizens of Cameron Parish the recent newspaper articles that clearly point out that FEMA is through with Cameron Parish in any way it can find a reason to opt out. FEMA officials clearly point out that they will not spend any more money in the so-called "V" Zone. Great...
That means to me we should No Longer Be Obligated to do anything FEMA or any other agency says we must do or be threatened in any manner whatsoever. They are through with us. Fine. Lets be through with them. Let them be on their way where they come from.
Let's do as the good shepherd would do and let's gather up our lost citizens of a great parish that was such a "free place to live" before FEMA found it and then participated in destroying our ways of living by rules more stringent than in communist countries.
Let our path to our future be governed by God and we can be protected with rights again that he desires for each of us. Lets all unite and weather the greatest storm that has ever and will forever leave its mark on Cameron Parish and that storm is FEMA that seems to never go away by stories in the newspapers that stipulate exactly FEMA's truth to deny Cameron Parish any further help along the coast... A vital part of the parish at that.
/s/ Teddy Broussard
Grand Chenier



Pilot to print early week of Christmas

Due to Christmas being on Thursday, the Pilot will be printed early that week and should reach subscribers on Wednesday, the day before Christmas.
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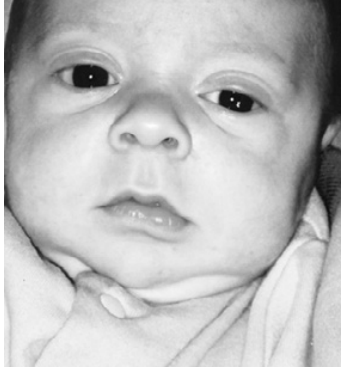
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(U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service recipe)

- 1 quart 2% milk
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- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup whipping cream, whipped
- ground nutmeg

1. Heat milk in large saucepan until hot (do not boil or scald). While milk is heating, beat together eggs and salt in a large bowl, gradually adding the sugar.
2. Gradually add the hot milk mixture to the egg mixture while continually stirring.
3. Transfer the mixture back to the large saucepan and cook on medium-low heat. Stir constantly with a whisk until the mixture thickens and just coats a spoon. The food thermometer should register 160 degrees. Stir in vanilla.
3. Cool quickly by setting the pan in a bowl of ice or

Birth told early week



KAISON JUDE ADAMS
Eric and Amanda Adams of Singer announce the birth of their third child, Kaison Jude, Nov. 5, at West Cal-Cam Hospital in Sulphur. He weighed 8 lbs. and 4 ozs.
Grandparents are Arnold and Emma Nash of DeQuincy and Mike and Tina Adams of Sulphur.
Great-grandparents are Hazel Nash of DeQuincy, Ellen Gentry of Walnut Rig, Ark.; Daniel and Vanessa Daivison of Cameron; Diana Melancon of Sulphur and Rosa Adams of Abbeville.
The couple's other children are: Hannah, 3, and Laykin, 1.



- cold water and stirring for about 10 minutes.
- 4. Cover and refrigerate until thoroughly chilled, several hours or overnight.
- 5. Pour mixture into a bowl or pitcher. Fold in whipped cream. Dust with ground nutmeg.
Calories: 135 per 1/2 cup
Cholesterol: 120 mg. per 1/2 cup
Yield: 2 quarts

Hackberry News

By COOT McINNIS

I read where FEMA okayed \$150 million to repair the Charity Hospital in New Orleans that was damaged from Hurricane Katrina. I know mentioning that storm is a sore subject, but the article was kind of humorous.
The original amount that was oked was \$23 million but the cost of replacement is \$492 million. My question is, is this hospital being replaced or repaired? In our area FEMA has forgotten to help all that need it, they are still too busy assisting with finances from Hurricane Katrina.

RITA MAPS
On my days off from my previous job, during the Hurricane Rita Recovery, I worked at Camp Cameron. I met quite a few people there. Many were willing to have a conversation and I always love to talk.
Many people don't know who did the flood maps after Hurricane Rita, but I was told by several on a crew where they were from.
A team of forestry personnel was hired to do the "remapping". One gentleman told me that at the time we, as residents, would not notice the difference right away. But we would benefit in a few years. I guess they did not count on another hurricane making their maps obsolete.

GREAT ARTICLE
There was a great article from Jennifer Jones and Cecil Sanner in the American Press. The title was "we need someone to listen". Jennifer and Cecil, when I get off of my shift, I plan on making copies and sending them out to the same list of people I sent letters to after Hurricane Rita.

CARTER'S ORDER
I was reading about the Executive Order 11988 issued by former President Jimmy Carter over 30 years ago.
Has anyone questioned if this Order can be changed or re-vamped? Laws can be changed. Why should this order be any different?
The order was "to protect wetlands." This area is not just wetlands, it is property owned by residents who have had the same property from generation to generation. It is owned by "Home Owners".
What is a Flood Plain? That also is in the Order. Was this Executive Order only for Louisiana?
Think about it. How many other towns along the coast have suffered as Cameron Parish has and still is able to get federal help?

CHURCH BULLETIN
St. Peter Catholic Church has a new bulletin. If anyone has any birthdays, wedding and death announcements or names of sick/homebound and servicemen, call the church office or email for updates on the bulletin.
There will be no CCD until Jan. 4 for Kindergarten thru 7th grades. Classes will resume at 10 a.m. and end at 11 a.m.
Merry Christmas to all from our family to yours. Be safe during the holidays.



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Basketball

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

scored 14 points each for the Mustangs.

BOYS
South Cameron 53, Hackberry 43 - Gabe LaLande was the leading scorer for the Tarpons with 21 points. Ross Rowland added 17 as the Tarpons improve to 2-3 on the year. Mason Hicks and Hunter Stansel scored 13 points each for the Mustangs.
Johnson Bayou 75, South Cameron 48 - Dustin Badon paced the 10-6 Rebels with 22 points. Damien Jinks added 18 and Michael Trahan scored 14 points. The Tarpons Ross Rowland led all scorers with 25 points. Kyle Little added 11 points.
Pine Prairie 65, Grand Lake 59 - Leading scorer for the Hornets was Sam Johnston with 21 points. Jordan Hebert added 20 points and Jayce Hebert chipped in 10 points.
Grand Lake 60, Elizabeth 37 - Jordan Hebert led all scorers with 19 points. Jayce Hebert added 17 points and Sam Johnston scored 11 points.
Bethel Christian 56, Hackberry 38 - John Eddenfield and Mason Hicks

GIRLS
Hackberry 54, South Cameron 30 - DJ Simon paced the Lady Mustangs with 15 points. Sami Little added 12 points. Shelby Willis scored 13 points for South Cameron.
South Cameron 51, Johnson Bayou 43 - Shelby Willis scored 18 points for the Lady Tarpons. Skylar added 17 points and Becca Richard scored 11 points. Eden Broussard scored 16 points for the Lady Rebels.
Grand Lake 56, Pine Prairie 26 - The Lady Hornets picked up their 20th win of the young season behind Kat Kingham's 21 points. Liz Kingham added 12 points.
Grand Lake 56, Elizabeth 39 - Kat Kingham scored 17 points for the 19-1 Lady Hornets. Liz Kingham added 14 points and Amber Trahan scored 10 points.
Hackberry 42, Bethel Christian 28 - DJ Simon scored 18 points for the Lady Mustangs.

If you add to the truth, you subtract from it.
 -The Talmud

 Whoever gossips to you will gossip about you.
 -Spanish Proverb

One man can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one man cannot make a team.
 - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

 Basketball doesn't build character it reveals it.
 - Author Unknown

Mosquitoes coming for Christmas like it or not

By JOSH HIGHTOWER
 Biologist Cameron Parish Mosquito Control

hour.
 Other weather factors that limit control efforts include temperature, precipitation, and fog. When the temperature falls below fifty five degrees the chemicals lose almost all effectiveness and the mosquitoes are not very active as well. Most pesticides will only kill mosquitoes that are flying and are active. We do not spray in steady rain or in fog for the safety of our employees as well as others on the road way.
 We currently have many areas scheduled for ground and aerial adulticiding treatments. We will be spraying areas with the worst mosquito problems as soon as the weather is favorable for good results.
 Some things you can do to help yourself in the meantime is wear long, light colored, protective clothing, and use repellents containing 25% DEET or greater when outdoors if the mosquitoes are active. Using repellents like "Bull Frog" that don't contain DEET is safest for use on young children.
 It is also important to empty any containers, buckets, bowls, flower pots, old boats, or anything else around the house that may be holding water. These containers can breed off hundreds to thousands of mosquitoes daily in your yard. You can end their life cycle by simply dumping them every three days.
 Please contact our office directly at 905-5941 to report mosquito problems. I wish every body in Cameron Parish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With less than ten days of shopping left for Christmas, I know what I want more than anything, "No mosquitoes". Unfortunately, with the past few rains we have had and even snow, the parish is very saturated.
 The hurricane left behind high salinities in people's yards, pastures, and ditches, and the past precipitation has created breeding habitat for the tan salt marsh mosquito throughout most of the parish.
 Usually they will only breed in tidal marshes and pastures nearby the marshes, but with so much habitat they have been able to hatch throughout most of the parish.
 The workers of mosquito control are aware of the mosquito problem throughout the parish. Control efforts are dependent on good weather and the weather pattern we have been having since these mosquitoes hatched has not been favorable for most control efforts. Many scheduled areas have not been completed due to high winds, fog, or low temperatures.
 Mosquitoes are most active when a cold front is approaching, unfortunately the winds are also very high on these days. We have to abide by our pesticide labels which prohibit the use of pesticides in sustained winds higher than ten miles per

Be strong in body, clean in mind, lofty in ideals.
 - James Naismith

Cameron Outdoors



By LOSTON MCEVERS

I guess the month of December 2008 won't be forgotten, as we've seen our parish still fighting to get our folks back to lower Cameron Parish. It's coming up to year's end and still lots of folks don't have housing.
 Just looking back at the month, we've seen "Thanksgiving Sky," when Jupiter, Venus and the moon all crowd around each other, really a beautiful sight, especially the crescent moon. Then this past week, we've seen such a beautiful bright, full moon, it seems as if it was daylight. To top off the month, we've seen snow, not a lot of snow, but enough to see it on the roof. The funny part is, it's still fall, as winter doesn't officially begin until Dec. 21. That's this Sunday.
 The second split of duck hunting opened and again some marshes have birds while others are not producing any ducks. I talked to quite a few hunters who did not get their limits opening day, however some hunters didn't take long to get their limit.
 Mottled ducks primarily breed in our coastal marshes in the western Gulf coast, including the coastal regions of our neighbors in Texas. These two states have a study to learn more scientific information that will help improve conservation efforts. They are a duck that's hard to get to the duck blind, they prefer pothole ponds, however if they decide to come to the decoys they'll come and if you kill one, the other black mallards will normally return and make a circle searching for their mate. The fact is, December is the month where ducks start pairing off and will stay together until their flight back up north.
 Wigeons are forming pair bonds on our winter grounds, as well as scaup, regular mallards, and black ducks. Then towards the end of December the blue-winged teal begin their courting.

TURKEY HUNT
 We had a group of area hunters who made a Texas trip, in the Del Rio area for turkey hunting on Dan Blalock's ranch. Dan is from Westlake and does some duck hunting in our area. Those making the trip were Jimmy Trahan, Keith Trahan, Mike Baccigalopi, Kent LaBove, Dove Savoie

TALK AROUND
 A little information I received I thought would be of interest to our readers. The number of times a buck deer rubs a year is 500. The number of mates a whitetail deer typically takes in one fall is 20. The number of mates a Canada goose (ring-neck) typically takes in one lifetime is 1 or 2. Average duration of a pairing between mating deer is two days. A rabbit's heartbeat is 205-235 per minute, while a human's heartbeat is 60 to 100 per minute. One breeding pair of rabbits can produce 350,000 rabbits in a five year period.

BIG DEER
 A 36 point deer was killed with a crossbow, a year ago shared 29,128 points. It was killed on Amish property in Adams County, Ohio. Good hunting!



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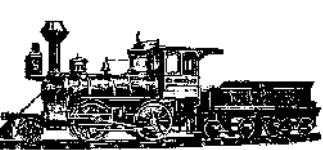
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Caramel Filled Chocolate Cookies
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 1 teaspoon baking soda
 3/4 cup cocoa powder
 1 cup chopped walnuts
 1 Tablespoon white sugar
 48 chocolate-covered caramel candies

Beat butter until creamy. Gradually beat in white sugar and brown sugar. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Combine flour, baking soda, and cocoa in another bowl. Gradually add to butter mixture, beating well. Stir in 1/2 cup of the walnuts. Cover and chill at least two hours. Preheat oven to 375°F. Combine remaining 1/2 cup walnuts with 1 Tablespoon sugar. Divide the cookie dough into four parts. Work with one part at a time, keeping the others refrigerated until needed.
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Love, Bralen

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. How have you been? I want a pogo stick, a computer, pickos, an I-pod, a toy dog, a Hannah Montana doll, and a radio. Thank you for the presents you gave me last year.
Love, Leah

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. How have you been? I want a cat, a puppy, an I-pod's best friend, some pick sos, and a computer. Thank you for the presents that you gave me last year. I also want a DS and some games.
Love, Zoie

Dear Santa,
I want an I-pod, a DS, a computer, a basketball goal, basketball, a PSP, a play station 2, and a motor dirt bike. Thank you for the presents you gave me last year.
Love, Elijah

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a jumping trampoline, Barbie jeep, talking doll, fake bathtub for my baby, Barbie that has wings, a baby doll that I can fix the hair, lunch box for my mommy and my daddy a saw so he can work on the house. Thank you for the presents that you gave me last year.
Love, Brianna

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. How have you been? I want pixos and a trampoline and a swimming pool, too. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year.
Love, Kimberly

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. How have you been? I want a bike, an I-pod, and a dirt bike. Thank you for what you gave me last year.
Love, Raven

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. How have you

been? I want a Barbie doll, a Hannah Montana, a toy butterfly, a trampoline, a swimming pool, a Dora, and a dog. Thank you for all the gifts from last Christmas.
Love, Kennedy

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph Ok? Santa would you get me a boxing ring? Would you give me a Nintendo DS? I will try to be a good boy but I will give you some cookies.
Love, Jayden

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is it cold at the North Pole? Is Rudolph the red reindeer ok? Ms. Claus ok? Please give me a Playstation and a Wii. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Oh! Please leave me a note when you come to my house.
Love, Brayden

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus? How are your Elves? Is it cold in the North Pole? I tried to be good. Can I have a Play-Doh set and a doll set? I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love, Laura

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I would like a toy house made out of wood, an X-Box 360 and a stuffed animal.
Love, Kolby

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? How are Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph? I know Rudolph has been good. I'm being good most of the time. You rock Santa! I want stuffed animals.
Love, Alyssa

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus? Is it cold in the North Pole? I will leave you some cookies. I tried to be good this year. Will you please bring me some toys, Nintendo DS and a baby doll house.
Love, Janet

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph? Is it cold up there? How are the elves? I hope you are warm and cozy. Can you please give me some DS games and a picture of the LSU Tigers, Mike and a picture of LSU Tiger players and a Drake and Josh webkinz? Love you! I will leave some cookies and milk.
Love, Brennen

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus? How are you Santa? Can I please have a Nintendo DS, play doh and a doll set? I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love, Allie

Kindergarten letters

Dear Santa letters from Mrs. Norma Jo's Kindergarten Class at South Cameron High School

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl every year. Please send my Mom some picture frames and Daddy a new duck caller, and my brother wants a screaming banshee that eats the little mini cars. I want some bongos and a Holiday Barbie. I want a bike too and that's all.
I love you, Santa
Sydney

Dear Santa,
I only got in trouble one time, cause I broke the ice box and somebody else broke the glass not me. I want an X-box with 2 remote controls. Bring Momma some makeup and lip gloss and a bunch of rings. That's all! Where are you? I don't know how to get to the North Pole.
Thanks Santa,
John

Dear Santa,
I have not been mean, but I did get in trouble a couple of times. Bring Momma a bike so I can ride, too. Bring Daddy 2 bikes. I want a bike. Where is my bike? I don't know.
I love you,
Alisa

Dear Santa,
I've only been bad one time, cause I poured some water into some of mom's good hand soap, but Momma put me on my knees. I going to be better. Please send my Momma a pink shirt with a big reindeer on it, bring my daddy a hunting stocking with a big gun on it, and bring Lilly, my little sister, a new baby rattle. I would like a "little getty up pony" that I saw on T.V. and a new "high school musical watch". That's all! Santa, Has it been snowing in the North Pole? We had snow down here just one day.
I love you, Santa
Aubrie

Dear Santa,
I got in trouble cause I kept on whipping my little sister, Violet. I'm not going to do that any more. Please bring Momma some brand new phones, so she talk on them. I would like a toy truck, I like those things and that's all. I would really like to go visit you in the North Pole one day.
Thank You, Santa
you're nice,
Josie

Dear Santa,
I got in trouble a couple of times, caused I knocked down my big brother, James. I thing I got whipped for it by him. I'm never going to be bad again. Please bring my Momma a new pink dress and some hot red shoes. Bring Daddy an electric guitar, so he can play in a band. I want some drums and a guitar, too. Bring James two ghost rider comic books; 1 and 2. I would like to know how do those reindeer fly?
I love you, Santa
Anna

Dear Santa,
I promise I didn't do nothing bad at home. I just had my little white dog with me and I never get in trouble, ever. Please, bring my mommy a big diamond ring and my daddy some more hunting clothes cause he's going hunting tomorrow. Friday, Saturday. I want me a baby real dog, and live bear cub that sleeps with you and they purr. I really would like to know how you make all those toys. Really!
I love you, Santa
Kristen

Dear Santa,
All I can really think of that I got in trouble is that I tackled my 2 big sisters and they got really mad at me. I also get in trouble every night just a little cause I don't like to do any homework cause I'm very tired when I get home from school. Please bring my mommy 2 lip glosses, I don't know why she likes that, but she does. I want 2 dinosaurs. Bring my sister some Barbies, too. How fast does your sled go? Do you know?
Thanks, Santa
Logan

Dear Santa,
I got in trouble this year when I beat my little brother up, but my momma did whip me for that. Bring my momma a new Sprint phone, cause she don't want no more pink ones. Bring my daddy a John Deere skate board, cause he likes to ride them a lot. I would like to have a real computer so that I can type stuff and play Barbie.
Thank you, Santa
Ariana

Dear Santa,
I'm sorry for being mean to my sisters, if you accept my apology, I'm going to try and be better, if you give me one more chance dear Santa. Please bring my momma a ring for Christmas and for my sisters some toys, too. Bring my daddy a new watch because he doesn't have one now. I would like some sets of make-up; lipstick, mascara, lip gloss with sparkles in it. I would like some fingernail polish. That's it. Santa, does it snow in the North Pole? Please bring some snow, too.
I love you, Santa,
Jasmine

Dear Santa,
I promise that I will not jump off the cow trailers and hay bailers anymore, cause it cost my momma and daddy too much for all my surgeries and broken arms. I will stop being a monkey. Once you break it one time you get all the pain out, it's not fun for surgery. Bring momma a blue diamond ring and my daddy a big new shotgun and a rifle so we can go hunting, he needs some new guns. I want a toy gun and a dirt bike, and oh, could you help me get my cast off my arm, I can't play good now. How do you get those reindeer to fly all night long? But really how does he do that, I don't know? How cold is it up there? Please don't go out in your underwear, cause you will freeze. You probably have a hundred jackets.
I love you, Santa
Kyler

Dear Santa,
I have been kinda bad at school, when I don't take a nap and be quiet. I will try and be good tomorrow and go to sleep. Please bring mommy a new pink and black bike, she'll like that bike. I want a school thingy, a movie of Care Bears, and a Tinker Bell movie. Bring PaPa Stanley a new LSU shirt. I really didn't know what you looked like, but remember when I took that picture of you, well now I know what you look like. I wonder if your reindeer come down here when its Christmas cause you didn't have them the day of the pictures. Please bring them.
I love you very much,
Amaiya

Dear Santa,
I have only been in trouble about 7 times this year. I will try not to be bad no more! I want you to bring my momma a new diamond ring, and my daddy a new shotgun, and my little sister a baby doll that wets in her diaper. I would like a new shotgun too, that shoots the big shotgun shells so that I can hunt some deer. We like to eat some sausage. Where are your reindeer and all your helpers? I don't know that.
I love you, Santa,
Hunter

Grand Lake kids' letters

Here is a Christmas wish list for Mrs. Andrea and Mrs. Pat's 3 year old class at Grand Lake Head Start:

Barbie Cash Register, a Barbie Doll, an Ariel Doll and pink powers.
Katie

Dear Santa,
I would like Santa to leave me a King of King and a Blackout Truck.
Remy

Dear Santa,
I want a present from Santa Claus. Please give me a blue cake.
Emily

Dear Santa,
I would like some cars, trucks, and a bike for Christmas.
Tanner

Dear Santa,
Santa please leave me some Christmas Lights, a Christmas Star and some balls.
Rye

Dear Santa,
Santa please bring me a Pony and a bear like Jacelynn.
Brailee

Dear Santa,
Santa please bring some High School Musical Dolls, hand puppets, play dough, a big box of colors and a color book.
Tyleigh

Dear Santa,
I would like Santa to bring me a baby doll, two Hannah Montana dolls and a teddy bear.
Hannah

Dear Santa,
I would like Santa to bring me some trucks and a musical piano.
Tyler

Dear Santa,
Santa please bring me a Barbie Doll House, Barbie Doll Car and Barbie Dolls to play with.
Makayla

Dear Santa,
Santa please leave some cars, motorcycles, some Red Papers, and some Power Rangers.
Zachary

Dear Santa,
I would like for Santa to bring me a Barbie Doll House, Barbies, and a Barbie Doll Driver.
Meghan

Dear Santa,
I would like Santa to leave a big baby doll for Christmas, a kitchen for me and a pink stereo.
Lacie

Dear Santa,
Santa please leave me some new cars.
Reese

Dear Santa,
Santa please leave me a monster truck, a skateboard and some dinosaurs.
Dylan

Dear Santa,
I would like for Santa to bring me a skateboard and a new tractor. Santa please bring me a new cowboy belt, cowboy boots, and some new shoes.
Jasper

Dear Santa,
Santa please leave a big green tractor from the John Deere store, a tractor with a boat on it, and more decorations for Christmas.
Hunter

Dear Santa,
Santa please bring a

Charlie's Chicken Spaghetti

Ingredients:
10-12 chicken pieces
1 sm. Can chopped black olives
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/2 tsp. salt
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 (16 oz.) pkg. spaghetti noodles
1 tsp. Creole seasoning
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1 cup grated Mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup chopped bell pepper

1 cup chopped onion
Directions:
Boil chicken pieces in seasoned water until cooked. Do not drain. Remove chicken and de-bone. Boil spaghetti in remaining water until tender.

While spaghetti is boiling, sauté onions, bell pepper and black olives in small saucepan. Combine soups, sautéed mixture, spaghetti and de-boned chicken. Mix well.

Place mixture in casserole dish and top with grated cheeses. Bake at 350 degrees until cheeses melt.



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- HEBERT CAMP Road lots: Tract 3&4 \$25,500, Tract 1 \$22,500
- REDUCED!!! 25 + acres in Big Lake. Approx 233' on lake & 3/2 doublewide for \$225,000 or front 3 acres & home for \$150,000.00. No water inside for hurricane. 2/13tfc.

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Cameron Parish School Board

Volunteers with Trailers (cargo or stock) needed to move

Johnson Bayou High School and South Cameron High School

back to school sites during the week of December 15 thru 19, 2008

If you can help, please contact the following coordinators:

- Johnson Bayou High School - Spencer Owens (337) 762-3305**
- Hackberry High School or (318) 426-6701 (cell)**
- South Cameron High School - Nicky Rodrigue (337) 542-4418**
- South Cameron High School or (337) 794-2929 (cell)**

RUN: Dec. 11 & 18

THANK YOU!

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CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Current Openings

For all positions listed, applicants should download the appropriate application from www.camsch.org; and schedule an interview with the contact person listed for the position 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

Physical Education Teacher with coaching duties (Head Boys Basketball)

Deadline for applications is January 5, 2009 at 2:00 P.M.

Grand Lake High School (5 day week)

Contact: David Duhon, Principal (337) 905-2231 (school) or (337) 302-2763 (cell)

Substitute Science Teacher Beginning January 3, 2009

Available positions will continually be updated at www.camsch.org. Appointments will be approved at monthly meetings of the Cameron Parish School Board. Website: www.camsch.org Run: Dec 11 and 18 (D 38)

REAL ESTATE

• **HACKBERRY REDUCED:** Waterfront Canal Lot in restricted sub. Very motivated seller.

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• **CONSTANCE BEACH:** 75X75 lot on N Richard, \$25,000.

• **LITTLE FLORIDA Beach:** 50X100 off the beach lot, \$15,000.

• **FOR these & all other listings, please call & ask for Kathy Ware, Realtor, Coldwell Banker Gallerie Realty @ 250-8085 or 625-3150. 12/10 - 12/17cfr**

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Saltine Toffee Cookies

4 ounces saltine crackers (1 stack)
1 cup butter
1 cup packed dark brown sugar
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
3/4 cups pecans
Preheat oven to 400°F. Line cookie sheet with saltine crackers in single layer. In a saucepan combine the sugar and butter. Bring to a boil and boil for three minutes. Immediately pour over saltines and spread to cover crackers completely. Bake at 400°F for five - six minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle chocolate chips over the top. Let sit for five minutes. Spread melted chocolate and top with chopped nuts. Cool completely and break into pieces.

Fruit and Cheese Kabobs

Recipe Prep Time: 10 min
Total Time: 10 min
Makes: 8 servings, two kabobs each

- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) KRAFT Colby & Monterey Jack Cheese, cut into 16 cubes
- 16 seedless red grapes
- 16 small strawberries
- 4 kiwi, peeled, quartered
- 1 container (4 oz.) JELL-O Vanilla Pudding Snack
- 1 container (6 oz.) strawberry low-fat yogurt

Arrange 1 each cheese cube, grape, strawberry and kiwi chunk on each of 16 small straws or wooden skewers.

Serve as dippers with the pudding and yogurt.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By KEITH HAMBRICK



Cameron Pilot Dec. 17, 1975 JURY RACES

A new Cameron Parish Police Juror was elected Saturday and an incumbent juror was re-elected.

Lester (Perpo) Richard was elected as the new juror for District 4. He received 430 votes to 257 received by Louis Canik.

Richard will succeed Lyle (Butch) Crain next year. Crain did not seek re-election.

In District 3, Earnest Myers was re-elected beating Joseph (Joe) LeBleu.

Jurors elected to serve the parish in the primary election were Archie Berwick, Roland Trosclair, Jr., Ray Conner, re-elected; and John Rollins, who was unopposed.

The reapportionment election a year ago and the recent elections will leave only two of the jurors elected four years ago on the new jury.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Myers will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 11. There will be an Open House in their home 2 to 4 p.m. in Hackberry.

They have three children, a daughter is a Sister of the Catholic Church, Sister Mary de Paul of Crowley, Mrs. Lois Desomeaux of Hackberry, and Leroy Meyers who is in Venezuela.

COAST GUARD TO SENT CUTTER

One of the main attractions in Cameron during the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival Jan. 9 and 10, 1976 will be the 110-foot Coast Guard cutter the "Valiant" which will be docked in the Calcasieu ship channel for tours, according to J. B. Jones, Jr., president of the Festival and E. J. Dronet, State Bicentennial Commission member.

MUSING ABOUT CHRISTMAS

By **BERNICE STEWART**
(Note: This article could just as well have been written this Christmas season.)
Christmas is only days away. Caught up in spiraling costs, threatened with recession, faced with possible unemployment, thousands of Americans are in a quandary as to Christmas planning this year. Part of that uncer-

tainty is based on the premise that Christmas giving is based primarily on monetary outlay.

A remark that I heard the other day set me thinking. It was, "I have no money for gift giving this year. If I can't give something of value, I won't give anything. Christmas is going to be bleak for me."

Her words held both falsity and truth. The truth is that for the one who shares nothing the holiday season will be bleak. The same day I heard another saying, "In our home this year we have been making as many gifts from odds and ends on hand as time permits."

I happen to know that she is a very busy mother and an efficient career woman. Yet she manages to create a well-rounded life for her family and lead them in projects of doing and sharing.

Another friend discussed with me the plan decided upon by her very large family. "We can give only small remembrances this year, inexpensive gifts that hold the element of surprise, something that we have made or put together. But I can hardly wait for the fun of opening them in the same old traditional way."

An elderly lady confided, "My social security check barely buys me the shelter and food and medicine I need. I have had to forego the pleasure of sending Christmas cards I still feel the urge to share the real meaning of Christ season so I am writing letters to my faraway relatives and friends and I am telephoning those in my immediate area."

"I plan to take home-baked cookies or a tiny pot plant I have cultivated to several shut-ins and spend a few hours in a nursing home and just chat with the residents. I plan to invite the little children in our family over by themselves one afternoon for hot chocolate and games. My gift to their mothers will be that period of leisure while I enjoy the youngsters."

What a wonderful gift! Sometimes we forget the real meaning of Christmas. We forget that December 25th designates the birthday of the Christ Child. This Christmas let us give freely of ourselves with no thought of return. Let us truly enter into the spirit of peace on earth, good will toward men.

Who is an American? They come in 100s of varieties

(EDITOR'S NOTE--The following commentary was distributed worldwide on the internet.)

You probably missed this in the rush of news, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper, an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American.

So an Australian dentist wrote an editorial the following day to let everyone know what an American is. So they would know when they found one. (Good one, mate!)

An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, Pakistani or Afghan.

An American may also be a Comanche, Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, Seminole or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans.

An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses.

An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

An American lives in the most prosperous land in the history of the world.

The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each person to the pursuit of happiness.

An American is generous. Americans have helped out

just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return.

When Afghanistan was over-run by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country!

As of the morning of Sept. 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan.

The national symbol of America, The Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America.

Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of Sept. 11, 2001 earning a better life for their families. It's been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 different countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and other blood-thirsty tyrants in the world. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.



A Christmas story from World War II

By CURT ILES

Nazi sniper Sgt. Franz Schmidt didn't know any English, but in the case of the nearby wounded American soldier, he didn't need to. The man's anguished cries were beyond words. Medic. Help me.

It was somewhere in Belgium on Christmas Eve 1944, and Schmidt had never been colder in his thirty-two years. However, he was in a lot better shape than the wounded American freezing to death twenty yards away.

The German turned his rifle on the American and put the crosshairs on his helmetless head. It'd probably be a kindness to put the poor devil out of his misery.

But for some reason, he didn't pull the trigger, instead thinking, I'll wait a little longer.

In the hour or so since the firefight, the man's cries of "Medic" had become weaker and spaced farther apart. Lying just past the fallen American was a German casualty. Schmidt couldn't remember the young soldier's name, as he'd only been in their unit a week or so.

The German soldier was shot in both the chest and leg. Although still alive, he made no sounds.

Franz Schmidt thought of how ironic it was for these two dying soldiers to be lying together on the cold ground on the very day before the birth of the Prince of Peace. It seemed obscene-even barbaric for men who supposedly worshiped the same Savior to be killing each other this near his birthday.

He sadly shook his head. Those two wounded men won't be celebrating the Savior's birth at least not on this earth. They'll be dead long before dark.

Chocolate Chip Pudding Cookies

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup butter, softened
1/4 cup white sugar
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 3.5 ounce package instant vanilla pudding mix
2 eggs
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a medium bowl combine flour and baking soda. Set aside. In another large mixing bowl combine butter, sugars, vanilla, and pudding mix. Beat until smooth and creamy. Beat in eggs. Gradually stir in flour mixture. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop batter by heaping teaspoonsful, about two inches apart, onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for nine - ten minutes, or until browned. Cool on wire racks.

In Loving Memory Of James McMillan, Jr.

August 19, 1994



The Lord is my Shepherd. He was a beautiful son.

He was always there when I needed him, always there when others needed him. He was proud to help others. I thank God for his beautiful smile that he did not want me to worry about him. I would like to thank all of the doctors, nurses and friends in his time of need.

Through his surgery and kidney transplant he was on the kidney machine for 16 years. God knows best, now may he rest in peace with Jesus.

He was a member of the Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church of Lake Charles of which Rev. Freddy Brown is pastor.

He attended South Cameron High School and finished his education in Houston, Texas. He was an inventor and was the first vice-president of the Cameron NAACP Chapter from 1992 to 1994.

He was a brother to Mike and Charles Cole.

With All Our Love,
Mother, Mrs. Louise Cole,
Son and Friends

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District 1 meeting in regular session convened on the 20th day of November 2008 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2008-01; Proposed Water Well No. 3A and P & A of Existing Well No. 7 pursuant to the certain contract between Griner Drilling Services, Inc. and said Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District 1 under File No. 310015, in the book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District 1 will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

BY: J. C. Murphy, President
RUN: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, Jan. 1 & 8 (N 37)

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Base Flood Elevation Determination for the Unincorporated Areas of Cameron Parish, Louisiana: The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency solicits technical information or comments on the proposed Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown in the Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and on the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community. These proposed BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). For a detailed listing of the proposed BFEs and information on the statutory period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe>, or call the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-FEMA-MAP.
RUN: Dec. 11 & 18 (D 12)

BID NOTICE

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive BIDS FOR delivery and installation of Security Camera Systems to be located at the Johnson Bayou High School and the South Cameron High School sites. The bids for the school sites will be accepted until the hour of 4:00 pm in the Cameron Parish School Board Office on Friday December 26, 2008. ** Please note hand delivered bids will be accepted at the school board office until 2:00 pm on the date of December 18, 2008, after this date and time all bids must be mailed and post-marked no later than December 26, 2008.

A bid form, list of specifications, and bid procedures for the school sites may be obtained from Anna Murphy, Purchasing Agent at the CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, P.O. Box 1548, Cameron, La., 70631 or physical address of 1027 Hwy 384 Lake Charles, LA 70607 until the date of December 18, 2008 after this date requests for bid package must be by email correspondence. For further information please contact Anna Murphy at (337) 905-5784 Ext. 109 or anna_murphy@camsch.org

All BIDS must be submitted on or before the scheduled time and date. Envelopes should be clearly marked, "BID FOR Security Camera System at Johnson Bayou High School Site" and "BID FOR Security Camera System at South Cameron High School Site".

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD RESERVES the right to refuse or cancel any price quotation based on the quality of goods, availability of products and/or services rendered.

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

By: /s/ Stephanie Rodrigue
STEPHANIE D. RODRIGUE,
SUPERINTENDENT
RUN: Dec. 11 and 18 (D 24)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 30, 2008 in the Cameron Parish Police Jury Administrative Office of the South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 W. Creole Highway, Cameron, Louisiana for the purchase of one (1) Roadside Herbicide Spray Unit, as per specifications.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office during normal business hours.

BY: BONNIE W. CONNER
SECRETARY
RUN: Dec. 11 and 18 (D 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 30, 2008 in the Cameron Parish Police Jury Administrative Office of the South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 W. Creole Highway, Cameron, Louisiana, for the purchase limestone, as per specifications.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office during normal business hours.

BY: BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Dec. 11 and 18 (D 26)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 30, 2008 in the Cameron Parish Police Jury Administrative Office of the South Cameron Memorial Hospital, 5360 W. Creole Highway, Cameron, Louisiana, for the purchase of one (1) Motor Grader, as per specifications.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office during normal business hours.

BY: BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Dec. 11 and 18, (D 27)

LEGAL NOTICE

The Cameron Parish Assessor's office has adopted an operating budget for fiscal year ended 2009. Said budget is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Assessor, Parish Courthouse, Cameron, Louisiana. RUN: Dec. 18 (D 32)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive bids until the hour of 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 5, 2009, to the Cameron Parish School Board Administrative Office, for Debris Removal at Johnson Bayou High School, located at 6304 Gulf Beach Highway, Johnson Bayou, LA 70632.

Deadline for project completion at each site is January 19, 2009. A detailed bid list and specification packet shall be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board Office, 1027 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, LA 70607 or by emailing selena@hoffpaurarchitects.com.

All bids must be submitted on or before the above date and time. Each bid must be placed in an envelope, sealed and marked on the outside, "Debris Removal at Johnson Bayou School." The sealed envelope shall bear the name and address of the bidder, and marked to the Attention of Selena Cisneros, Project Manager. Mailed/hand delivered bids should be sent to the above address.

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

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Stephanie Rodrigue
STEPHANIE D. RODRIGUE,
SUPERINTENDENT
RUN: Dec. 11 and 18 (D 33)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive bids until the hour of 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 5, 2009, to the Cameron Parish School Board Administrative Office, for the repairs of playground areas and replacement of damaged equipment at four Cameron Parish School Board Sites. Sites included are South Cameron High School, Johnson Bayou High School, Grand Lake High School, and Hackberry High School.

Deadline for project completion at each site is January 31, 2009. A detailed bid list and specification packet shall be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board Office, 1027 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, LA 70607 or by emailing selena@hoffpaurarchitects.com.

All bids must be submitted on or before the above date and time. Each bid must be placed in an envelope, sealed and marked on the outside, "CPSB Playground Equipment," the sealed envelope shall bear the name and address of the bidder, and marked to the Attention of Selena Cisneros, Project Manager. Mailed/hand delivered bids should be sent to the above address.

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

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Stephanie Rodrigue
STEPHANIE D. RODRIGUE,
SUPERINTENDENT
RUN: Dec. 11 and 18 (D 34)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive bids until the hour of 11:30 a.m., Monday, January 5, 2009, to the Cameron Parish School Board Administrative Office, for installation of temporary construction fencing for two Cameron Parish School Board sites. The two sites are Johnson Bayou High School, located at 6304 Gulf Beach Highway, Johnson Bayou, LA 70632 and South Cameron High School, located at 1038 Oak Grove Highway, Creole, LA.

Deadline for project completion at each site is January 19, 2009. A detailed bid list and specification packet shall be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board Office, 1027 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, LA 70607 or by emailing selena@hoffpaurarchitects.com.

All bids must be submitted on or before the above date and time. Each bid must be placed in an envelope, sealed and marked on the outside, "Temporary Construction Fencing at JBHS and SCHS." The sealed envelope shall bear the name and address of the bidder, and marked to the Attention of Selena Cisneros, Project Manager. Mailed/hand delivered bids should be sent to the above address.

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

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Stephanie Rodrigue
STEPHANIE D. RODRIGUE,
SUPERINTENDENT
RUN: Dec. 11 and 18 (D 35)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids until 10:00 A.M., January 2, 2009, at the Office of Randall D. Broussard - Architect, L.L.C.,

206 South Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663 for Bleacher Replacement at Johnson Bayou 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, "Bleacher Replacement at Johnson Bayou 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).

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Stephanie Rodrigue
STEPHANIE D. RODRIGUE,
SUPERINTENDENT
RUN: Dec. 11, 18 and 26. (D36)

PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Board of Commissioners of the Hackberry Recreation District
September 29, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Hackberry Recreation District was held at the Hackberry Recreation Center in Hackberry, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Monday, September 29, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Blaine Johnson, Carrie Hewitt, Kenny Welch, and Barry Stine.

Member Absent: Layne Kyle.
Guest: None.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Kenny Welch, and the following business was discussed.

Motion was made by Carrie Hewitt, seconded by Blaine Johnson, and carried to accept the minutes as read.

Motion was made by Blaine Johnson, seconded by Barry Stine, and carried to accept the financial statements.

Motion was made by Carrie Hewitt, seconded by Barry Stine, and carried to hire Edwin Augustine as the permanent maintenance employee for the Recreation Center and the Multi-Purpose Facility at \$13.00/hour to be split between the two facilities.

Business of the meeting complete, motion was made by Barry Stine, seconded by Carrie Hewitt, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:
/s/ Kenny Welch
Chairman

APPROVED:
/s/ Dwayne Sonnier
Sect./Treas.
RUN: Dec. 18 (D 43)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Summary Available of Fiscal Year of 2009 Budget

All interested persons are hereby notified that a summary of the Fiscal Year 2009 budget of the Cameron Parish Waterworks District #10, serving the Johnson Bayou-Holly Beach area, is available for public inspection at 1190 Main Street, Hackberry, Louisiana 70645, due to Hurricane Ike.

The budget summary and documentation necessary to support the summary are available at the Waterworks office from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday, Friday.
RUN: Dec. 18 (D 45)

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron Parish Public Library
Board of Control
October 13, 2008

President Cyndi Sellers called the Cameron Parish Public Library Board of Control to order on Monday, October 13, 2008 at the Grand Lake Library at 1:00 p.m. The following members were present: Cyndi Sellers, John Calzada, Gail Delcambre, Dinah Billings, and Police Jury President Sonny McGee. Not present were Kenny Trahan and Wanita Harrison.

The prayer was led by Dinah Billings and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Calzada.

President Cyndi Sellers announced the resignation of Library Director Charlotte Troclair, effective November 10, 2008, with annual leave commencing immediately.

On motion of John Calzada, seconded by Gail Delcambre, the Board voted to purchase a plaque and send a letter of appreciation to Ms. Troclair for her years of service.

On motion of Gail Delcambre, seconded by John Calzada, the Board voted to advertise for a new director, requiring a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science or a Bachelor's Degree and willingness to obtain an MLIS within

three years. Three weeks of advertisement to be followed by interviews by a committee.

On motion of Gail Delcambre, seconded by John Calzada, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:
/s/ Cyndi Sellers
CYNDI SELLERS,
BOARD PRESIDENT

ATTEST:
DINAH BILLINGS,
ACTING SECRETARY
RUN: Dec. 18 (D 46)

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron Parish Public Library
Board of Control
Special Meeting
October 27, 2008 2:00 P.M.

President, Cyndi Sellers called the Cameron Parish Public Library Board of Control special meeting to order on Monday, October 27, 2008 at the Grand Lake Library at 2:15 P.M. The following members were present: John Calzada, Wanita Harrison, Dinah Billings and Cyndi Sellers. Absent were: Gail Delcambre, Kenny Trahan and Magnus McGee, Police Jury ex-officio member.

Guests present were: George LeBouef, Delia Sanders, Rhonda Duhon, Tina Boudreaux and Lee Harrison.

Dinah Billings led the prayer and John Calzada led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the motion of John Calzada, seconded by Wanita Harrison and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the August 18 and August 22, 2008 minutes as corrected.

No financial report was available.

Reports and estimates on repairs on Hackberry, Grand Chenier, and Cameron branches were given.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Billings and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the advertisement for Cameron Parish Library Director as written.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Billings and carried the board unanimously voted to delete items still in the OPAC lost in Hurricane Rita.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Harrison and carried the board unanimously voted to get new estimates for the Cameron electrical pole using new description of needs.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Harrison and carried the board unanimously voted to tow the MEL bookmobile to the shop for repairs because insurance adjuster had already inspected it.

Dinah Billings, Gail Delcambre, and Cyndi Sellers were assigned to the budget committee.

On the motion of Mrs. Billings, seconded by Mr. Calzada and carried the board unanimously voted to postpone discussion on the tax election.

On the motion of Mrs. Billings, seconded by Mr. Calzada and carried the board unanimously voted to postpone discussion on per diem for board members.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Harrison and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the lowest estimate from B & L Insulation for the Grand Lake Library spray in foam for under the floor of the office.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Harrison and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the Grand Chenier library building as offered from WilScott and to add to our insurance policy.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Billings and carried the board unanimously voted to accept lowest estimate of Big K Kans for the Cameron Branch Library.

There being no further business and upon motion of Mr. Calzada and seconded by Mrs. Harrison the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:
/s/ Cyndi Sellers
CYNDI SELLERS,
BOARD PRESIDENT

ATTEST:
DELIA SANDERS,
SECRETARY
RUN: Dec. 18 (D 47)

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron Parish Public Library
Board of Control
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2008 1:00 P.M.

President, Cyndi Sellers called the Cameron Parish Public Library Board of Control regular meeting to order on Monday, November 17, 2008 at the Grand Lake Library at 1:12 P.M. The following members were present: John Calzada, Gail Delcambre, Wanita Harrison, Dinah Billings and Cyndi Sellers. Absent were: Kenny Trahan and Magnus McGee, Police Jury ex-officio member.

Guests present were: George LeBouef, Delia Sanders, Rhonda Duhon, Tina Boudreaux, Lee Harrison, Police Jurymen Scott Trahan, Kirk Burleigh and Charles Precht.

Wanita Harrison led the prayer and John Calzada led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the motion of John Calzada, seconded by Gail Delcambre and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the October 18, 2008 minutes.

On the motion of Gail Delcambre, seconded by Wanita Harrison and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the October 27, 2008 minutes.

On the motion of Gail Delcambre, seconded by John Calzada and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the financial report given by Darrell Williams.

Reports and estimates on repairs on Bookmobiles, Lowry, Grand Lake, Hackberry, Grand Chenier, and Cameron branches were given.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Delcambre and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the

lowest estimates for the Cameron electrical pole using Jimmy Kelley's bid of \$850.00.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Harrison and carried the board unanimously voted to accept estimate for repairs on the MEL mobile to be repaired at Martin GMC.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Delcambre and carried the board unanimously voted to accept the lowest of at least three quotes to be submitted for Hackberry Branch Library repairs pending building committee acceptance.

On the motion of Mrs. Delcambre, seconded by Mr. Calzada and carried the board unanimously voted to postpone discussion on per diem for board members.

The Budget Committee Meeting was set to take place after this board meeting with Darrell Williams, Gail Delcambre, Dinah Billings, and Cyndi Sellers to attend.

On the motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mrs. Delcambre and carried the board unanimously voted to set the tax millage at 5.70 mills for an election to take place April, 2009.

On the motion of Mrs. Delcambre, seconded by Mrs. Harrison and carried the board unanimously voted to send the bookmobile to the parish schools as needed.

On the motion of Mrs. Delcambre, seconded by Mrs. Billings and carried the board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session to be discussing personnel. Voting yes on a roll call was Mrs. Delcambre, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Billings and Mrs. Sellers.

On the motion of Mrs. Delcambre, seconded by Mrs. Harrison and carried the board unanimously voted to come out of executive session. Voting yes on a roll card was Mrs. Delcambre, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Billings and Mrs. Sellers.

A hiring committee was appointed to research applicants for library director. Board members Gayle Delcambre, Dinah Billings, and Wanita Harrison with ex-officio Cyndi Sellers are to be on the hiring committee.

There being no further business and upon motion of Wanita Harrison and seconded by Mrs. Dinah Billings the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:
/s/ Cyndi Sellers
CYNDI SELLERS,
BOARD PRESIDENT

ATTEST:
DELIA SANDERS,
SECRETARY
RUN: Dec. 18 (D 48)

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting
Cameron Parish
Drainage District 9
November 10, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Hackberry Community Center

ADMINISTRATIVE:
Byron Gibbs: President
Wesley Hardin: Vice President

Veronica Sellers: Secretary/Treasurer
Members Present: Byron Gibbs, Wesley Hardin, Grant Gremillion, Jared Desormeaux
Member Absent: Paul Constance

Guest: Steve Racca
TREASURER'S REPORT:
Checking Accounting:
\$257,842.54

CDs: \$150,000.00
Minutes of the previous meeting, October 20, 2008 and the Treasurer's Report, were distributed to the board members prior to the meeting. W. Hardin made a motion to approve the minutes of previous meeting as presented. J. Desormeaux seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS:
1. B. Gibbs briefed the board with his and J. Desormeaux's meeting with the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS). The areas that qualified are the Lake Breeze Canal, Joe Dugas, and Alvin Guildry. Concerning the Lake Breeze Canal, the drainage board is responsible for removing the silt from the canal. He asked the board if there were any areas that may qualify for the services. G. Gremillion said he would like to look at the southwest Hackberry natural drainage area because it drains a big part of Hackberry. G. Gremillion and W. Hardin will go look at the area.

2. B. Gibbs asked the board if they wanted to request assistance from the parish on these drainage areas. G. Gremillion made a motion to request the assistance and W. Hardin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. S. Racca briefed the board on the progress of the Cameron Parish recovery. He said that there will be one more pass for debris pickup.

4. The board discussed the Artie Seay project. S. Racca suggested the board get Lonnie Harper, Parish Surveyor, to shoot the grades on both sides of the levee to assure the culvert would be feasible.

5. The next drainage board meeting will be held December 15, 2008 at the Hackberry Permit Office.

With no further business presented before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Veronica Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer.

/s/ Bryon Gibbs
BRYON GIBBS
President

/s/ Veronica Sellers
VERONICA SELLERS
Secretary/Treasurer
RUN: Dec. 18 (D 49)

38th JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
BID ON SURPLUS PROPERTY
DECEMBER 15, 2008

Sealed bids will be received by the Thirty-Eighth Judicial District Court for sale of items deemed as surplus property by court order dated December 15, 2008.

Bids will be received until 12:00 noon, December 30, 2008 and should be mailed to P O Box 578, Cameron, Louisiana, 70631 or delivered to the court offices at 119 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana. Bids should be in an envelope marked "Bid on 38th JDC surplus property." The items to be sold are:

1) MacBook Air-#ZOER
2) Mac Pro, CTO #ZODS
3) Stylus Printer, #C120
RUN: Dec. 18 & 25 (D 50)

PROCEEDINGS

GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT NO. 4
January 10, 2008

Gravity Drainage District No. 4 held a regular meeting at Creole Fire Station in Creole, Louisiana at 6:00 P.M., Thursday, January 10, 2008.

PRESENT: Kevin Boudreaux, Raven Benoit, Leslie Griffith, Walter Rogers, Michael Semien

ABSENT: None
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Boudreaux.

On motion of Mr. Semien, seconded by Mr. Benoit, the minutes were approved.

On motion of Mr. Semien, seconded by Mr. Benoit, the following permits were approved:

1) Ventum Mandalay LP - proposed location and drillsite, Miami Corp. #1 & #2
2) Red Willow Offshore - proposed 2" gas lift & 4" flowline

On motion of Mr. Semien, seconded by Mr. Griffith and carried, the financial report was approved.

On motion of Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Griffith and carried, the following bills were approved for payment:

1) Jeff Davis Electric - \$36.46
2) Cameron Pilot - 54.00
Mike Semien reported Seven-O-Electric had agreed to remove and repair multiple gear boxes.

The Board agreed to hire Lonnie Harper to apply for the necessary permits to clean out LaBauve Bayou from the structure on the Creole Canal east to the ditch in front of Ben Welch's trailer.

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

APPROVED:
KEVIN BOUDREAUX,
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
MICHAEL SEMIEN,
SECRETARY
RUN: Dec. 18 (D 51)

PROCEEDINGS

GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT NO. 4
July 14, 2008

Gravity Drainage District No. 4 held a regular meeting at Creole Fire Station in Creole, Louisiana at 6:30 P.M., Monday, July 14, 2008.

PRESENT: Leslie Griffith, Michael Semien, Raven Benoit, Shane Broussard, Greg Comeaux
ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leslie Griffith.

On motion of Mr. Semien, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried, the minutes were approved.

On motion of Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Comeaux and carried, the financial report was approved

On motion of Mr. Semien, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried, the Board ratified payment of the bills from the prior month.

On motion of Mr. Semien, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried, the following bills were approved for payment:

1) Jeff Davis Electric - \$19.01
2) Styron's, Inc. - 2,330.00
3) Galton B

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2) Roy Bailey's Construction - 4,575.90

3) Cameron Pilot - 24.00
There were no permits for approval.

Mr. Griffith provided an update of ongoing projects. The Board agreed to seek Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection & Restoration Act (CWPPRA) funding for the following projects:

1) To place automatic emergency water release structures at the mouth of LaBaube Bayou, the Oak Grove structure and the King's Bayou structure

2) To replace the levee at the Oak Grove Bridge west of the Creole Canal to the Mermentau River and to repair the east bank.

On motion of Mr. Semien, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried, the Board agreed to issue work requests for the parish road crew to 1) clean the Pumpkin Ridge culverts at the Boudreaux Pasture, 2) to clean the Boyd Allen Nunez lateral at the Oak Grove structure and 3) to clean the lateral from Kirk Landry's to the state highway in Creole.

On motion of Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Broussard and carried, the Board agreed to authorize Lonnie Harper, P.E., to replace tide gauges, as follows: Two (2) at Oak Grove, one on the inside and one on the outside, 1 at Raven Benoit's, 1 at Banjo Theriot's and 1 at the Muria Bridge.

On motion of Mr. Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Semien and carried, the Board agreed to authorize Lonnie Harper, P.E. to apply for the necessary permits for a structure with a flaggate at Snake Bayou East.

On motion of Mr. Comeaux, seconded by Mr. Semien and carried, the Board agreed to ask Myles Hebert if he could provide each of them with aerial photographs of the district.

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

APPROVED:
LESLIE GRIFFITH,
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:
MICHAEL SEMIEN,
SECRETARY
RUN: Dec. 18 (D 53)

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SOUTHWEST LAKE ARTHUR
FIELD
09-35

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

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009, upon the application of WALTER OIL & GAS CORPORATION.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Marginulina Howei Zone, Reservoirs A and B, in the Southwest Lake Arthur Field, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit each for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Marginulina Howei Zone, Reservoirs A and B.

2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed units with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

3. To provide that any future wells drilled to the Marginulina Howei Zone, Reservoirs A and B, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of LAC 43:XIX.1901 et seq. (Statewide Order No. 29-E).

4. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the reservoirs by Supplemental Order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent. The Marginulina Howei Zone is hereby defined as being the stratigraphic equivalent of that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 14,550' and 14,990' (electrical log measurements) in the Union Oil Company-Dixie Rice No. 1 Well, located in Section 14, Township 12 South, Range 3 West.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in Baton Rouge and Lafayette, Louisiana. www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof. BY ORDER OF:

JAMES H. WELSH
COMMISSIONER OF
CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, LA
12/4/08;12/9/08
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IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUIRED UNDER AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION-ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P.O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.
RUN: Dec. 18 (D 54)

Who was Christ? Here is what we do & don't know

(EDITOR'S NOTE-- During the early 1970s, Professor T. J. Ratliff, local educator and historian, wrote a column for the DeQuincy News recalling events over a long career as a teacher in this area. The following column was printed on Dec. 21, 1971.)

By T. J. RATLIFF

To most Believers Christ was truly the Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea at a time when Caesar Augustus, emperor of the Roman empire, gave orders that every inhabitant of the empire should return to his birth place to be enrolled and pay his taxes.

This order applied to Roman citizens and non-citizens alike and as far as we know Joseph, the husband of Mary, was not a citizen as was Saul of Tarsus, better known as St. Paul or the Apostate Paul.

Historians are not able to fix the exact year or even the time of year that Christ was born, but some think that we may be in error from three to six years, that He was born that many years previous to the time from which Christian nations begin their calendar. Various dates have been, and still are in some countries, observed as the birth of Christ.

To the Hebrews of the time His name was Joshua ben Joseph (the son of Joseph), Jesus being the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua. To some professing Christians He was the son of Joseph and Mary with nothing supernatural about His birth, but that he was possessed of an insight and understanding of the principles of Godly living, love and charity to a far greater extent than any person who has ever lived.

To them he was the greatest of a long line of great Teachers who have lived and taught before and since His time. A great many Hebrews accept him as such but do not accept Him as the promised Messiah.

To the followers of Mohammed, the Moslems, he was a great Prophet but to them Mohammed, who came some 600 years after Christ, was the last and greatest of the Prophets.

Bye Bye headaches

(NAPSA)-Here's an idea you may be happy to get your head around: Doctors have more ways than ever to relieve headaches. That's just as well, considering that the National Institutes of Health estimates that 45 million Americans suffer chronic headaches.

Headaches result when muscles and blood vessels outside your skull put pressure on your nerves, sending a "pain message" to your brain.

Try these tips
Get A Good Night's Sleep: Your nervous system requires sleep to function properly. A regular schedule of seven to nine hours of sleep a night will keep your body's sleep-wake cycle in order. Changes to your sleep schedule can cause cluster headaches, which occur without warning and are characterized by a sudden, sharp pain that can reach maximum intensity within minutes of onset.

Reduce Tension: Muscles in the neck, shoulder and scalp tighten and contract as a response to stress. This anxiety-induced reaction can lead to tension headaches. I use breathing exercises to reduce stress. To rid your body of tension, try this: Take slow, deep breaths to clear your mind.

See Your Doctor: Go to the emergency room for headaches that start after a head or neck injury or cause difficulties with speech. If headaches occur at least three times a month, or you experience an abrupt, severe headache, see your doctor.

Save Money - If the cost of treating your headaches is adding to your tension, consider this: There's a health care discount program that offers savings on prescriptions, vision care, dental care, complementary and alternative health care treatments, vitamins and supplements by mail and more than 1,500 fitness clubs nationwide.

Called HealthSaver, the program is not an insurance product or service and it's offered by Affinion Group, a leader in membership, insurance and loyalty marketing businesses.

More information is online at www.healthsaver.com

Some Christian sects believe in and follow other and later prophets, but also believe that Christ was the Son of God.

Roman and Greek mythology is filled with stories of the demi-gods, men and women born of one mortal and one divine parent. Usually the divine parent was the father and mother of a mortal, but there were cases where the reverse was believed. I have often wondered what effect these myths had on the willingness of the Greeks and Romans to accept the story of the Virgin Birth of Jesus!

Did it make it easier for them to accept the story of the birth of Christ or did they thrust the story aside as "just another story of a miracle working demi-god"? The effect probably varied with the individual and the Athenians do not seem to have been greatly impressed by Paul's preaching.

No one knows for sure what Jesus looked like in his physical body. There are no detailed descriptions of Him in the Bible and if there were any contemporary pictures painted of Him they have not survived. The artists of each ethnic group have tended to paint Him like one of themselves.

I doubt that He was the blue eyed blonde with flowing brown hair and beard like most western artists have painted Him. The earliest pictures which now exist go back to about two centuries after Christ and show Him as resembling the brunette Semitic people of the Middle East. This seems more logical to me, as He was in the flesh as a Jew.

I doubt that he was the rather delicate, almost effeminate person as he is generally portrayed. One of the Hebrew prophets described Him as having no physical beauty.

After all, if tradition is correct, that tradition is about all we have. He worked as a village carpenter during the years from the time He was in the Temple at the age of twelve until He was about thirty when He began his ministry. Carpenter tools of the time were rather crude by modern standards, no power saws, no hard steel cutting tools such as knives, chisels and planes.

A carpenter had to be rather strong and well muscled to handle these tools. Life was rugged and only the strong survived long. I imagine that Mary must have been a rather sturdy young woman herself, she had to be to endure what she endured and she may have passed her strength on to her Son; mothers do that today.

What He was like physically is not important now. The important thing is that he went about doing good; feeding the hungry, healing the sick, the blind, the lame, comforting the comfortless and above all teaching men principles by which they could live in this life; principles of right conduct, ideals of love and forgiveness, the ideal of sharing with each other and giving answer to the question that has troubled men from the first and which Job put into words: "If a man die, shall he live again?"

He still remains as the Greatest Life ever lived and is worthy of the respect and honor we pay Him at this season. May the Peace and Love of God be with you all as we observe the birthday of His Son!

Still Wondering, Still Praying

WOW! Has anyone ever seen Cameron on the front pages so much? At long last, the Jury, the Administrator, the OSHEP Director, the Parish Planner and the District Attorney are all now fighting, even pleading for help. It seems that they may be losing or not getting the monies they need for whatever reasons. What good is it to build new government buildings, school board offices, schools and yes, even churches if there are no people living here? If they finally get anyone to listen, it seems that at the top of the list would be to rid our parish of these codes imposed by FEMA and enforced by our local government. Common sense tells any of us to build stronger and higher, but that should be our choice, especially when we own our land through generations of laboring, living, loving this beautiful place we "once" called home.

Diana Green of Houston wrote that the people of Cameron are complaining too much and should take some responsibility in rebuilding after 3 years, instead of asking for temporary housing. Well, Ms. Green, we cannot rebuild and do not want to leave this place, that's why. Let us reach deep in our hearts and faith in order to have a Peaceful, Blessed and Loving Christmas.

Gary Dimas

The WAY in a manger

By HARLAN S. MORGAN

John 14:6 *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

Some said He was just a teacher. Others described Him only as another prophet. While some marveled at His good works, others scoffed at Him, declaring Him to be an imposter. Herod desired to kill him.

To Mary and Joseph, He was more than just an infant lying in the manger. To the shepherds on the hillside, the angel declared, "Fear not: behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord!" (Luke 2:10-11)

A Savior, and oh what a savior!

Jesus Christ is not just a way of salvation. He is the way of salvation!

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21)

A way in a manger, no crib for a bed.

I listened intently, that's what the song said.

The wonderful story, the miraculous birth.

How God in the flesh had come down to earth.

Leaving splendor of Heaven and angels of praise,

To become just a baby lain in the hay.

Trading royal apparel and crown on His head, For swaddling clothes and a stable instead.

What was the intention, the reason, the why?

For the God of all glory to come down from on high?

He'd given His Word, but they did not obey.

The world was so blinded, it knew not the way.

But piercing the blackness and darkness of night, Jesus came to us, and said, "I'm the Light!"

To a world starved from spiritual hunger and dread, Jesus proclaimed, "I am the Bread!"

The world groped along sin's prison cell floor,

But with hope in His voice, He said, "I'm the Door!"

When no sacrifice for my sin could be found,

Jesus just whispered, "I am the Lamb!"

The Shepherd, the Comfort, the Teacher and Friend,

Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.

The Protector, Provider, and King of all kings.

The Savior of those who obey and believe.

A Way a manger, did I hear you say?

Who is this child asleep on the hay?

He's not just another grand story to tell.

He is the Difference between Heaven and Hell.

The Almighty God, the Ancient of Days,

The Truth and the Life, He is The Way!



Live oak trees may be planted in the winter

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.

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 and www.lsuagcenter.com/lyn.

— Job Openings —
Cameron Parish Police Jury will accept job applications until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 30, 2008 for two (2) full-time road & bridge crewmen for the Holly Beach/Johnson Bayou area.
Cameron Parish Police Jury does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, national origin, or political or religious opinions.
RUN: Dec. 18 & 25 (D 44)

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FIREFIGHTER I PREFERRED
Please send resumes with salary requirements to: Cameron Fire District #1, P. O. Box 1506, Cameron, Louisiana, 70631.
All resumes must be received by January 5, 2009.
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Father Lozano to lead Hispanic Ministry

LAKE CHARLES - Even at the age 73 it is the first thing you notice about Father Arturo Lozano - his energy and his seeming innate ability to get things done, even on short notice. Father Lozano, a Jesuit, had hardly been appointed to his new post as Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Lake Charles before being handed his first assignment. The job was providing logistics for participants in the Guadalupe Torch Run on November 10-11 as they made their way from Mexico City to New York. Providing a place to stay, food to eat, set up the special Mass at St. Henry and getting local runners to take part in the relay which honored Our Lady of Guadalupe was taken care of with aplomb.



Rev. Arturo Lozano, S.J. Daniel Torres.

"From my beginning as Director of Hispanic Ministry in Lafayette in 1999 in just a small office, my motto has been "let's get organized," Father Lozano said.

As he begins his new job in a familiar ministry here in the Diocese of Lake Charles, Father Lozano is doing just that. He currently shares an office at St. Henry Church with the Very Rev.

He is much further along here than he was when he started in Lafayette. There he literally started from scratch. "I didn't have an office, didn't have a desk, didn't have a computer, didn't have books or bookshelves," Father Lozano said. Here he has a shared office and many of the accoutrements of his ministry.

Besides office, secretary and books, Father Lozano sees com-

munication as another basic need.

"Good communication leads to good comprehension, good comprehension avoids tension and if you avoid tension you have the possibility of finding harmony and unity, and in the long run a fruitful apostolate."

He is developing a survey for his constituency so that he can be "well informed of who they are, how many they are, where they are, what are the needs that they perceive in their community, and what are the talents they can offer as service for the community."

While Father Lozano noted he is ready to do everything needed, he "won't do anything alone. I am going to rely on the survey to provide a solid figure of how many Hispanic Catholics there are in the diocese, what are their capacities, what are their needs, and what will be the priorities from which I have to select."

Born in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico in 1935, he entered the Society of Jesus in 1953. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Jesuits on Sept. 23, 1967 in Mexico City.

With the Shepherds and Magi, Rejoice!

Dearly Beloved of the Diocese of Lake Charles,

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled" (Luke 2:1). With those momentous words, St. Luke begins his account of the immediate circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. What strikes me and has struck so many over the years is the definite time dimension of those words.

St. Luke wants to make very clear that Jesus is an historical figure. He is born at a particular time and place. Augustus is Caesar, Quirinius is governor (Luke 2:2), Bethlehem is the town in Judea, and a census brings about the movement to the location. We are not dealing with myth or legend. This is not make-believe. St. Luke seems to be saying, "Check the facts."

Into this history, the world's history, time and place, the Lord of History is born. About this the Letter to the Hebrews speaks: "In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe" (Hebrews 1:1-2).

We are invited to a personal relationship with Jesus. When we have a personal relationship with Jesus, we want to come to know Him better. Christmas helps us to do this. Christmas introduces us to His mother, Mary. It introduces us to Joseph, John the Baptist, Zechariah and Elizabeth, the shepherds, and the magi. Each tells us his or her story and how that story relates to Jesus Christ.

The Gospels and our worship will speak of Jesus. We will bring what we hear and celebrate into our homes. We will join around our Christmas trees and our dining room tables, and everything we do from gift giving to special meals will speak of Jesus.

It was a great blessing for me to celebrate Mass for the prisoners at the Calcasieu Correctional Center on Thanksgiving Day. I will return there to celebrate Mass on Christmas morning and go to C. Paul Phelps Correctional Center near DeQuincy to celebrate Mass on New Year's Day. The prisoners attend Mass with such love and prayerful devotion. They are thankful for what God does for them. Along with my visit for Masses with the people of Cameron Parish on December 6 and 7, I saw many who had suffered and were still suffering. In their hearts, as well as ours, was a longing for Our Lord. May the Lord Jesus quickly come and be reborn in us.

I would ask you to do something more. Do not forget the homebound, the sick, and those in nursing or retirement facilities. Many of them have no family. No one will visit some of them on Christmas Day or over the holidays. For them Christmas is one of the loneliest times of year. Out of the love you have for Christ, make time to visit them. A simple visit, a simple gift, will mean a great deal to them.

I extend my blessings to you and your families for Christmas and the Season that lasts through the New Year. May Jesus, born of a virgin, in time and place, continue to make His presence known to you.

Merry Christmas!

+Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles



Bishop Glen John Provost

Massive postcard campaign aimed at members of Congress

LAKE CHARLES - The Diocese of Lake Charles is joining dioceses across the country in a concerted effort to provide members of Congress with their voices of objection regarding the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) and to let them know the need to "retain laws against federal funding and promotion of abortion."

A massive campaign to send postcards to all members of Congress has been endorsed by the Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, with the leadership of its chairman, Justin Cardinal Rigali. Here in the Diocese of Lake Charles that effort is being coordinated through the Office of Pro-Life and its director, Kathy Owen, to the pro-life directors in each parish of the Diocese. Postcards will be distributed in mid-January, 2009 in the parishes and available for signing the week-end of January 24-25. For information about the postcard campaign and how you can participate, contact your parish pro-life director or Owen at the Office of Pro-Life, 337-439-7400.

Bishop Glen John Provost has sent a special message to the people of the Diocese detailing the urgency of the situation and how they can help.

"The work for pro-life is the responsibility of everyone but particularly us as Catholics who consistently preach a Gospel of Life," Bishop Provost said. The Bishop noted that the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Francis Cardinal George of Chicago, reminded everyone of this fact in a statement, which was unanimously endorsed by all the bishops of the country at their November meeting in Baltimore.

"One serious threat facing us is what is called the Freedom of Choice Act or FOCA," Bishop Provost continued. "Cardinal George outlined a number of consequences adverse to life which would occur if FOCA, as it is presently proposed, becomes law."

Those consequences as outlined in Cardinal George's statement "include removing any 'interference' to abortion at will; depriving the states of the freedom to enact regulations on the abortion industry; outlawing parental notification and informed consent precautions; deregulating abortion clinics; abrogating the Hyde Amendment that restricts federal funding for abortions; compromising the consciences of doctors, nurses,

and health care workers whose personal convictions do not permit them to cooperate in the killing of unborn children; and threatening Catholic health care institutions and Catholic Charities."

Cardinal George's statement was printed in the Dec. 5 edition of the *Catholic Calendar*, the page published every two weeks by the Diocese in the American Press, the Beauregard Daily News, the Jennings Daily News, and the Cameron Pilot. That edition of the page and the Cardinal's statement is now available for download from the diocesan website - lcdiocese.org.

Also of concern are Executive Orders, which the new President may sign, in the early days of his presidency.

"The possibility exists that a new Congress and a new Administration could eliminate what few pro-life protections remain in place," Bishop Provost said.

In his letter to the people Bishop Provost asked for their help. "The threat is serious," he said. "I firmly believe that failure to voice an objection and concern would be morally delinquent. I ask also for your prayers in support of life."

Father Mancuso honored as community advocate

LAKE CHARLES - The Rev. Henry Mancuso, Secretary for the Ministry of Pastoral Services of the Diocese of Lake Charles, and pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, recently was honored with the National Family Week Advocacy Award at Child Advocate Night sponsored Family & Youth.

Father Mancuso received the



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honor in recognition of his service as a community activist and advocate for those who have no voice; speaking out and taking action on their behalf at the local, state, and national levels. Father Mancuso, in addition to ministering to the spiritual needs of his parishioners at Sacred Heart, has established Project Build a Future, which works to build affordable housing, allowing people to enjoy home ownership while at the same time serving as a source of community pride in revitalizing the neighborhood around Sacred Heart Church.

In his position as Secretary for Pastoral Services, Father Mancuso is working to strengthen and grow the local Catholic Charities organization to better serve those in need in Southwest Louisiana. In addition, Father Mancuso is a founding member and driving force in the Lake Area Ministerial Alliance, and serves as chairperson of the Mayor's Leadership Team for Community and Race Relations.

Abrazando Cristo Mission trip set July 4-12

LAKE CHARLES - The 2009 Abrazando Cristo Mission Trip to Nicaragua will be July 4-12, according to the Rev. Daniel Torres.

Cost of the trip is \$1,600.00, which will cover all air and ground transportation, meals, lodging, tips, taxes, retreat, and two mission shirts. Only 25 spaces are available.

For an information packet/registration form please contact Fr. Torres at 337-439-7400, Ext. 215. A \$250.00 non-refundable deposit is due by Jan. 15th to secure a seat.

Did you know ...

Three parishes in what is now the Diocese of Lake Charles were established in 1955. All were overseen by priests of the Missionaries of Our Lady of LaSalette. The first to be founded was St. Peter the Apostle

Church in Hackberry on April 29 while St. John Bosco in Westlake was established on June 24. Those were formed under the episcopacy of The Most Reverend Jules B. Jeanmard. On Nov. 1, The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder established the parish of Our Lady of

LaSalette in DeQuincy. **Bishop Glen John Provost has his office in the Chancery Building on Iris Street. Other locations housed the Episcopal Offices in the early years of the Diocese. Do you know those locations? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar.**

The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24 through Jan. 2 and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5. The next Catholic Calendar will be published on January 16, 2009. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mass Schedule for Christmas in the Diocese of Lake Charles

<p>Bell City St. John Vianney (7120 Hwy. 14 E.) 4:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Big Lake St. Mary of the Lake at St. Patrick Chapel (469 Hwy. 27, Sweetlake) 4:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Cameron Our Lady Star of the Sea at St. Patrick Chapel (469 Hwy. 27, Sweetlake) 4:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Carlyss St. Theresa of the Child Jesus (4822 Carlyss Dr.) 4:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Creole Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. Patrick Chapel (469 Hwy. 27, Sweetlake) 4:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>DeQuincy Our Lady of LaSalette, (203 S. Grand Ave.) 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>DeRidder St. Joseph (1125 Blankenship Dr.) 6:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Elizabeth St. Frances of Rome Chapel (204 Poplar St.) 8:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Eilton St. Joseph (Washington St.) 4:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day) St. Paul (1100 St. Mary St.) 7:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Fenton St. Charles Borromeo (804 Third Ave.) 7:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:45 a.m.,</p>	<p>2:00 p.m. Extraordinary Form (Day)</p> <p>Grand Chenier St. Eugene at St. Patrick Chapel (469 Hwy. 27, Sweetlake) 4:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Hackberry St. Peter the Apostle (1210 Main St.) 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Iowa St. Peter Claver Chapel (503 Second Street) 5:30 p.m. (Eve)</p> <p>St. Raphael (211 Thompson Ave.) 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Jennings Immaculate Conception (705 S. Lake Arthur Ave.) 4:00 p.m. (Eve); 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. (Day) Our Lady Help of Christians (710 N. State St.) 4:00 p.m. (Church & St. Mary Center), 6:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help (920 S. Broadway) 10:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:30 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Kinder St. Philip Neri (607 Fourth Ave.) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Lacassine St. John the Evangelist Chapel (306 Ann St.) 4:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Lake Arthur Our Lady of the Lake (203 Commercial Ave.) 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Lake Charles Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Corner of Kirby and Bilbo Streets)</p>	<p>4:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day) Christ the King (7680 Gulf Hwy.) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day) Immaculate Heart of Mary (2031 Opelousas St.) 4:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Our Lady of Good Counsel (221 Aqua Dr.) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day) Our Lady Queen of Heaven (3939 Lake St.) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Sacred Heart of Jesus (1102 Mill St.) 4:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day) St. Henry (1021 Eighth Ave.) 4:45 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Spanish) (Eve) 8:00 a.m. (Day) St. Margaret of Scotland (2500 Enterprise Blvd.) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day) St. Martin de Porres (5326 Elliott Rd.) 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day) St. Patrick Hospital Chapel (524 S. Ryan St.) 9:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>LeBlau Settlement St. Joseph Chapel (2110 Claude Hebert Road) 4:00 p.m. (Eve)</p> <p>Miss Bluff St. Theodore (785 Sam Houston Jones Pkwy.) 4:30 p.m. 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)</p>	<p>Oakdale Sacred Heart of Jesus (1208 E. 7th Ave.) 7:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Oberlin St. Joan of Arc (112 S. Seventh St.) 5:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Ragley St. Pius X Chapel (16816 Hwy 171) 5:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Raymond St. Lawrence (5505 Pine Island Hwy.) 5:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Sulphur Our Lady of Prompt Succor (1109 Cypress St.) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Immaculate Conception (2700 Maplewood Dr.) 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day) Our Lady of LaSalette (602 N. Claiborne St.) 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Sweetlake St. Patrick Chapel (469 Hwy. 27, Sweetlake) 4:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Vinton St. Joseph (1502 Industrial St.) 4:00 PM, 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Welsch Our Lady of Seven Dolours (209 N. Adams St.) 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day) St. Joseph (310 N. Sarah St.) 8:30 a.m. (Day)</p> <p>Westlake St. John Bosco (1301 Sampson St.) 4:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)</p>
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THE HACKBERRY 4-H CLUB sponsored a Christmas Card Contest the winners are pictured above along with their creations.



GRAND LAKE Head Start children sang for senior citizens at the Council on Aging Christmas party.

Merry Christmas
Have A Safe & Blessed Christmas Season



POLICE JUROR Darryl Farque is shown presenting Ina Boudreaux with a framed print as a door prize from Cameron Communications at the Cameron Council on Aging Senior Citizen Christmas party.



SOME OF the Americorps members and Council on Aging staff are pictured with Santa at the Senior Citizen Christmas party.



THE CAMERON COUNCIL on Aging has recognized Older Workers of the Year, J. D. Frugé and Barbara Wolfe.



HB 4-Hers hold contest

The Hackberry 4-H Club sponsored a Christmas Card Contest. The winners are as follows:

Most Christmasy - 1st, Clint Welch; 2nd, Amber Vincent.

Most Artistic - 1st, Gracie Devall; 2nd, Brittany Gibbs.

Most Comical - 1st, Jeanne Trahan.

Most Original - 1st, Jonathon Landry; 2nd, Maygan Rafield.

Best Slogan - 1st, Jolie Trahan.

Most Beautiful - 1st, Sydney Broussard; 2nd, Lexie Stine.

McNeese tells parish graduates

Dr. Jeanne Daboval, provost and vice president for academic affairs at McNeese State University, conferred degrees on 820 candidates at the university's fall commencement Saturday, Dec. 13, at Burton Coliseum. According to the McNeese Registrar's Office. Candidates were:

Master of Arts in Teaching

SECONDARY EDUCATION GRADES 6-12: Shaunteil Lynette Kyle, Hackberry.

SPECIAL EDUCATION M I L D M O D E R A T E GRADES 1-12: Derinda Morris Mouton, Creole.

Bachelor of General Studies

GENERAL STUDIES: Brooke Leigh Gripp, Cameron. Michelle Darlene LeBleu, Grand Chenier.

Bachelor of Science FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES:

Karisha Patrice Ellison, Cameron.

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

ACCOUNTING: Morgan Jade Abshire, Grand Lake.

Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY: John P. Trosclair, Cameron.

Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication

MASS COMMUNICATION: Jessica Duhon, Hackberry.

Bachelor of Science in Management

MANAGEMENT: Terry L. Menard, Grand Chenier.

Associate of General Studies

GENERAL STUDIES: Doris Marie Mayne, Cameron.

A Christmas Holiday With All The *Bright* Trimmings



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Cameron State Bank wishes all of our friends, family and customers a holiday overflowing with the magic of the season and trimmed with the hope of a bright New Year.



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