

Holly Beach meeting set

A town meeting will be held at the Holly Beach fire hall Thursday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. to update progress for the sewerage system, change of treatment plant site, discuss bond issue, and give a L.C.D.B.G update.

Andre Savoie on All-SW La. grid team

South Cameron's Andre Savoie was named to the Lake Charles American Press All Southwest LA football team for small schools.

The small schools team consists of outstanding players from area schools with a classification of 2A or smaller.

Savoie, a 6 foot 175 pound senior, was named as a defensive back on the squad.

S. Cameron wrestlers win at tourney

South Cameron High wrestlers participated in a ten-team dual tournament hosted by Sulphur High School Thursday, Dec. 23.

Senior Dane Dupont led the way, going 4-0 in the 135 lb. class while improving his overall record to 20-3.

B. J. Abshire was also undefeated, as he posted a perfect 4-0 for the day in the 112 lb. class.

Resolutions to better self and others

By CYNDI SELLERS

As the new year approaches, many people make resolutions to improve some area of their lives over the next year. These often involve diet, exercise, elimination of bad habits, or cultivation of better habits.

Many times the resolution is broken early on, and next year the same ones are dragged out again. For those in a resolution rut, or those looking for resolution ideas, here are a few to choose from.

In 2005 I resolve to: Spread the message of Christmas throughout the year by committing random acts of kindness toward total strangers.

Become a better citizen by getting involved in community service.

Be a safer driver, using my low beams in rain and fog and making sure all my passengers wear seatbelts, especially children.

Enlarge my mind by reading good books, perhaps from the library which has thousands.

Take care of the beautiful world I live in by not littering or dumping trash and occasionally cleaning up after someone else.

Donate my Christmas tree to the marsh restoration project.

Help an elderly or infirm neighbor with yard or housework.

Fight the current trend toward uncivility by striving to be more polite, remembering "a soft answer turneth away wrath."

Smile more.
May peace, love and joy fill your new year.

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New Year's Greetings
To One & All

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SNOW IN CAMERON? Yes, there was snow in Cameron Parish on Christmas Eve. This picture shows the Jo Jo Gaspard house in Cameron on Christmas morning. Snow was also reported in the Creole and Grand Chenier ares. (Photo by DeDe Nunez.)

Courthouse needs plumbing repairs

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Police Jury addressed the need for repairs to the aging court house plumbing system at its agenda meeting Monday night. The cast iron pipes, installed in 1937, have been rusting out, causing leakage of raw sewage from the jail into the offices of the Sheriff's department below.

Each time a leak occurs, it costs around \$3000 a day to repair it, according to staff. Ceiling tile and light fixtures have been damaged and not yet replaced.

The jury proposes to replace the entire jail plumbing system as a permanent solution to the problem. The estimated cost of the project is between \$160,000 and \$200,000. The parish has \$750,000 set aside in a fund for court house and police jury building repairs.

If approved, all the pipes, the ceiling and light fixtures, and plumbing fixtures will be replaced. The jail fixtures will have to be replaced with new ones meeting jail code. The project will be on the agenda at the regular police jury meeting Jan. 3.

The jury briefly considered, and then rejected, a suggestion to pursue building a completely new law enforcement center to move the jail out of the court house.

Also on next week's agenda will be a proposal to change the hours the parish noise ordinance is in effect from 10 p.m. - 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. - 7 a.m. on weekdays, with weekends and holidays at 9 p.m. - 10 a.m.

There would be an exception for public performances or for public gatherings or parades for which a permit has been issued. Also, the two written statements required for a complaint would no longer have to come from two separate households.

The jury decided to change the meeting time for the agenda meetings to 4:30 p.m., keeping the days the same.

Agenda meetings will continue to be held on the last Monday of the month and regular meetings will be at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of each month for 2005.

Road crew business took up the majority of the meeting time, with the jury discussing whether to fix a broken grader in the Sweetlake area, at a cost of \$10,000 - \$12,000, and also whether to enter into a lease purchase agreement on a new smaller grader to be used as a substitute when the older ones are down for repair. The cost would be \$20,000 a year for five years. The large parish graders are all 30 years old and have all had major repairs.

Juror Sonny McGee asked to have Deep Bayou Road striped with state quality material due to the dangerous curves on the road and lack of streetlights. The 2.9 miles would cost about \$6500 to stripe. Other jurors mentioned roads in their districts which also need new striping, but they agreed to wait and see how the road royalty payments shape up over the next few months and then seek a

parishwide project.

A major discussion on the pay scale and evaluations for road crew foremen resulted in the appointment of a committee to create appropriate evaluation criteria for foremen. Sonny McGee, Steve Trahan, Scott Trahan, Ellis Nunez, and Tina Horn will serve on the committee.

At issue was whether there should be rating levels for foremen, with corresponding pay scales, or all foremen be ranked and paid the same. Jurors James Doxey and Darryl Farque opposed the ranking system, saying all foremen should be equal, while McGee and the both Trahans argued that ranks would give foremen incentive to improve.

A proposal to abandon the last 100' of Carter Rd. in Cameron will be brought up for a hearing and vote at Monday's meeting. Homeland security issues have been cited as the need for the abandonment.

The jury will also elect new officers and appoint the parish administrator and parish treasurer at this meeting.

Book Clubs' books are told

The Cameron Parish Library will be hosting their monthly book club on Jan. 6 at 5 p.m. The book being discussed will be "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe". A free copy of the book can be checked out at the library anytime before the meeting. McNeese English Professor, Delma Porter, will head the book discussion.

Johnson Bayou Branch Library will host their monthly book club meeting on Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. The book being discussed will be "To Kill a Mocking Bird". A free copy of the book can be checked out at the library anytime before the meeting. McNeese English

Professor, Delma Porter, will head this book discussion also

Participants of both groups are encouraged to bring a snack for the group. Please call 775-5421 or 569-2892 for more information.



THE LOUISIANA Fur and Wildlife Festival has the reputation of being the "coldest festival in the state" since it is held in January every year. These three young ladies were dressed warmly when they rode on a float in last year's festival parade. This year's parade will be held Saturday, Jan. 8.

Festival parade to be held Saturday, Jan. 8

KPLC-TV personalities and representatives of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival will serve as the parade marshals for the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival's annual parade set for 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 8 in Cameron, according to Freddie Richard, parade chairman.

The parade will line up on the east side of Cameron and will start at the Methodist Church. No throws will be put on the floats until they reach the starting point.

The route proceeds through town, turning south

at the FDF office and disbanding on the back street.

This year's parade will honor the menhaden industry. Judges will be in front of Hibernia Bank to judge the floats from the different categories including junior division, senior division, commercial division and the Ed Swindell Memorial Award.

The parade also welcomes horseback riders, bicycles, trucks, etc.

If you have an entry, please contact Freddie Richard at 775-7382 after 5 p.m.

Discarded Christmas trees will help save marshes here

(Lake Charles American Press)

The Cameron Parish Police Jury in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources is using discarded Christmas trees in the Cameron Parish Wetlands.

To have your tree included: place tree at the roadside next to your home before Friday, Jan. 14 for pickup by the Cameron Parish Road Crew. Please keep separate from other garbage. Please remove all ornaments and tinsel from your tree. Flocked trees will not be picked up, as they are a hazard to wildlife and fish; therefore, not acceptable for this project.

Specially designed fences are built out of wood and

filled with the clean, discarded trees.

The fences are designed to slow water movement and trap sediments, but still allow water to flow.

This year the trees will be used to reinforce three existing Christmas tree fences--two in Calcasieu and one in Cameron.

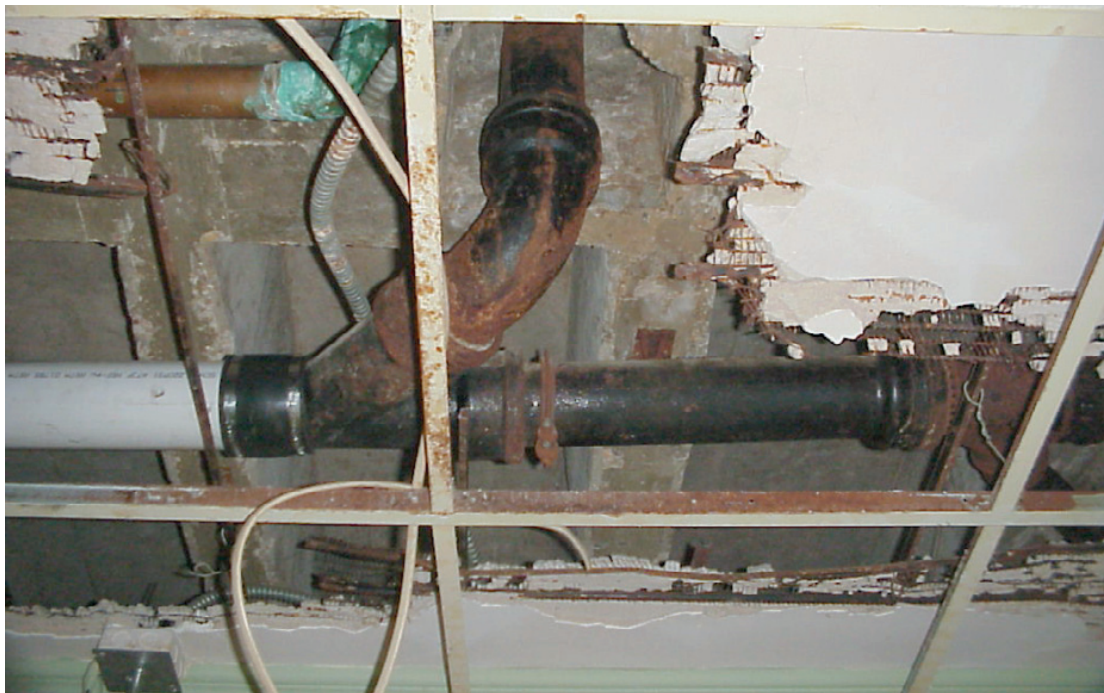
Calcasieu's project sites are east of the Ellender Bridge and in Turner's Bay near Calcasieu Point landing.

Calcasieu Parish plans to place about 3,000 Christmas trees in the existing brush fences at the Ellender Bridge site and 2,000 trees at the Turner's Bay site.

About 5,000 trees will be used in the Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge in Cameron Parish.



TWO QUEENS will give up their crowns at the annual Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival to be held in Cameron Jan. 6-8. Left is Trista Semien, the 2004 Fur Queen, from Creole. Right is Ashley Picou, Miss Cameron Parish, of Grand Lake. Miss Picou will compete for the Fur Queen title this year. Miss Semien was Miss Cameron Parish in 2003.



ANTIQUATED PLUMBING in the 67 year old Cameron Court House has been rusting out in several places, causing smelly, unsanitary conditions and considerable damage to offices below the jail in the Sheriff's Office. Repeated patch jobs have been made, but the Police Jury is considering replacing the entire jail plumbing system. The matter will be taken up at Monday's regular Police Jury meeting. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THIS BEAUTIFUL scene was photographed at Pelican's Point at Hebert's Marina on Big Lake. Many new summer homes are being built in this area. (Photo by Capt. Sammie Faulk.)

Funeral

MARGARET "PEANUT" CRYER

Margaret "Peanut" Cryer, 44, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2004, in Lake Charles.

Born in Lake Charles, she lived in Cameron most of her life. She was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and worked as a certified nurse's assistant at South Cameron Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Victor Cryer of Cameron; mother, Carmen Peshoff of Cameron; two sons, David and Brent Maia, both of Cameron; a daughter, Chasidy Guillory of Glendale, Ariz.; two brothers, David Dyson of Virginia Beach, Va., and William Dyson of Cameron; four sisters, Laura Hebert of Cameron, Gloria Salazar of Mauriceville, Tex., Martha Boone of St. Augustine, Tex., and Cheryl Bradley of Green Cove Springs, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Tuesday, Dec. 28, from Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron. Father Jack Poerio officiated. Burial was in the church's cemetery.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Cameron Pilot, Dec. 30, 1971)

DOXEY RETIRES

Rupert Doxey, chairman of the Cameron Parish Democratic Executive Committee and a member of the committee for 30 years, was honored at a meeting of the committee last week when he announced his retirement.

Members of the committee are: Garner Nunez, Kenneth Nunez, H. Ward Fontenot, J. A. Lowery, Ronald Istre, Dr. Cecil W. Clark, Lionel A. Theriot and Jerry G. Jones.

MISS CAMERON

Seven Cameron Parish girls have entered the Miss Cameron Parish contest to be held during the Friday night program of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, Jan. 7. Pamela Gail Riggs, of Hackberry, the reigning Miss Cameron Parish, will give up her crown that night to the winner.

Contestants who will be competing are: Cindi Lynn Tanner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tanner of Cameron; Peggy Ann Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kelly of Cameron; Glenda Marie Schexnider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Schexnider of Hackberry; Lara January, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John January of Grand Chenier; Brenda Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Taylor, Sr. of Sweetlake; Wanda Devall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Devall of Grand Lake.

doctor's help. Sometimes it can grow so large that surgical drainage is advised.

There are some look-alike lesions that can mimic a sty, so if it doesn't clear promptly in 5-7 days be sure you see your ophthalmologist for an evaluation.

CHAMPION TO PERFORM

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

On Jan. 7 and 8, Cameron Parish will honor one of the industries which plays such an important role in its economy, the fur industry, with the 16th annual Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival.

On hand to defend his state muskrat skinning title will be J. A. Miller, a young fur trapper who this year set a new world record at the National Outdoor Show in Cambridge, Maryland, by skinning five muskrats in 52.1 seconds. The old world record was 63 seconds.

Miller traps with his father, Fletcher, who has been in the business over 40 years in Cameron Parish. The Millers trap on about 6000 acres.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

Grand Chenier--The lighting contest was a big success. Very many beautiful outdoor decoration were seen. One unusual scene was the first decorative boat seen here at the Chenier, that of Claude V. (Pete) McCall's Sunrise II docked at the wharf along the Mermentau River. Lights were strung along the outline of the boat and Santa, with a bag of toys on the top of the boat, waved to everyone.

The Sweetlake HD Club, sponsors of the Christmas lighting contest for the Sweetlake area, announced these winners: Outdoor lighting--the Irvin Richards, 1st, winning an electric skillet; the Donas Mathisons, 2nd; the Mike Taylors, 3rd; and the Ray Beards, Charles Prechts and Murphy Gradneys, honorable mention.

ROUNABOUT THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Sunday school teachers for 1972 at Ebenezer Baptist Church are Lee J. Harrison, Mrs. Irene Bartie, Rudolph Bartie, Sr., Mrs. Mary Cockrell, Mrs. Susie LaSalle. Secretaries are Cornelia and Rudolph Bartie, Jr., Vickie Sturlese and Mrs. Cheryl Savoy. Music will be conducted by Gregory Harrison and Alcy Bartie, Jr., and song leaders are Carol Cockrell, Cornelia Bartie and Dexter Harrison.

Hackberry News

By GRACE WELCH

CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

C.C.D. classes will resume Sunday, Jan. 2.

Adoration is Saturday Jan. 1, 5 p.m. until Sunday, Jan. 2 at St. Peter's Church in Hackberry.

The Diocese of Lake Charles, Alexandria and Baton Rouge will sponsor a retreat for young men age 16 and over at Saint Charles' Center in Moss Bluff, Jan 14-16.

This retreat has helped men to discuss whether God is calling them to the Diocesan Priesthood. For more information contact Father Roland Vaughn at 762-3365.

Bingo will be Saturday, Jan. 8 at 5:15 p.m. in the Hall.

TRIP

Michelle McInnis of Lake Charles and her brother Luke McInnis of Hackberry drove to Westville, N. J. to visit their father, Dwayne McInnis, who recently had surgery. Michelle and Luke are the children of Mary Coot McInnis of Hackberry.

Cameron Library News

MEMORIAL BOOKS

Oil, Gordon Johnson by Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Brasseaux; The Basics of Oil Spill Clean Up, Monroe Wicke by Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Brasseaux;

Red White Blue & Gold, Alfred Vaughan by Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Brasseaux; Backyard Livestock, Mary Jane Miller by Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Brasseaux;

The Great Towns of America, Ella Louise Booth by the American Legion Auxiliary; Conversational Cajun French, John Faulk by J. B. and Betty Nunez;

The Softball Pitching Edge, Alfred Vaughan by Tony and Rhonda Duhon; Capturing Oak Alley, Monroe Wicke by Jaimie and Tina Boudreaux and family;

Louisiana Family Law Guide, Claude Eagleson by Jaimie and Tina Boudreaux and family; 1000 Facts on Planet Earth, Murl Trahan by Charlotte Trosclair family;

Adam, Adam What Do You See?, Monroe Wicke by Charlotte Trosclair family.

NEW NOVELS

A Salty Piece of Land, Jimmy Buffett; The Glass Virgin, Catherine Cookson; State of Fear, Michael Crichton;

Black Wind, Clive Cussler; Double Shot, Diane Mott Davidson; Night Fall, Nelson DeMille; Always, Jude Deveraux;

State of Happiness, Stella Duffy; Metro Girl, Janet Evanovich; Paradise Fields, Katie Fforde; Whiteout, Ken Follett.

Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes



By GENEVA GRIFFITH

My grandson Jared came to our Christmas Open House and reported that he had just killed an 8-point deer that came up to the back fence of my house on Oak Grove, where he is living.

What a wonderful place to live for sportsmen - ducks in front, marsh and deer in the back. I remember when the deer were first transplanted, back there into the marsh years ago.

We had our arctic front and snow and sleet. I remember the few times we had snow in Port Arthur, Tex., where I grew up, they turned out school so we could enjoy it.

I hope Santa brought each one of you the present you wanted. I spent the night at Cherie's house so I could get up and see my great-grandchild have her first Christmas. I have never seen so many furry toys that talk. We taught her to say "Ho-Ho" like Santa and she went around all day saying "Ho-Ho."

Electrical safety awareness

(NAPSA)-Changing seasons does not mean a change in the need for electrical safety awareness. Keep the following safety tips from the Electrical Safety Foundation International in mind to prevent devastating property loss, injury or death due to electrical accidents.

Electric blankets

Make sure electric blankets are in good repair, certified by an independent testing lab

such as UL, CSA or ETL, and power cords are not worn or cut.

- Do not tuck your electric blanket into mattresses or under children and don't put comforters or bedspreads on top of the blanket while in use.
- Never allow pets to sleep on electric blankets.

For electrical safety tips, visit ESFI's Web site at www.electrical-safety.org or call 703-841-3229.



Styes in the Eye

They're tender and usually irritating.

What is a sty and how should it be treated? Answer:

A sty is also called a HORDEOLUM (say HOR-DEE-OH-LUMM). It is a pimple caused by skin germs that infect the tunnel through which the eyelashes emerge. A sty is usually tender and eventually develops a pointy white head before it bursts.

A moist, hot compress will speed resolution. Antibiotics are not necessary. The sty has to drain, whether on its own or with a

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School lunch menus told

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish Schools for the week beginning Jan. 3 are as follows:

Monday, Jan. 3 - Barbecue burger, oven fries, baked beans, chocolate cake, chocolate cream frosting, hamburger bun, catsup.

Tuesday, Jan. 4 - Chicken fajitas, fixings cup, baked potato, banana bread squares, flour tortillas.

Wednesday, Jan. 5 - Stromboli, Tator Tots, baked beans, chilled peach slices, catsup.

Thursday, Jan. 6 - Roast beef, fresh fruit cup, green beans, yeast rolls, rice.

All meals served with milk.



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Happy Anniversary

Jolene and Ruben Doxey

You're a wonderful husband and I love you for so many reasons that it's hard to know where to begin.

It's been two years and since we've been together, we've had happy times as well as challenges, and through it all, our love has grown into something special...something rare and beautiful.

Today, I wish I had the words to tell you all of the reasons I'm so thankful to share this life with you...so you could know how much I love you!!

You're loving, supportive, and sensitive and I find comfort in knowing that no matter what happens, you'll always set aside time just for us.

You're my partner, my love and my best friend. Everyday that we share I discover more and more reasons to love you.

**Happy Anniversary,
Your loving wife,
Jolene**



Mrs. William Brian, Jr.

Brian-McCall vows said at New Orleans church

Kelly Michelle McCall and William Thomas "Billy" Brian, Jr. were married Saturday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Saint Patrick's Church in New Orleans. Father Pat Wattigny officiated the double ring ceremony. The music for the ceremony was provided by Mr. Joe Hoppe, organist, Mr. Gary Hotard, trumpet, and Mrs. Janine Rodriguez, vocalist.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Michael McCall of Covington and Drs. Thomas and Deborah Brian of Mandeville. Grandparents of the couple are the late Mr. and Mrs. Claude V. "Pete" McCall of Grand Chenier, Mrs. Mavis Lusher of Folsom and the late Mr. John R. Lusher, the late Mr. and Mrs. Logan Magruder of Covington, and Mrs. Wanda Brian of Weatherford, Tex. and the late Mr. Ross Brian.

Lindsay McCall, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Elizabeth Thornton, Sarah Weissman, Lauren Suarez, Natalie Jenkins, Carson

Magruder, and Jennifer Moore.

The flowergirl was Kasey Lyn Lusher and the ringbearer was Grayson Magruder.

Bestman was Marcus Brian, brother of the groom, and groomsmen included John Thornton, Chad Vaught, Brad Boogaerts, Joe Krueger, Tim Nugent, Mike Daly, and Richie Kabrich. Ushers were Alexander Armand, Brad David, Trey Hodges, Agustin Magruder, and Brian Tallet.

A reception followed at the Chateau Sonesta Hotel in the French Quarter.

The bride is a graduate of Covington High School and Louisiana State University. She is currently attending LSU School of Law.

The groom is a graduate of Mandeville High School and Louisiana State University. He is currently employed at Marine Interiors as an Estimator.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple is making their home in Denham Springs.

Fur Festival info needed

The Cameron Pilot will publish its annual Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival edition next week--Jan. 6. (The Festival is set for Jan. 6-8.)

Photographs and information on the contestants for Fur Queen, Miss Cameron, Little Miss & Mr. Cameron and Deb, Teen and Jr. Miss Pageants must be provided to the newspaper by Tuesday, Jan. 4 to be included in this edition. This means this material should be turned into the Cameron Pilot office at Clipper Office Supply by Monday morning or brought to the Pilot office in DeQuincy by Tuesday.

Superintendents of these contests are asked to contact the Pilot office as soon as possible to make arrangements for securing these stories and photos. Call 1-800-256-7323 or fax 337-786-8131. Stories and photos also can be e-mailed to: dequincynews@centurytel.net.

Other stories and photos sought for this edition include the Maryland Outdoor Festival delegation, parade information, information on the various contests--skinning, duck & goose calling, etc.



Johnson Bayou history recounted by Mr. Block

By W. T. BLOCK

About ten miles east of Sabine Pass in the extreme corner of Southwest Louisiana is the town of Johnson Bayou. Daniel Johnson settled there first in 1790, and was soon followed by families named Barrow, Griffith Orr, and Berwoc. And from the size of some of the earliest families, one might surmise that they planned to "replenish the earth."

My great grandparents, the Frederick Smiths, raised 13 children to be adults, other than stillborns or infant deaths. The Michel Peveto II family raised 20 children to adulthood, although by two different wives.

My Uncle John Smith (no relation) wrote a letter published in Galveston Daily News of June 1, 1894. He wrote that Rev. Joseph Berwick and his wife married in 1866, and they were the parents of 24 living children. Mrs. Berwick "is but 48 years old, was never sick enough to need a doctor; is of fine figure, weighing 148 pounds, and is the picture of good health..."

Nearby lived Mr. Dolzie Theriot and his wife, who were also the parents of 24 children (by one wife). "...More than one good doctor has settled here, only to learn a little later that he must take hold of the plow handles, or go hungry, or move away..."

The story of Michel Peveto II is on of the peculiar interest. Peveto was born in St. Martinville, La., the son of Michel Peveto and Apolonie Broussard, and he was baptized on Feb. 4, 1799 in St. Martin du Tours Church. In 1815 Michel Peveto was a private in Capt. Shadrack Porter's company of infantry at the Battle of New Orleans.

In 1817, Peveto married Suzanne Hargrove in St. Martinville, and in 1835 they settled on a Mexican land grant on present-day Bayou Din near LaBelle. In March 1836, their oldest son, Michel III, joined Capt. William

**49th Annual
Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival
Schedule of Events
January 6, 7 & 8, 2005**

HELD ON FAIRGROUNDS BEHIND THE CAMERON COURTHOUSE

<p>THURSDAY, JAN. 6, 2005 Carnival Rides 6 p.m. - Little Mr. and Miss Cameron Parish, Crowning of King Fur, Cameron Elementary Auditorium.</p>	<p>SATURDAY, JAN. 8, 2005 8 a.m. - Fairgrounds Open. Carnival Rides. State Trap Shooting Competition: Boys & Girls (Junior-Teen), Men & Women (Adult). 9 a.m. - 12 noon - Carnival \$12 Armbands. 9 a.m. - Jr. and Sr. State Dog Trials Registration; Display of Scrapbook. 10: a.m. - Jr. and Sr. State Dog Trials. 11:30 a.m. - Parade: Motorcycle Four Wheelers, Antique Cars, Grand Parade. 2 p.m. - Jr. and Sr. Duck & Goose Calling Contest. Ladies & Men Oyster Shucking Contest. 2 - 5:30 p.m. - Dance on Fairgrounds featuring Static. 3 p.m. - Skinning: Ladies & Men's Muskrat, Jr., Ladies' & Men's Nutria, Trap Setting. 6:30 p.m. - La. Fur & Wildlife Queen Pageant, Cameron Elementary Auditorium. 9 p.m. - Adult Dance with Barry Badon & the Bayou Boys in the Cameron K. C. Hall. Admission \$10 per person. Food Will Be Sold.</p>
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Admission To All Pageants At Cameron Elementary Auditorium:
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FRIDAY, JAN. 7, 2005
"CAMERON PARISH DAY"
8 a.m. - Fairgrounds Open, Carnival Rides, Parish Trap Shooting Competition.
9 a.m. - Jr. & Sr. Parish Dog Trials Registration.
10 a.m. - Jr. & Sr. Parish Dog Trials
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Carnival armbands \$12
2 - 5 p.m. - Dance on Fairgrounds featuring Midnight Special
4 - 8 p.m. - Carnival armbands \$12
6:30 p.m. - Deb, Teen, Jr. and Miss Cameron Parish Pageant; Cameron Elementary Auditorium.

Souvenirs for sale on Fairgrounds and Main Street!
Shirts, cookbooks, hats, and koozies!

2005 dietary guidelines

The following nine recommendations incorporate the key scientific findings of the 2005 Dietary Guidelines Committee:

1. Consume a variety of foods within and among the basic food groups while staying within energy needs.
2. Control calorie intake to manage body weight.
3. Be physically active every day.

4. Increase daily intake of fruits and vegetables, whole grains and nonfat or low-fat milk and milk products.

5. Choose fats wisely for good health.

6. Choose carbohydrates wisely for good health.

7. Choose and prepare foods with little salt.

8. If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation.

9. Keep food safe to eat.

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New Year's Greetings
to One & All

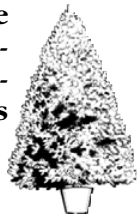
CAMERON PARISH RESIDENTS We Need Your Christmas Trees Help Restore Wetlands in Cameron Parish

The Cameron Parish Police Jury in a joint effort with the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources is using discarded Christmas trees in the Cameron Parish wetlands. Let us make your tree a part of this project to help create a healthier environment and to restore and preserve one of our greatest assets - our beautiful wetlands.

TO HAVE YOUR TREE INCLUDED:

Place tree at the roadside next to your home before Friday, January 14, 2005 for pickup by the Cameron Parish Road Crew. Please keep separate from other garbage.

Please remove all ornaments and tinsel from your tree. Flocked trees will not be picked up, as they are a hazard to wildlife and fish; therefore, not acceptable for this project.



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Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



WHITE CHRISTMAS

Hunters are walking around with smiles on their faces. The snow and sleet we saw in Cameron Parish and all along the Gulf Coast surely meant colder weather up

north, meaning if there are ducks there, they'll surely come our way. If this doesn't produce more ducks, then there's none.

It seems maybe some came, as hunters are doing better than they have been. There was some cold mornings, but lots of hunters braved the ice, sleet and snow, and did rather well on limits. Hopefully these ducks will stay throughout our season and not return north, as our warming trend has returned. I had one hunter tell me that some ducks coming to their pond were just the opposite of chocolate covered cherries, white covered ducks.

Good reports of wigeon being bagged, a beautiful bird that's not as plentiful down here as it used to be. In fact the last duck count only showed 6,000 in our southwest marshes and 1,000 in the southeast part of the state.

This front has also brought down more geese to our area, but we still don't see many in our south marshes.

2005

Our new year will roll around this Saturday. January is the hunting month, but January and February can both bring in lots more cold.

Squirrel will start breeding in early January and towards the last of the month, breeding will peak for spring nesting. This is also the month for peak waterfowl numbers in our coastal Louisiana marshes.

Striped bass migrate up our rivers, while we'll see mullet season ending. It's also the month to clean and repair purple martin and wood duck nest boxes.

We'll see an end to some of our hunting seasons during the month of January. Pintail season ends Jan. 7; deer still hunting ends on Jan. 9; dove ends Jan. 10, while bow hunting ends Jan. 15. Canvasback hunting is over on Jan. 16; duck season for our west zone ends Jan. 23; and wood cock ends Jan. 31. If you're a rail or gallinule hunter, this season will end on Jan. 12.

There's another season that many don't know about, and that's the season on crows. Well, it's over on Jan. 2. Although all these seasons are over during January, there's still plenty of hunting left, like rabbits, squirrels, snipe, and quails.

DID YOU KNOW

Remember the Southern tradition on New Year's Day? You have to eat black-eyed peas, greens and cabbage for prosperity in the new year. Symbolically, that's a meal of coin and paper money.

It is said that the coldest temperature on record was in Snag, Yukon, Canada on Feb. 3, 1947, dropping down to minus 81.4 degrees. I can't imagine how cold that is.

OFFSHORE FISH

Federal scientists have warned that construction of more than a dozen liquefied natural gas terminals off the



Basketball Scores

BOYS

Basile 88, South Cameron 54 - The Tarpons opened district play losing to the Bearcats. John Lute led the Tarpons with 18 points, and Desmond Scott added 13 points.

GIRLS

South Cameron 64, Basile 37 - The Lady Tarpons picked up their third win of the season and their opening district game as they knocked off the Lady Bearcats. D'Nae Desonnie led the Lady Tarpon attack with 24 points and 12 rebounds. Kayla Rutherford added 19 points with 14 rebounds.

Louisiana coast could damage fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. Although two such terminals have been approved, the concern forced the U.S. Coast Guard to suspend the permitting process for at least two other terminals off the Louisiana coast. Environmental scientists working for several oil companies are scrambling to respond.

The problem occurs when liquefied natural gas is heated back into gaseous form with a process that sucks in gulf water that contain potentially millions of fish and crustacean eggs and larvae. If the organisms are not killed by the resulting temperature drop, they won't survive being banded around by the pump machinery or the harsh chemicals used to keep the insides of the pipes clean.

FISHING

I'll say one thing, with all this cold weather, I didn't get any fishing reports; neither did I expect any. If we have a good warming trend, the fish will turn on.

While on the subject of fishing, it seems the trend for "red hooks" is catching on. The red hooks are getting the green light, as inshore anglers are sold on the value of red hooks, as are freshwater anglers.

Fishermen across the country are requesting red hooks in different applications. Anything red is hot right now and in demand. These bleeding bait hooks seem to work well, however those hooks that have red

Sheriff's log

The Christmas holiday was a quiet one for the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office, with only four arrests over the past week. They were:

Dec. 24: Brice D. Tanner, 23, 2923 Roy Bunch Rd., Sulphur - DWI

Dec. 25: Gabe Allen Vick, 28, 11047 Hwy 384, Big Lake - DWI

Dec. 26: Brenda G. Doucet, 50, 111H Twin Oaks Rd., Lake Charles - DWI; Jace D. Picou, 23, 440 Everett Vincent Rd., Hackberry - Unauthorized use of a moveable.

varnish on top of the original black or nickel hooks wear off in saltwater faster than in freshwater. I also find they wear off faster in our freshwater marsh because of all the weeds and muddy bottom, than in a deeper lake. The companies are supposed to fix this by covering the hooks with a saltwater resistant tin, rather than with red varnish.

OLD DOGS

The American Kennel Club said the Labrador Retriever is once again the nation's top dog. The Golden Retriever currently occupies the number two position.

I would like to thank our readers once again for another good year. Happy new year to you and your loved ones.

"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it."
Thomas Jefferson

— NOTICE —

The budget for the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. 1 has been approved by the Board of Directors and is available for review from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Monday through Thursday and from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday in the office located at 126 Ann Street.

RUN: Dec. 30 (D-53)

CAMERON PARISH LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL 2005 MEETING DATES

- January 18, 2005
- February 15, 2005
- March 15, 2005
- April 19, 2005
- May 17, 2005
- June 21, 2005
- July 19, 2005
- August 16, 2005
- September 20, 2005
- October 18, 2005
- November 15, 2005
- December 13, 2005

RUN: Dec. 30 (D-60)

Notice to the Public



Pipeline Safety

PPG Industries operates several pipelines transporting gas and liquids through parts of Louisiana (Calcasieu Parish and Cameron Parish) and Texas (Orange County).

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4. Dial 911 to report the possible pipeline leak and its location
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• PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE •

LOUISIANA WETLANDS CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY

The Governor's Office of Coastal Activities will conduct 3 public hearings to present information and allow for public comment on the Fiscal Year 2006 Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Plan. Meetings will be held on the following date, time and location:

6:30 p.m.
January 11, 2005
Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge
Hwy. 82
Grand Chenier, Louisiana

For additional information, please call Pat Forbes or Cynthia Duet in the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities at (225) 342-3968



RUN: DEC. 30 (D-50)



PETER POSADA'S dog Coco was not thrilled with her gift of a white Christmas. Coco didn't appear to like the crunch of the sleet and snow underfoot and wanted to go back inside soon after exploring the white stuff covering her yard.



ELDIE CHEREMIE'S house in Cameron had about one inch of sleet and snow in her yard on Christmas morning.

Reames explains what's safe for microwaving

By DR. BETH REAMES

Consumers often ask about the safety of using plastic wrap or plastic containers in microwave ovens. According to LSU AgCenter nutritionist Dr. Beth Reames, only plastic containers or packaging labeled "microwave safe" should be used in microwave ovens.

Reames adds that if plastic wrap is used when microwaving, it should not be allowed to come into direct contact with food.

The Food and Drug Administration carefully reviews the substances used to make plastics designed for food use. These include microwave-safe plastic coverings that keep food from splattering and microwave-safe containers that hold frozen dinners.

The concerns expressed about the safety of using plastic wraps in the microwave have involved two compounds: dioxins and DEHA.

Dioxins and dioxin-related compounds are pollutants that may produce health hazards ranging from birth defects to cancer. Reames explains that dioxins may be a by-product of some industrial processes that use chlorine and incineration of chlorinated plastics such as polyvinyl chloride. PVC is a component of some plastic wraps and food packaging. One major manufacturer, Saran Wrap, has reformulated its product so that it no longer contains PVC or any other chlorinated substance.

There is no research demonstrating that dioxins are produced when the same plastics are heated in a microwave oven. Ed Machuga, consumer safety officer with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, wrote, "We have no evidence that plastic containers can produce dioxins when heated in microwave ovens. In fact, most, if not all, plastic containers would not even have the correct chemical composition to theoretically form dioxins."

DEHA is a softening compound added to some plastic containers and wraps to make them more pliable. Studies have shown that DEHA, if present, can migrate to food from plastic containers and plastic film at high temperatures. However, plastic materials used in microwaveable and dual-ovenable food containers such as those used to hold TV dinners must undergo approval by FDA before they can be marketed for their intended use. As part of this approval process, manufacturers must provide data showing that dietary exposure to these low molecular weight migrants do not pose a safety problem.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency removed DEHA from its list of toxic chemicals in the late 1990s after extensive research, and the scientific consensus is that it is not toxic to humans in the minute amounts resulting from migration from plastics into foods.

To minimize the amount of these chemicals migrating

from plastic films to fatty foods, FDA recommends that, if these films are used to cover food being heated in a microwave oven, the consumer should try not to let the film touch the actual surface of the food.

In addition, consumers should only use food-approved, microwave-safe plastic containers and film wraps for microwave heating.

"Consumers should be sure to use any plastics for their intended purpose and in accordance with directions," Reames says, adding, "If there are no instructions for microwave use, use a different plate or container that you know is microwave-safe. Such containers are made to withstand high temperatures."

USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service on cooking foods safely in microwaves gives the following advice about containers and wraps:

- Use only cookware that is specially manufactured for use in the microwave oven. Glass, ceramic containers and all plastics should be labeled for microwave oven use.
- Don't use margarine tubs, take-out containers, whipped topping bowls and other one-time use containers in microwave ovens. These containers can warp or melt, possibly causing harmful chemicals to migrate into the food.
- Use safe items like plastic wraps, wax paper, cooking bags, parchment paper and

white microwave-safe paper towels. Do not, however, let plastic wrap touch foods during microwaving.

• Never use thin plastic storage bags, brown paper or plastic grocery bags, newspapers or aluminum foil in the microwave oven.

In addition, the American Plastics Council recommends that carryout containers from restaurants should not be used in the microwave. These containers may melt or warp, which can increase the likelihood of spills and burns.

Also, discard containers that hold prepared microwavable meals after you use them because they are meant for one-time use.

Reames advises placing microwave-safe plastic wrap loosely over food so that steam can escape, and don't let it directly touch your food. Some plastic wraps have



JEROME AND KATHY Richard were out of town during "The Holly Beach White Christmas Holidays," but this picture was taken by a friend a few days after the snowfall. The Richards still had snow when they returned four days later.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

More tidbits on the photo in the Dec. 2, 2004 issue:

Travis Aurelian Sweeney is a descendant of the Pierre Valcour Miller family. Travis is the grandson of Pierre Valcour Miller and Emelia Broussard. Travis' middle name is the masculine of

Aurelia, his mother, the first child of Pierre and Emelia. Travis was the seventh of eleven children of George Columbus Carter Sweeney, M.D., (1851-1922) and Aurelia Miller (1853-1928).

/s/ Murphy Miller
Alachua, Fla.

Grandma's apron served in many, many ways

(Submitted by Grace Welch)

The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven;

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken-coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids;

And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled it carried out the hulls. In the fall the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the tree.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

Remember this! "Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw."



SABRINA PESHOFF and Ethan Nunez's goats loved the sleet and snow that fell on Christmas morning. The goats are for the 4-H projects which they will complete in January. The goats with their thick coats loved the cold and were playing lots of games together in the one inch of snow and sleet covering their pen.



THESE WERE some of the members of Our Lady Star of the Sea Knights of Columbus Council 5461 and family members who assembled and delivered 45 grocery baskets to needy families in the Cameron area. Pictured are Tony Porche, Sue Deshotels, Milton Theriot, Chad, Thomas Guillory, Loree Broussard, and Calvin Boudreaux. Not shown were Judy Guillory and Earl Mouton.

labels indicating that there should be a 1-inch or more space between the plastic and the food during microwave heating.

Covering food helps protect against contamination, keeps moisture in and allows food to cook evenly.

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