The Cameron Parish Vol. 49-No. 46 November 10, 2005 **Cameron**, **La. 70631**

Cleanup progressing

By CYNDI SELLERS

The **Emergency Operations Center announces** that clean-up of the parish is progressing in various areas - with 64,156 cubic yards of debris having been removed by the Corps of Engineers in the past 18 days.

The EOC is arranging for six additional collection sites

for the debris, and the pace of clean-up is expected to increase as soon as more sites

The demolition of condemned parish-owned structures has begun and will continue for the next few weeks.

The Corps of Engineers reports that 81% of requested blue roofs in the parish have been completed.

By KEVIN SAVOIE LSU AgCENTER

mighty blow to the shrimping

industry in southwest

Louisiana. The U. S. Coast Guard is working diligently to

restore the maritime infra-

structure as quickly as possi-

ble. Their efforts include con-

ducting damage assessments,

damaged, or stranded vessel

is asked to contact the U.S.

Coast Guard--Rita Salvage

Office on the second floor of

the Chase Bank building in

downtown Lake Charles 491-

areas from Intracoastal City

eastward should contact the

USCG Marine Safety Unit

Ellender Bridge will be made

from 8 p.m. every evening

until 5 a.m. each morning,

therefore temporarily closing

made at 10 p.m., 12 a.m., 2

a.m. and 4 a.m. as needed for

the flow of vehicular traffic to

By CYNDI SELLERS

Sheriff's Office reported two

fatalities this week, the first

of Panama City, Fla., was

killed when he was swept off

the deck of the tugboat Mr.

Galen by a cable on Saturday

the Calcasieu River Ship

Channel one-half mile south

The accident occurred in

A second fatality resulted from a one vehicle accident

Tuesday morning south of

Cameron Ferry.

presumed

eighteen

Earl Kenneth Kimbrel, 52,

since the hurricane hit.

Cameron Parish

In the event there is an

LA 27 north of Hackberry. Bridge reopenings will be

go across the bridge

The

afternoon.

the

Hackberry. An

Kimbrel

drowned.

Any vessels in the coastal

Anyone with a sunken,

and vessel casualties.

Hurricane Rita dealt a

Information sought

on damaged boats

The strike team has identified abandoned vehicles and boats in order for them to be removed. The State Police will be sending a team to record vehicle identification numbers, as they did in New Orleans. Insurance companies and future car buyers will be able to use the information later.

Temporary housing continues to be a problem area, as many people are anxious to move onto their property in lower Cameron Parish to begin rebuilding. The EOC wants people to understand that if private trailers are placed on land, the Corps of Engineers cannot clean up any private property in the

To accommodate residents,

Morgan City office at 985-

owners plans for removal/sal-

vage if any. If you do not have

a means to remove your ves-

sel, the USCG has the author-

ity to do so and will examine

each vessel on a case by case

basis, but will not be respon-

sible for damage or destruc-

Cameron Parish is non exis-

tent, so if anyone knows of a sunken/damaged vessel and

has cell phone numbers or

other contact information for

the owner please contact the

Coast Guard to assist them in

8812 or cell 263-2880, 1701

Gulf Hwy., Lake Charles, La.

Notification should be

This closure is required to

made to Mr. Jerry Jones at

912-8593 or an alternate con-

tact person, Mr. Jim Golding,

reconstruct the fender system

located beneath the Ellender

wheeler hauling bottom ash

failed to negotiate a curve and

being withheld pending noti-

fication of the family, was

killed. The exact cause of the

accident is still being investi-

Veterans' Day

A Veterans' Day assembly

will be held at 2 p.m.,

Thursday, Nov. 11 in the front

gym at Grand Lake High

personnel are invited to

All veterans and military

The driver, whose name is

ksavoie@agcenter.lsu.edu.

it will be re-opened.

at 884-9705.

rolled over

gated.

attend.

I may be contacted at 475-

Phone service in lower

tion of your vessel.

this operation.

Bridge closure told

Beginning Monday, Nov. emergency, and there is a

14, and ending Nov. 18, temporary closures of the personnel to cross the bridge,

Two fatalities reported

in Cameron Parish

They will need to know the

the EOC is trying to set up group sites in the local communities which will not jeopardize the clean up. Officials hope to have sites approved in the very near future.

More areas are getting water systems up and running. Grand Chenier is pressured up and flushing the system. Creole is testing for potability. In Cameron, several breaks, some caused by clean-up crews, and structures still obstructing lines are slowing the process. Even so, additional streets are being brought up daily.

The sewer system in

Cameron has been filled with mud, and all the lift stations must be replaced, so it is farther away from operation. FEMA requires working water, power, and sewer before trailers can be placed. Those with septic systems or mechanical systems will need to have them inspected by the health department.

Medical services in the parish are being provided in Hackberry at the Community Center by the West Cal-Cam Hospital Rural Health Clinic. It will soon move to a mobile facility in the parking lot of the clinic.

The South Cameron Rural Health Clinic is expected to open in Grand Lake within the next two weeks, as inspections are complete. A mobile clinic is being set up west of

In Cameron, the DMAT emergency mobile clinic is still operating near the Court

The DMORT team reports that over 250 caskets and remains have been recovered, all from cemeteries. To date 70 have been identified in Lake Charles, and there are 63 at St. Gabriel in the

process of being identified.

The team is re-counting the missing from each ceme-tery to verify the number they are looking for, as they continue to search for and find

Families of the identified have been contacted and the DMORT team is working with them and with the ceme-

Beware of powerlines

By CYNDI SELLERS

Jeff Davis Electric Co-op is happy to report that electric lines in lower Cameron Parish will begin to be energized this week, with electricity to be delivered to the Cameron Court House by Friday.

However, this means that all residents and visitors should consider all lines hot at any given time.

Power will be on and off as workers test various sections of the lines and gradually increase the capacity of the system.

Everyone should treat every line with care, even those on the ground. This is a tricky phase of the recovery, and officials do not want a tragedy to mar the effort.





THE OYSTER SEASON is open in Calcasieu Lake and fishermen are bringing them to this Cameron oyster dock. They say there are plenty out there.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Temporary trailer parks debated at jury meeting

By CINDY SELLERS

The Ellender Bridge north of Hackberry will be closed at night next week for repairs, the Cameron Parish Police Jury learned Monday night.

Bobby Hennigan, of the Department of Transportation and Development explained that the fender system under the bridge needs to be replaced. The contractor was planning to close the bridge during the daytime, but with the hurricane recovery activity, he is willing to do the work at night.

The plan is to close the bridge for two hour increments from at 8:00pm through 4:00am. After each two hours, the bridge will be opened for vehicular traffic.

Arrangements are being made with the ambulance district to open at any time there is an emergency.

Lumber Co. is in business

Savoie Lumber Co. suffered great loss in inventory in Hurricane Rita but has managed to restock most of essential plumbing needs and is working to restock fence building materials.

Please call before you come by to make sure they are open--274-4165 or 842-3160.

Cam. woman found dead

Brandy Reene Dyson, 32, formerly of Cameron, died in Lake Charles. Her body was found in the lake last week at Lake Charles.

Survivors include her parents, Adley L. Dyson Sr. and Lydia T. Dyson; one son, Nicholas Allen Dyson; one daughter, Holly LeeAnn Searcy; two brothers, Adley Dyson Jr. and Clarence Dyson III; one sister, Miranda A. Brown.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Clarence and Ludie Dyson and Al Goerisch and Wanda

Her funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in Hixson Funeral Home. Burial will be in First Baptist Cemetery in Cameron.

The repairs will last from Monday the 14th through Friday the 18th. Another week of repairs will be scheduled at a later date.

Hennigan reported that the contract to replace the Trosclair Road bridge at Oak Grove will be let in January This is be a federal bridge replacement project which was scheduled before the

The contract for road shoulder repair was let last week, Hennigan said, but the preconstruction conference will not be held for 3 weeks, and the whole project may take 4-5 months to complete.

Shoulder repair will begin at the Vermilion Parish and Texas lines, then work to the north. Crews will fill the eroded shoulders with limestone, then overlay the damaged areas.

At this time, there is no money in the budget to repair damage caused by recovery equipment, just storm dam-

age, Hennigan said. On the positive side, the

Grand Lake bridge will be fully operational by the end of this week.

FEMA HOUSING

Ramona van Cleve, FEMA Housing Officer for Hurricane Rita in SWLA, explained the procedures the agency uses for group housing.

She said an existing RV

park, with pads available, existing sewer, water, and electricity, can be used. If not enough spaces are available, FEMA will try to set up a group site, with parish permission under any applicable zoning.

Trailers will be set up and maintained by FEMA and leased to the resident. If the client later wishes to move onto another site, for example at their house, they will have to wait until another trailer is available. The one they are in will then be leased to another person or removed.

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Burn ban still in effect

By CYNDI SELLERS

tions Center reminds every one that the burn ban is still in effect for Cameron Parish. Some residents may have seen a notice on television that the Calcasieu burn ban has been lifted, and assumed that Cameron's has also, but it has not.

Officials with the EOC and with the Cameron Parish Police Jury are still very concerned about the large piles of Hurricane Rita debris piled near communities and the

hazardous material, including poisonous chlorine gas The Emergency Opera- canisters, that may still be in the debris or in the marshes.

They ask that, until the Environmental Protection Agency has declared an area clear of haz-mat and the Corp of Engineers has picked up debris, the public be patient and refrain from burning any-

thing.
The EOC is working with the EPA to find out which areas are safe to begin controlled agricultural burns. Maps should be available

Highways dangerous

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Parish Sheriff's Office reminds everyone traveling in lower Cameron Parish to slow down and be very careful. The shoulders of the roads are damaged or non-existent in many places. In some areas the edges crumble if weight is put on them. In other places, huge holes have been washed out alongside the roads.

In addition, many alliga-

tors have been seeking refuge on the roadways, causing a hazard. With the fog lately, this is especially dangerous.

The speed limit in lower Cameron Parish is 45 mph for everyone. Motorists are reminded to watch out for utility crews and obey flagmen. The crews are involved in very hazardous work trying to get the parish running again, so everyone is asked to give them the utmost consideration.



THE JOHNSON BAYOU Community Center was severely damaged by Hurricane Rita although the building remained standing. (Photo by Rhonda Morrison.)



MOTORISTS SHOULD heed the 45 - mph speed limit. Large areas of shoulder dam-(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.) age make driving dangerous.

ever go back, I am too old. I

remember all the good times I

had in Cameron, the dear

friends I had and the organi-

zations I worked with. But all

of that is memories now, and I feel fortunate to have them.

retirement village and have met many interesting people, I have grown to love. We have

a busy schedule of activities

here, and I am gradually get-

ting to know more and more

of my neighbors.

I just love my next door

neighbors, one is the other

Geneva, and we go every where together. I tell every-

one I moved next door to her

so I could remember my

name. (That's more truth

for several years, and has

introduced me to several peo-

ple. I have joined several

clubs we have here, and with

the bridge clubs I am kept

and have a new church home

(University Baptist). I have a

darling pet who lives with me named Beau and am very

attached to him so I guess I

have so much to be thankful

I have found a new church,

She has been living here

than fiction.)

pretty busy.

I am settled now in a

Funeral

ROSE LEDOUX **GARY**

Rose LeDoux Gary 95, died Wednesday Nov. 2, 2005, in a local care center.

She was a lifelong resident of Sweetlake. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Ladies Altar

Survivors include three sons, Paul C. Gary of Hayes, Albert Gary of Westlake and Charles Gary of Bell City; four daughters, Hazel Breaux of Holmwood, Helen Owen of Westlake, Clara Granger of Carlyss and Mary Demary of Spring, Tex.; 29 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchil-

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ferdinard Gary; and two sons Lester and Arthur Gary.

Her funeral was held Friday, Nov. 4, in St Patrick Catholic Church. Monsignor Harry Greig officiated. Burial was in Bertrand Cemetery in

Angels

When you were born, an angel smiled, As you became a child, an angel sat on your shoulder When you became an adult, an angel held your hand As you grew old, an angel walked down the road with you, And, when you died, another angel got their wings.

--Unknown

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Lagniappe Two **Retirement Home**

By Geneva Griffith



Never have I seen a more resilient band of people as Woods are a very close knit Cameronites (people living in bunch. We all help one another. One is retrieving the morning paper, which is thrown in front of the condo. Cameron). I have just finished reading this week's Cameron Pilot and of all the their plans for recovery. They The first one up of a morning do not seem to plan to leave retrieves it and leaves it at and go elsewhere. the front door. I am sorry, I do not plan to

I have not forgotten Cameron, besides, part of my family and heart are still



THESE WERE some of the members of the Cameron NAACP Chapter who attended a membership meeting of the organization in Grambling on Oct. 16. The Cameron residents had evacuated to Grambling prior to Hurricane Rita hitting the parish. Louise Cole is the chapter president.

Telephone service being NAACP meets in Grambling restored in the parish

Cameron Communications restoration of telephone, high speed internet and digital television service to their communities in Cameron Parish. Although all the communications in lower Cameron Parish were affected as a result of Hurricane Rita; Cameron Communications fiber connectivity remained intact enabling us to restore services in an expedient, highly responsive man-

Today, Johnson Bayou is operational and ready to return service to anyone requesting to be reconnected with telephone, high speed internet or digital television services. Each week we are seeing businesses returning to the affected areas, planning their returns or relocating temporarily to other areas of Cameron Parish or Carlyss.

This week's significant installations include services for the: the Johnson Bayou EMS, a circuit for the State Police in Grand Chenier, dial tone and internet services at Grand Lake High School and a firewall for Hackberry High

School as well as the return of service to all businessES located on the west side of the river. The company continues daily work for businesses located on the east.

"Our employees are working hard under very trying circumstances despite their own personal losses in order to restore service as quickly as possible," said George Mack, President and General Manager Cameron Communications. "Our commitment to service remains unchanged. We will be there for our customers as they rebuild, and, as before, we will provide these communities with the latest technology available. By working together we can rebuild a better Cameron Parish."

Customers desiring more information in reestablishing communications should call toll free to 1-800-737-3900 to speak with a customer care professional. Our highly trained customer support group will be more than happy to address any questions or concerns you have about getting connected.

Members of the Cameron Parish NAACP Chapter met on Oct. 16 in Grambling, La. and voted to put all chapter activities planned for this fall on hold due to Hurricane

This included the 27th anniversary of the chapter, a calf raffle and a banquet,

The group voted to thank State NAACP President Ernest Johnson for making making Grambling Plaza available to many residents who evacuated Cameron

Special thanks was given to Grambling Mayor Martha

Sewer system discussed

A meeting was scheduled to be held Wednesday 8 at the evening, Nov. Hackberry Community Center to discuss the proposed sewer system for Holly

A grant had been approved

tions.

for this work about a year ago and plans were being made for the construction.

With virtually all buildings destroyed by Hurricane Rita, the future of this project is now in doubt.

Grand Lake. Cameron was enhance functionality to the also able to provide services areas of Grand Lake it serand connect Grand Lake High offering communications services despite adverse condi-As Cameron Communications continues to

vices, those areas will continue to benefit from the advanced technologies accompanying their ground breaking fiber to the home project.

Our country is not the only thing to which we owe our allegiance. It is also owed to justice and to humanity.

-James Bryce

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Hackberry and Grand Lake schools get phone service

Telephone and Internet services were up and running when the school bells rang at the two operational Cameron parish schools sites this past week. As students and teachers began the process of cosharing their schools both Hackberry and Grand Lake High had working communications thanks in part to Cameron Communications foresight in rebuilding their facilities underground after Hurricane Audrey.

'We are most appreciative of Cameron Communications efforts. On Friday, Oct. 28 at 4 p.m., we were able to request the connection of 2 phone and fax lines and hoping to have them installed before the start of school Monday Morning. By the close of the day, we actually had six lines. We can't thank

Hightower, Katy Large, and the rest of the company enough for their outstanding efforts," said Dr. Douglas Chance, Superintendent of Cameron Parish Schools.

Cameron Communications investment in its infrastructure and 100% underground buried plant facility paid off, by enabling it to be one of the first utility companies to restore service in the areas affected by Hurricane Rita. Proactive planning by Cameron Communications, Proactive insured continued fiber optic ring connectivity would remain intact during the recent hurricane, enabling them to restore services in a highly responsive manner.

'Many of these kids lost everything in Hurricane Rita: homes, belongings, you name it, and they've been out of school for more than a month. We've got a responsibility to help them get their lives back to normal and refocus on continuing their education," says George Mack, President and General Manager of Cameron Communications. "I couldn't be prouder of our team here at Cameron Communications. They've restored communications services to our two remaining schools Cameron Parish ahead of schedule and I think that speaks volumes about our continued commitment to the community. I'm just amazed at their level of dedication."

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542-4807



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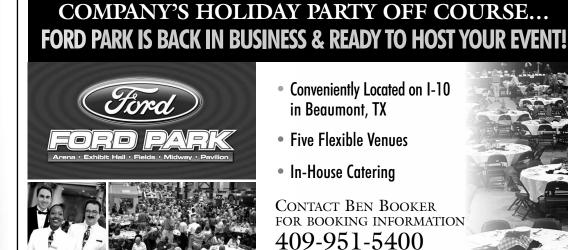
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MR AND MRS Earl (Kathy) Guthrie of Cameron announce the engagement of their daughter, Kassie Leigh, to James Robert Boudreaux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Lana) Boudreaux of Creole. The couple will exchange wedding vows at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 at Saint Raphael Catholic Church in Iowa. A reception will follow in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

School Lunch Menus

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week beginning Nov. 10 are as follows:

Thursday, Nov. 10 - Oven fried chicken, seasoned rice, green beans, fruit cocktail. wheat biscuits, milk.

Friday, Nov. 11 - Beef finger steaks, mashed potatoes, orange wedges, white sauce, wheat sliced bread, milk.

Monday, Nov. 14 - Chicken Alfredo, tossed salad, orange

"IT'S JUST

As the people of Cameron Parish buried their dead after Hurricane Audrey, the loss of so many lives was

much more difficult than the loss of so many materi-

al goods. Now, as dark as these hours are following

Hurricane Rita, Cameron Parish now knows that we only suffered the loss of things. We still have all of our

With determination, as the people of Cameron

Parish return, Lake Arthur Butane Company commits to be part of the recovery and reconstruction of

this priceless part of Louisiana, indeed of America.

It will not be easy. But we are not strangers to

destruction followed by recovery. Together we can

We, too, suffer in this material loss.

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Aid offered to affected students

McNeese State University students affected by hurricanes Rita or Katrina can apply for assistance from a special fund established by private donors through the McNeese Foundation.

Students can apply for funds to assist with tuition, fees, books, academic supplies or housing expenses, according to Ralynn Castete, McNeese director of scholarships and testing.
"Students will be asked on

the application to briefly explain the extent of their loss and need for assistance," Castete said. Nov. 18 is the priority deadline to apply for the special funds.

Applications are available on the McNeese Web site, www.mcneese.edu, and in the Scholarships and Testing Office located in Room 156 of Kaufman Hall.

According to Castete, the criteria include:

Students must be enrolled at McNeese State University for the fall 2005

* For Katrina relief, stu-dents must have had primary residence in the New Orleans or Mississippi Gulf Coast areas OR must have been in attendance at one of the colleges/universities temporarily inoperable as of Aug. 29.

* Students must complete the HKRSRF Request for Assistance application.

For more information about the student relief fund, call 475-5140.

Individuals or corporations that would like to contribute to this student relief fund should contact the McNeese Foundation at (337) 475-5588.

wedges, salad dressing, wheat biscuits, Jello w/fruit,

Tuesday, Nov. 15 -Meatballs for gravy, brown gravy rice, carrots, fruit salaď, peanut butter spread, wheat rolls, milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 16 -Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit cup, yellow cake, chocolate glaze, wheat sliced bread, white sauce, milk.

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JOHNSON BAYOU High School suffered great damages in Hurricane Rita. Johnson Bayou students are now attending school in Hackberry for the remainder of the school (Photo by Rhonda Morrison.) others did not.



THIS LINE of camps at Little Florida survived Hurricane Rita pretty well, but many (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Recovery Roundup

FLAG RAISING

Cameron Parish officials, in conjunction with the Third Battalion of the La. National Guard out of Baton Rouge, conducted a flag-raising ceremony at the Cameron Courthouse on Thursday,

The flag flew over the 256 Bayou Bandits guard unit in Iraq. Some of the residents of Cameron parish are in this

ENERGIZE TESTS

Jeff Davis Electric will be conducting "energized" tests on their main distribution lines in a few days. Service may be interrupted while these tests are being conduct-

There are many power lines still on the ground throughout lower Cameron Parish.

All downed lines should be treated as live and should be avoided. If you have a question about a power line call Jeff Davis at (800) 256-5332.

NUMBERS TO CALL

Anyone with questions or information related to Cameron Parish operations may call 775-5439, 775-7770 or 775-7495.

BURN BAN

All of Cameron Parish is still under a burn ban, according to Office of Emergency Preparedness Director Freddie Richard.

Due to dry conditions and the large amount of debris around the parish, the fire danger level is very high. Residents re asked not to burn storm debris or other

trash, brush or building materials.

WASTE PICKUP

Garbage and waste pickup has resumed in Cameron parish on the following sched-

Monday--Hackberry. Wednesday--Grand Lake and Sweet Lake.

Thursday--Klondike and Grand Lake.

Household garbage should be placed by the curb prior to Do not mix storm 7 a.m. with household garbage.

LOOK & LEAVE

Southern Cameron Parish is still under mandatory evacuation order but is open daily from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for residents and business owners to "look and leave."

Personally owned property may be removed during this time as long as the removal does not impede ingress and egress for others.

DRINKABLE WATER

The water systems in Grand Lake, Sweet Lake, Hackberry, Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach have been tested and the water is safe to

The water in lower Cameron Parish and Big Lake is still not safe to drink.

DISASTER TEAM

Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) is maintaining a mobile emergency room that is open to emergency responders and to the public. It is located on Marshall St. next to the courthouse and is available for

Rutherford urges jurors to cancel flood insurance

threaten to withdraw funding

if we don't comply. It's tough

to make the right choice with

a gun at your back, but some-

times it's necessary to take a

stand for your rights and your

an, I get stirred up when free-

doms are taken away, because

I know firsthand the sacri-

fices our armed forces have

given to keep our great nation

free, paid for in the blood of

their very own lives. I ask you

to always, always keep this in

mind on all issues that affect

the freedom of landowners,

homeowners, and businesses

ing that Cameron Parish

withdraw from the National

Flood Insurance Program

(NFIP) and amend the build-

ing permit ordinance to strike

out all elevation require-

ments. I am asking that you

restore the freedom from

building elevation restric-

tions that FEMA and the

NFIP took away from us—

businesses in

ing else to lose.

restrictions

back to the homeowners and

Parish. We want to be able to

that no one will be eligible for

flood insurance and threats to

take away our funding will

surely come. Let them threat-

en to cut off funding. What can they do? Shut Cameron

Parish down? We have noth-

Strong public opinion voiced by the residents of

Cameron Parish at a recent

FEMA meeting indicates that

Cameron Parish residents

want out of the NFIP in order

to rebuild without elevation

Insurance Manual, revised

October 2005, reveals the fol-

p. DEF 8) states that FEMA

elevation "ordinances are

intended to discourage or oth-

erwise restrict land develop

ment or occupancy in flood-

prone areas." FEMA started the NFIP in 1968. My trans-

lation is that FEMA intends

to run us off our land, our

homes, and our businesses if

we are not in "COMPLI-

ANCE" with FEMA elevation

regulations. This is clearly a

violation of our property rights, and FEMA has taken

the freedom to build without

elevation restrictions away

from us. We want our freedom

Resources System (CBRS p.1)

states that the federal gov-ernment sets "initiatives to

minimize loss of human life

Coastal Barrier

Section 1316 (Definitions

lowing information:

The penalty to do this is

build ON-THE-GROUND.

Cameron

I am respectfully request-

in Cameron Parish.

As an Army combat veter-

(EDITOR'S Cameron Parish resident Jay Rutherford made a presentation to Police Cameron Parish Jury at its monthly meeting Monday evening at the Grand Lake School urging the jury to remove the parish from the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. This was in part, his presentation).

BY JAY RUTHERFORD

I support our Cameron Parish Police Jury and staff. Just like the EOC, the police jury makes difficult decisions the best they can, gets the blame, takes all the heat, and rarely receives any thanks. Many times our police jury is bullied by the Feds who

acute car emergencies and short term prescription

FERRY OPERATING

The 50-car ferry on the ship channel at Cameron is now operating on a daily schedule of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Monkey Island ferry is

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BLUE ROOF

Operation Blue Roof is continuing in the parish with the Corps of Engineers providing temporary covers for hurricane-damaged roofs.

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Acadia cattlemen given hay for distressed cattle

By TRACY DELATTE THE RAYNE INDEPENDENT

This past Sunday afternoon a group of men, each in their own tractors, worked in cooperation to bale a field of

According to Acadia parish Cattlemen's Association member Bryan Alleman the men worked across fields off Standard Mill in Rayne. They gathered hay to donate to cattlemen whose properties were affected by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

"It will be feed to winter the cattle," Alleman said.

Those participating were Alleman and his brother Troy, of the small cattle operation Alleman Enterprise, Terry Duhon of Tripe T Farm, Tippy LeBlanc and Keith LeBlanc of the Scott-based implement dealer Alton LeBlanc and Sons, Randal Girouard of Pharmacy, Nick Ravne Simoneaux of Complete Lawn Care and Jeff Bouillion of Jeff Bo Farms.

Also, Scott Lopez and Jeremy Richard, FFA students of Rayne High participating in the Ag Internship Program assisted.

Everyone wanted to donate their equipment and time to their counterparts in Pecan Island, Cameron, Abbeville and other places where salt water swamped hay fields.

Alleman said he is working with multiple county agents to get hay supplies to cattle farmers who need it most. Former Acadia Parish Cattlemen's president Jeff Bouillion helped coordinate efforts with a group of volun-

"We want to help the farmers," Bouillion said.

Sunday, the men baled hay in fields Alleman leases from siblings Philip Habetz, Hilda Habetz Simoneaux, and Pauline Habetz Reiners. The group will collect hay in a few other places in the next week

"They are going to need more than this here to make it through the winter,' Alleman said.

The three hundred or so bales collected Sunday will help though. Nine tractors worked up and down fields to bale all 75 acres in just a few hours

Addition people who helped on Monday were Mac Bryson, owner of Mac's Exterminating; Larrell Richard, who donated the truck and trailer to haul loads to Vermilion Parish farms; Jeremy Richard, Vincent Zaunbrecher, VTZ Cattle Ranch Incorporated and Zaunbrecher Air Conditioning and Darrell Zaunbrecher with BB Farms.

On Wednesday, an additional 120 acres were baled.

by discouraging development in high-risk areas... The laws prohibit financial assistance including flood insurance" to those who do not give up their freedom and comply.

This is the time to take a stand. The notion that we must elevate to be safe is false. Everyone got out safely. No lives were lost in Cameron Parish because everyone got out safely. Elevation does not matter. Buildings high and buildings low all sustained major damage.

Elevators in Cameron Parish homes and businesses are absolutely absurd. Many of the residents of Cameron Parish cannot afford flood insurance and do NOT want flood insurance.

Individual landowners, homeowners, and businesses should have the freedom to decide what flood damages they can afford and build Individuals accordingly. should have the freedom to not get flood insurance if they do not desire to purchase flood insurance. If a person wants to get flood insurance, they should also have the freedom to do so, if they desire-if they also meet the

flood insurance requirements. Beware the upcoming changes that FEMA will

demand in May 2006, only six months from now. Cameron Parish could be declared a "Repetitive Loss Target" through the NFIP S.D.F. Special Direct Facility, and insurance premiums will skyrocket. It will be much more difficult and much more expensive to get insurance in Cameron Parish, if insurance is available at all.

Most Cameron Parish residents cannot afford insurance now. It's a sick joke that few can afford. Those who might "break even" now with insurance will not be able to do so in the future. When prices go up, more residents will drop out of the insurance admin nightmare.

The police jury has the power and the authority to add, amend, and repeal any ordinance, including the FEMA elevation restrictions that prevent us from building on the ground. I respectfully ask the police jury to please withdraw from the NFIP and allow our homes and our businesses to be built on the ground for the sake of our elderly and handicapped residents.

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Gisele McKinney, MD, OB/GYN received her medical degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. She is Board Certified and a Junior Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. McKinney is actively involved with organizations that mentor youth, with an emphasis on education.



Damian Meehan, MD, Pediatrician, received her medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Tennessee and completed her residency in pediatric medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern/Childrenis Medical Center of Dallas. Dr. Meehan has volunteered for several medical mission events.



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PUBLIC SERVICE Commissioner Dale Sittig offered his support to the people of Cameron Parish at Monday's Police Jury meeting in Grand Lake.

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POLICE JURY

Van Cleve said there are 10,892 applications now pending in Southwest Louisiana for trailers. All of these will be filled before a second trailer can be made available for an existing client to move to another site.

FEMA does not tell local authorities when or where to set up group sites, she said. Also, the trailers remain the property of FEMA, and do not revert to the state, as was rumored.

The issue arose when Assistant District Attorney Tom Barrett suggested changes to the temporary housing permit ordinance to require a minimum square footage for new permits.

The discussion of square footage led Holly Beach camp owner Ann Scrivener to question whether the 500 square foot lots in Holly beach would be affected. Barrett replied that all existing lots remain unaffected, only new permits

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would have to meet the new requirements.

After much discussion, the

amendment was tabled.
Juror Sonny McGee mentioned that state health requirements call for the minimum lot for septic systems to be set at 5000 sq. ft., but that the sewer system to be installed in Holly Beach would eliminate that problem.

McGee announced a meeting for Holly Beach residents regarding the sewer system to be held at the Hackberry Community Wednesday, Nov. 9.

PAYING FOR RITA

The Jury adopted a resolution authorizing a loan application to FEMA to continue to fund parish operations. The loan would be for \$1,921,629. this amount represents 25% of the parish's annual operating budget, the most allowed by

Darrell Williams, parish



HURRICANE RITA didn't read the sign: It is unlawful to litter in Cameron Parish! (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

accountant, said the uncertainty of next year's tax collections makes it prudent to begin the process at this time, since it has to get to the State bond commission by the 16th to be considered.

The jury agreed to start the paperwork in case the funds are needed.

BURN BAN ORDINANCE

District Attorney cecil Sanner presented a proposed ordinance to give procedures and penalties during a burn ban period. The ordinance would set the penalty for disregarding the ban at \$300 and/or 30 days. It also would set procedures to apply for a permit for controlled burns during the ban.

The full text of the proposed ordinance will be advertised for 30 days and voted on

at the next regular meeting. Gary Wicke, of the LSU Extension office asked the jury to allow some agricultural burning at this time, for sugar cane farmers and cattle ranchers. Citing fears of fires jumping to the large piles of debris or igniting hazardous materials, jurors decided to wait.

Director Killmer offered to work with individual farmers and the EPA to see if certain areas could be approved for controlled burn.

DUCK AND DEER HUNTING

Jurors agreed to amend the 6am curfew entry time for duck hunters, provided they leave by noon and do not hunt in the evening.
This was done to try to help

hunting businesses operate while protecting the recovery teams who are working in the marsh each day, many in camouflage clothing.

A request to allow deer hunters to hunt in the evenings was denied, for lower Cameron Parish, due to the danger to workers.

The deer season was opened by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, however, and cannot be closed by the Jury. A resolution was sent to the DWF asking for the closure of the deer season in the evacuated areas.

OTHER MATTERS

Cameron Communications announced that all exchanges have some facilities at present, the Jetty Road has dial tone, and Holly Beach should have service in 1-2 weeks.

Jeff Davis Electricity announced that lines in lower Cameron Parish will be hot beginning this week, although it won't stay on all the time. Lines will be tested and work will be ongoing, requiring power to be cut for short periods of time at various loca-

progress smoothly, no residential accounts will be

Update FEMA on addresses

Cameron Parish residents who have registered for assistance with the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are reminded to update their contact information whenever it changes.

It is important for residents registered for disaster aid with FEMA to check their application status regularly and ensure their address and phone numbers remain current in the system. If contact information is out of date, inspectors and other federal and state disaster-recovery officials may not be able to contact disaster victims.

It is urgent for residents who have registered for disaster assistance to provide FEMA with their most current mailing address. People who have moved and not updated their contact information, may not receive important correspondence, calls about temporary housing and other disaster assistance. For this reason state and federal officials urge disaster applicants to stay in touch and to update their contact information immediately should they move or change

telephone number.s Call the FEMA Helpline, 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or log on to www.fema.gov to update contact details. The TTY number is 1-800-462-7585 for people who are speech- or hearing-impaired. The Helpline operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week until further notice. People without telephones or Internet access can use these services at any of the disaster Recovery Centers located across the state.

All disaster victims regis-

turned on for the present, only $commercial\ ones.$

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The Jury agreed to re-hire the full time temporary person or 786-2477 issues for the health unit. A request to consider hiring a full-time OEP director was taken under consideration. **WOW! O**⁰/₀ APR For 48 Months With Approved Credit During. . . mtrac Frenz DAY -- SATURDAY, NOV. 12TH

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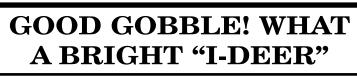
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Dentists close Creole office

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Dr. Jacob Dent and Dr. Tricia McCue are referring all patients who have insurance or are private pay to Dr. Daniel Perry, who is located

patient records. All patients who are on the Medicaid program will be referred to Dr.

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Lake Charles. His office phone is 478-0812. Dr. Perry's

office will have all of your

Churchman Jr. who is located at 3425 Louisiana Ave. in Lake Charles. His office phone is 477-5043.



Dr. R. Thomas Cates has referred his patients from the Hackberry Family Dental Clinic, which suffered damages from the storm to his Lake Charles office which is

Dentist relocates office

open at 1400 Oak Park Blvd. They are now accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment, the phone numbers are 439-2111 or 762-4437 (Forwarded).

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES ON BEHALF OF THE STATE MINERAL BOARD FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70821

By virtue of and in conformity with the provisions of Sub-part A of Chapter 2, Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other applicable laws, sealed bids will be received in the Office of Mineral Resources, LaSalle Office Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (P. O. Box 2827, Baton Rouge, LA 70821) on or before 12:00 noon on Tuesday. December 13, 2005 for a lease to explore, drill for and produce oil, gas and any other liquid or gaseous minerals in solution and produced with oil or gas on the following described tracts (Tract Nos. 37952 through 38026 , inclusive) to be opened publicly Wednesday, 3/952 through 3002c , including to be opened publicly Wednesday, December 14, 2005 in the LaSalle Office Building, 617 N. 3rd Street, Capitol Complex, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

All bids shall offer a "Cash Payment" bonus, as set forth on the authorized bid form, for a lease having a primary term in conformity with whether said lease is an inland or offshore lease and the said bonus shall maintain the lease in full force and effect for the first year. If the bid offers an ANNUAL DELAY RENTAL, which is mandatory for leases with terms of more than one (1) year, it shall not be for less than **one-half (1/2)** of the Cash Payment bonus bid and any bids containing an annual delay rental of less than one-half (1/2) of the Cash Payment bonus will be increased to the one-half (1/2) amount. Any lease granted shall be without warranty or any recourse whatsoever, either expréss or implied, against Lessor with regard to questions of title, not even for the return by Lessor of any payments received under the lease or being otherwise responsible therefore to Lessee. Under LSA- R. S. 30:127, the Minimum Royalty bid cannot be less than one-eighth (1/8) of all oil, gas or other liquid or gaseous minerals in solution and produced with oil or gas and saved or utilized. Rights to geothermal resources free subbur notash lights. resources, free sulphur, potash, lig-nite, salt and other solid minerals are to be excluded from any oil or gas mineral lease and any bid pur-porting to include those rights will be disregarded as to the extent of those rights only. All bidders are noti-fied that the Mineral Board does not obligate itself to accept any bid, and that acceptance is at the sole discretion of the Mineral Board which reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to grant a lease on any portion of the tract advertised and to withdraw the remainder of the tract.

Legislative Session established two additional fees to be collected from mineral lessees on all mineral leases awarded. An additional fee of \$10 per acre will An additional ree of \$10 per acre will be collected and deposited into the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund. An additional fee of \$5 per acre will be collected and deposited into the Oil and Gas Regulatory Fund. A separate check in the amount of \$15 per acre made payable to the Office of Mineral Resources shall be submitted, either accompanying the original bid (inside the sealed bid envelope) or mailed to the Office of Mineral Resources for receipt within ten (10) days after the bid is accepted and the lease is awarded. Bidders may use a regular check for payment of the fees. The suc-cessful bidder will not receive the lease executed by the State Mineral Board until the fees are received.

Act 8 of the 2000 Second Extraordinary

All leases awarded shall be executed upon terms and conditions provided in the current State lease form with all applicable riders appended thereto a copy of which is available for review in the Office of Mineral Resources, Petroleum Lands Division, Leasing Section.

Certified check, cashier's check or bank money order payable to the OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES for the full amount of the aforesaid Cash Payment bonus shall be submitted with and accompany each bid, and no bid, once submitted, may be thereafter with-drawn or canceled. Once the bid is opened and accepted by the Mineral Board, the accompanying checks or money order shall be negotiated by the Office of Mineral Resources and the proceeds disbursed in the manner required

SPECIAL NOTE:

Under rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources in accordance with authority granted by Act 106 of the First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature of 2002, a **fee** equal to ten percent (10%) of the Cash Payment bonus bid is required to be submitted by separate check, either accompanying the original bid (inside the sealed bid envelope) or mailed to the Office of Mineral Resources for receipt within ten (10) days after the bid is accepted and the lease is awarded. Bidders may use a regular check for the 10% fee. The successful bidder will not receive the lease executed by the State Mineral Board until the fee is received. If the fee check accompanies the bid in the sealed envelope and the bidder is unsuccessful, both the fee check and the Cash Payment bonus check will be returned to the unsuccessful bidder.

The successful bidder to whom the lease is awarded who receives the written lease executed by the State Mineral Board shall return the written lease, duly executed by Lessee (all of named Lessees on the lease instrument), within **TWENTY** (20) DAYS of receipt of same under penalty for failure to do so of forfeiture of the lease, including the Cash Payment bonus and fee tendered and negotiated.

Bids may be for the whole or any particularly described portion of the land adver-tised, but consistent with Mineral Board policy. All bidders are hereby notified that on portions of tracts shall be described by metes and bounds and be accompanied by a transparent plat outlining thereon the portion bid upon. The scale of the transparent plat shall be the same as the scale of the OFFICIAL PLAT (NOT THE F & A PLAT) CONTAINED HEREIN and should identify the Point of Beginning with X and Y coordinates (if applicable), the Section, Township and Range, the Block No. (if offshore), the Parish, any adjacent existing State Mineral Leases, and, further, should clearly show the entire tract boundaries in relationship to the portion bid upon. It shall also show the Topographic features (Land and Water) of the area in detail similar to the Official Plat contained herein. Failure to follow these guidelines in sub mitting a portion bid may result in outright rejection of the portion bid by the State Mineral Board at its sole discretion.

Notice is given that the State Mineral Board will include provisions in the lease to insure applicable payments attributable to the lease property without regard to adverse title claims, disputes, litigation or title failure and the language of those provisions is available to any interested party at the Office of Mineral Resources. Prospective hidders Prospective bidders should carefully examine the same prior to submitting any bid.

Some tracts available for leasing may be situated in the Louisiana Coastal Zone as defined in Act 361 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature of 1978 (promulgated as LSA-R. S. 49:213) and may be subject to the guidelines and regulations promulgated by the Coastal Management Section of the Department of Natural Resources for operations in the Coastal Zone.

NOTE: All bids shall specify the Cash Payment bonus for leases as a price per acre amount and an aggregate total amount. For purposes of rental and deferred development payments, the price per acre amount set forth in the bid, when multiplied by the appropriate acreage, shall deter-mine the full value of rental or deferred development payments to be made. If there are any discrepancies between the total State acreage cies between the total State acreage specified in a lease and the actual State acreage within the geographical boundary of the lease tract, nevertheless, the price per acre specified in the bid for a lease shall be multiplied by the appropriate State acreage within the geographical boundary of the lease tract to com-pute rental or deferred development

NOTE: Multiple portion bids on the same tract may be accepted by the State Mineral Board, even though they overlap. In the case of overlapping portion bids on the same tract, each of which is otherwise acceptable to the State, the State Mineral Board will indicate which one of the multiple bids on the same tract is most acceptable, considering the royalty, per acre cash payment, bonus, any additional con-sideration and what, in the sole discretion of the Mineral Board, is in the best interest of the State, and that bid (referred to as "Bid A") will be given priority in having a lease issued. The State Mineral Board will also indicate the acceptability of other portion bids on the same tract, if any, in the order of their acceptance (referred to respectively as "Bid B", "Bid C", etc.). Once the plat of "Bid A" 's portion has been rendered as accurately as possible. "Bid B" will be contacted and given an option to take a lease on the remaining portion of his portion bid acreage not over-lapping "Bid A" 's bid portion, at "Bid B' 's per acre bid price (both as to bonus and rental): and thereafter, each successive bidder whose bid is otherwise acceptable will be given the option to take a lease on whatever portion remains of his portion bid acreage at his respective per acre bid price, less and except any prior portion bid acreage on which the successful bidder has opted to take a lease.

OFFSHORE TRACT (Tract Nos. 37952 through 37957 inclusive, herein) are the tracts which lie seaward of the Louisiana shoreline, as hereinafter defined, but landward of the survey line lying three nautical miles from the Louisiana shoreline, all as determined by the Report of the Special Master in the litigation in the Supreme Court of the United States styled United States v. State of Louisiana, et al, No. 9 Original and set out in the June 1975, Decree of the said Supreme Court. All bids on offshore tracts cannot specify a lease primary term exceeding **five (5) years.** Bids that specify a primary term exceeding five (5) years for an offshore tract may be rejected outright or the primary term changed to five) years at the sole discretion of the State

TRACT 37952 - Portion of Block 4, abine Pass Area, Cameron Parish,

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NOTE: The above description of the Tract nominated for lease has been provided and corrected, where required, exclusively by the nomination party. Any mineral lease selected from this Tract and awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board shall be without warranty of any kind, either express, implied, or statutory, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Should the min-eral lease awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board be subsequently modified. cancelled or abrogated due to the exis-tence of conflicting leases, operating agreements, private claims or other future obligations or conditions which may affect all or any portion of the leased Tract, it shall not relieve the Lessee of the obligation to pay any bonus due thereon to the Louisiana State Mineral Board, nor shall the Louisiana State Mineral Board be obligated to refund any consideration paid by the Lessor prior to such modification, can-cellation, or abrogation, including, but not

tances and coordinates are based Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927,

(North or South Zone).

NOTE: The State of Louisiana does hereby reserve, and this lease shall be subject to, the imprescriptible right of surface use in the nature of a servitude in favor of the Department of Natural Resources, includits Offices and Commissions, for the e purpose of implementing, construct ing, servicing and maintaining approved coastal zone management and/or restora-tion projects. Utilization of any and all rights derived under this lease by the mineral lessee, its agents, successors or assigns, shall not interfere with nor hinder surface use by the reasonable Department of Natural Resources. Offices or Commissions, as herein above

limited to, bonuses, rentals and royalties.

NOTE: It appears, according to our records, that a portion of this Tract is located within the restrictive safety fairway area as set out by the Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army and/or the restrictive anchorage area as set out by the U.S. Coast Guard.

TRACT 37953 - Portion of Block 3, Sabine Pass Area, Cameron Parish, Louisiana

belonging to the State of Louisiana located in Block 3, Sabine Pass Area, together with any present lands formed by accretion to the shoreline or islands formed therein, located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, owned by and not presently under mineral lease as of December 14, 2005, from the State of Louisiana, the

geographical area of which is more fully described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line of Block 3, Sabine Pass on the West line of Block 3, Sabine Pass Area having Coordinates of X = 1,214,355.14 and Y = 352,757.00; thence North 10,217.14 feet on the West line of said Block 3 to the Southwest corner of State Lease No. 16022 having Coordinates of X = 1,214,355.14 and Y = 362,974.14; thence East 1,900.00 feet on the South line of said State Lease No. 16022 to its Southeast corner and the Southwest corner of State Lease No. 16186 having Coordinates of X = 1,216,255.14 and Y = 362,974.14; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 16186 the following courses: East 4,555.86 feet, North 130.86 feet, East 820.00 feet, South 130.86 feet, East 103.14 feet, and North 1,300.00 feet to its Northeast corner and a point on the North ine of said Block 3 having Coordinates of X = 1,221,734.14 and Y = 364,274.14; thence East 5,733.44 feet on the North line of said Block 3 to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,227,467.58 and Y = 364,274.14; thence Southwesterly on an archaving a radius of 18240 60 feet and a arc having a radius of 18240.60 feet and a center at X = 1,209,227.00 and Y = 364,245.00 to the Northeast corner of State Lease No. 16902 having Coordinates of X = 1,227,110.62 and Y = 360,653.93; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 16902 the following said State Lease No. 16902 the following courses: North 37 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds West 878.97 feet, South 71 degrees 10 minutes 45 seconds West 2,864.38 feet, South 05 degrees 25 minutes 41 seconds East 1,060.62 feet, South 56 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds West 3,217.90, South 299.58 feet, South 56 degrees 52 minutes 19 seconds East 56 degrees 52 minutes 19 seconds Eas 2,459.75 feet, and East 2,123.70 feet to its Southeast corner having Coordinates of X = 1,225,471.94 and Y = 355,949.14thence Southwesterly on an arc having a radius of 18240.60 feet and a center at X = 1,209,227.00 and Y = 364,245.00 to a = 1,209,227.00 and Y = 364,245.00 to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,223,395.46 and Y = 352,757.00; thence West 9,040.32 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately **2,499.94** acres, LESS AND EXCEPT that portion thereof, if any, lying seaward of the line three nautical miles from the coast line of Louisiana, as said three mile line has been decreed by the Supreme Court of the United States as determined by a the United States, as determined by a Special Master appointed therein, in litigation styled **United States v. State of** Louisiana et al No. 9 Original, in 1975, all as more particularly outlined on a plat in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on the Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (South Zone).

NOTE: The above description of the Tract nominated for lease has been provided and corrected, where required, exclusively by the nomination party. Any mineral lease selected from this Tract and awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board shall be without warranty of any kind, either express, implied, or statutory, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Should the mineral lease awarded by the Louisiana State eral lease awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board be subsequently modified, cancelled or abrogated due to the existence of conflicting leases, operating agreements, private claims or other future obligations or conditions which may affect all or any portion of the leased Tract, it shall not relieve the Lessee of the obliga tion to pay any bonus due thereon to the Louisiana State Mineral Board, nor shall the Louisiana State Mineral Board be obligated to refund any consideration paid by the Lessor prior to such modification, cancellation, or abrogation, including, but not limited to, bonuses, rentals and royalties.

NOTE: The State of Louisiana does hereby reserve, and this lease shall be subject to, the imprescriptible right of surface use in the nature of a servitude in favor of the Department of Natural Resources, including its Offices and Commissions, for the sole purpose of implementing, constructing, servicing and maintaining approved coastal zone management and/or restoration projects. Utilization of any and all rights derived under this lease by the mineral lessee, its agents, successors or assigns, shall not interfere with nor hinder the reasonable surface use by the Department of Natural Resources, its Offices or Commissions, as herein above reserved.

NOTE: It appears, according to our records, that a portion of this Tract is located within the restrictive safety fairway U.S. Army and/or the restrictive anchorage area as set out by the U.S. Coast

INLAND TRACTS (Tract Nos. 37958 through 38021 inclusive, herein) are those tracts which lie landward of the Louisiana shoreline as defined by the report of the Special Master in the tion in the Supreme Court of the United States styled United States v. State of Louisiana, et al, No. 9 Original and set out in the June 1975, Decree of the said Supreme Court. All bids on inland tracts cannot specify a lease primary term exceeding **three** (3) **years.** Bids that specify a primary term exceeding three (3) years for an inland tract may be rejected outright or the primary term changed to three (3) years at the sole discretion of the State Mineral Board.

TRACT 37977 - Cameron Parish

Louisiana All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description the title of which vests in the State of Louisiana together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease on December 14 2005, situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X = 1,530,893.75 and Y = 492,050.00; thence East 16,163.51 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,547,057.26 and Y =492,050.00; thence South 4,123.23 feet to the Northeast corner of State Lease No. 18646 having Coordinates of X = 1,547,057.26 and Y = 487,926.77; thence West 5,170.13 feet along the North boundary of said State Lease No. 18646 Northwest corner having Coordinates of X = 1,541,887.13 and Y = 487,926.77; thence West 10,993.38 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,530,893.75 and Y = 487,926.77; thence North 4,123.23 feet to the point of beginning, LESS AND EXCEPT all those portions of State Lease No. 17314 as tions of State Lease No. 17314, as amended, that may lie within the above described tract, containing approximately 126.42 acres, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based or Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927

(North or South Zone), where applicable NOTE: The above description of the Tract nominated for lease has been provided and corrected, where required, exclusive ly by the nomination party. Any mineral lease selected from this Tract and awardbe selected from this tract and awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board shall be without warranty of any kind, either express, implied, or statutory, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Should the mineral lease awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board be subsequently modified, cancelled or abrogated due to the existence of aprilipations of the particular paragraphs. tence of conflicting leases, operating agreements, private claims or other future obligations or conditions which may affect all or any portion of the leased Tract, it shall not relieve the Lessee of the obligation to pay any bonus due thereon to the Louisiana State Mineral Board, nor shall the Louisiana State Mineral Board be obligated to refund any consideration paid by the Lessor prior to such modification, cancellation, or abrogation, including, but not

NOTE: The State of Louisiana does hereby reserve, and this lease shall be subject to, the imprescriptible right of surface use in the nature of a servitude in favor of the Department of Natural Resources, including its Offices and Commissions, for the sole purpose of implementing, construct ing, servicing and maintaining approved coastal zone management and/or restoration projects. Utilization of any and all rights derived under this lease by the min-eral lessee, its agents, successors or assigns, shall not interfere with nor hinder the reasonable surface use by the Department of Natural Resources, its Offices or Commissions, as herein above

TRACT 37978 - Cameron Parish,

Louisiana All of the lands now or formerly constitut-ing the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description the title of which vests in the State of Louisiana together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not preser under mineral lease on December 2005, situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X = 1,547,057.26 and Y = 492,050.00; thence East 13,992.26 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,561,049.52 and Y = 492,050.00; thence South 11,222.13 feet 492,050.00; thence South 11,222.13 feet to point having Coordinates of X = 1,561,049.52 and Y = 480,827.87; thence West 18,000,00 feet to the Southeast cor ner of State Lease No. 18645 having Coordinates of X = 1,543,049.52 and Y = 480,827.87; thence North 4,030.40 feet along the East boundary of said State Lease No. 18645 its Northeast corner also being a point on the South boundary of State Lease No. 18646 having Coordinates of X = 1,543,049,52 and Y = 484,858.27; thence East 4,007.74 feet along the South boundary of said State Lease No. 18646 to its Southeast corner having Coordinates of X = 1,547,057.26 and Y = 484.858.27.: thence North and Y = 484,858.27,: thence North 3,068.50 feet along the East boundary of said State Lease No. 18646 to its Northeast corner having Coordinates of X = 1,547,057.26 and Y = 487,926.77; thence North 4,123.23 feet to the point of beginning, LESS AND EXCEPT all those portions of State Lease No. 17314, as amended, that may lie within the above described tract, containing approximately 270 acres, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources, All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927.

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(North or South Zone), where applicable

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TRACT 37979 - Cameron Parish, Louisiana

All of the lands now or formerly constitut ing the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description the title of which vests in the State of Louisiana together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease on December 14, 2005, situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X = 1,530,893.75 and Y = 487,926.77; thence East 10,993.38 feet to the Northwest corner of State Lease No. 18646 having State Lease No. 18646 having Coordinates of X = 1,541,887.13 and Y = 487,926.77; thence South 3,068.50 feet along the West boundary of said State Lease No. 18646 to its Southwest corner Lease No. 18646 to its Southwest corner also being a point on the North boundary of State Lease 18645 having Coordinates of X = 1,541,887.13 and Y = 484,858.27; thence West 600.94 feet along the North boundary of said State Lease No. 18645 to its Northwest corner having Coordinates of X = 1,541,286.19 and Y = 484,858.27; thence South 4,030.40 feet along the West boundary of said State along the West boundary of said State Lease No. 18645 to its Southwest corner having Coordinates of X = 1,541,286.19 and Y = 480,827.87; thence East 1,763.33 feet along the South boundary of said State Lease No. 18645 to its Southeast corner having Coordinates of X = 1,543,049.52 and Y = 480,827.87; = 1,343,049.32 and 1 = 400,627.67, thence South 9,336.49 feet a point having Coordinates of X = 1,543,049.52 and Y = 471,491.38; thence West 12,155.77 feet a point having Coordinates of X = 1,530,893.75 and Y = 471,491.38; thence North 16.435.39 feet to the point of begin ning, containing approximately **2,120.94 acres**, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral a plat on the in the United of Natural Resources, Department of Natural Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone), where applicable.

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in the nature of a servitude in favor of the Department of Natural Resources, including its Offices and Commissions, for the sole purpose of implementing, constructing, servicing and maintaining approved coastal zone management and/or restoration projects. Utilization of any and all rights derived under this lease by the mineral lessee, its agents, successors or assigns, shall not interfere with nor hinder the reasonable surface use by the Department of Natural Resources, its Offices or Commissions, as herein above

TRACT 37988 - Cameron Parish. Louisiana
All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description the title of which vests in the State of Louisiana, together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently mineral lease on December 14 situated in Cameron Parish Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X = 1,501,344.76 and Y = 433,920.18; thence South 88 degrees 31 minutes 02 seconds East 13,412.07 feet to a point hav Coordinates of X = 1,514,752.34 and ` Coordinates of X = 1,514,752.34 and Y = 433,573.14; thence South 01 degrees 26 minutes 53 seconds West 5,277.28 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,514,618.98 and Y = 428,297.55; thence North 88 degrees 32 minutes 26 seconds West 13,403.67 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,501,219.66 and Y = 428,638.93; thence North 01 degrees 21 minutes 25 seconds East 5,282.73 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately **64 acres**, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on tances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone), where applicable.

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NOTE: The State of Louisiana does here reserve, and this lease shall be subject, the imprescriptible right of surface use in the nature of a servitude in favor of the Department of Natural Resources, including its Offices and Commissions, for the sole purpose of implementing, constructing, servicing and maintaining approved coastal zone management and/or restoration projects. Utilization of any and all rights derived under this lease by the mineral lessee, its agents, successors or assigns, shall not interfere with nor hinder the reasonable surface use by the Department of Natural Resources, its Offices or Commissions, as herein above reserved.

TRACT 37990 - Cameron Parish, Louisiana

All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description the title of which vests in the State of Louisiana, together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease on December 14, 2005, situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X = 1,500,966.67and Y = 418,085.52; thence North 88 degrees 33 minutes 57 seconds West 8,033.99 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,492,935.20 and Y = 418,286.60; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 37 seconds West 5,279.55 feet to Initialities of Secondary West 5,279.55 feet to a point having Coordinates of X=1,487,657.25 and Y=418,416.19; thence North 01 degrees 16 minutes 23 seconds East 10,548.33 feet to a point having Coordinates of X=1,487,891.60 and Y=1,487,891.60428,961.91; thence South 88 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds East 5,288.12 feet to minutes 13 seconds East 5,288.12 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,493,178.40 and Y = 428,843.80; thence South 88 degrees 32 minutes 26 seconds East 8,043.87 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,501,219.66 and Y = 428,638.93; thence South 01 degrees 22 minutes 43 seconds West 5,278.22 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,501,092.67 and Y = 423,362.24; thence South 01 degrees 22 minutes 04 seconds West 5,278.22 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately **85 acres**, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Minard Percurses. on file in the Office of Mineral Resources Department of Natural Resources. bearings, distances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone), where appli

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TRACT 37991 - Cameron Parish,

All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description the title of which vests in the State of Louisiana together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease on December 14, 2005, situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly

described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X=1,500,966.67 and Y=418,085.52; thence North 01 degrees 22 minutes 04 seconds East 5,278.23 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,501,092.67 and Y = Coordinates of X = 1,501,092.67 and Y = 423,362.24; thence North 01 degrees 22 minutes 43 seconds East 5,278.22 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,501,219.66 and Y = 428,638.93; thence South 88 degrees 32 minutes 26 seconds East 13,403.67 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,514,618.98 and Y = 428,297.55; thence South 01 degrees 26 minutes 53 seconds West 604.25 feet to a point on the North line of State Lease No. point on the North line of State Lease No. 16138, as amended, having Coordinates of X=1,514,603.71 and Y=427,693.50; thence along the boundary of said State Lease No. 16138, as amended, the fol-lowing courses: North 88 degrees 33 min-utes 21 seconds West 1,000.25 feet to its utes $\hat{2}1$ seconds West 1,00 $\hat{0}$.25 feet to its Northwest corner having Coordinates of X = 1,513,603.78 and Y = 427,718.71, South 01 degrees 26 minutes 39 seconds West 2,275.31 feet to its Southwest corner having Coordinates of X = 1,513,546.43 and Y = 425,444.12, and South 88 degrees 33 minutes 21 seconds East 1,000.10 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,514,546.22 and Y = 425,418.92 thence South 01 degrees 26 425,418.92; thence South 01 degrees 26 minutes 53 seconds West 2,395.72 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,514,485.68 and Y = 423,023.96; thence South 01 degrees 26 minutes 53 seconds West 5,275.27 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,514,352.37 and Y = 417,750.38; thence North 88 degrees 33 minutes 57 seconds West 13,389.89 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately **353 acres**, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone), where applicable

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TRACT 37996 - Cameron Parish, Louisiana All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description the title of which vests in the State of Louisiana, together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease on December 14, 2005, situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X = 1,500,966.67 and Y = 418,085.52; thence South 88 degrees 33 minutes 57 seconds East 13.389.89 feet to a point having 13,389.89 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,514,352.37 and Y =417,750.38; thence South 01 degrees 26 minutes 53 seconds West 10,548.65 feet minutes 33 seconds west 10,346.05 reat to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,514,085.80 and Y = 407,205.10; thence South 01 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds West 2,645.72 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,514,034.24 and Y = 404,559.89; thence North 88 degrees 33 minutes 42 seconds West 5.364.34 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,508,671.60 and Y = 404,694.53; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 16 seconds West 5,348.62 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,503,324.60 and Y = 1,503,324.60404,826.36; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 14 seconds West 2,674.15 feet to point having Coordinates of X = 500,651.26 and Y = 404,892.30; thence North 01 degrees 22 minutes 35 seconds East 2,641.22 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,500,714.70 and Y = 407,532.75; thence North 01 degrees 22 minutes 04 seconds East 10,555.78 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately **941 acres**, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on (North or South Zone), where applicable.

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RUN: Nov. 10 (N 7)



LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in special session convened on the 17th day of October, 2005 has accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed as Project Number 2005-02: Plumbing Repairs to Cameron Parish Jail pursuant to the certain contract Charles Construction Company Inc. and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 291977, in the book Mortgages, Cameron, 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 Police Jury will pay all sums in the absence of any such claims or liens.

/s/Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUNS: Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1 (O 10)

CAMERON CANAL FIELD 05-1296 and 05-1297 LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, State LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2005, upon the application of EL PASO PRO-DÚCTION CO.

hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Sub Alliance Sand, Reservoir A and the 13000' Sand Reservoir A, in the Cameron Canal Field, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes, Louisiana.

1. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E and Office of Conservation Order No. 1076 and 1076-A Series, to permit El Paso Production Co. to drill, designate, and utilize their Blanche Fremaux No. 1 Well as a substitute unit well for the SUB ALL RA SUA, at the approximate location shown on the plat submitted with the application.

2. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of statewide Order No. 29-E and Office of Conservation Order No. 1076-B. to permit El Paso Production Co. to drill, designate and utilize their Blanche Fremaux No. 1 Well as a substitute unit well for the 13000 RA SUA, at the approximate location shown on the plat submitted with the application.

3. To find that this well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the reservoirs covered by the units which cannot be effectively and efficiently drained by any existing well within such units.

To confirm El Paso Production Co. as the operator of the units.

5. To find that, except to the extent contrary to the Order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application the provisions of Office of Conservation Order Nos. 1076, 1076-A Series and 1076-B shall remain in full force and effect.

6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

Sand. The Sub Alliance Reservoir A, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1076 and 1076-A Series effective October 31, 1979.

The 13000' Sand, Reservoir A, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1076-B, effective July 16, 1980.

Plats are available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in Baton Rouge and Lafayette,

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

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

COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION Baton Rouge, La

10/24/05; 10/27/05

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UNDER REQUIRED DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE OF C O N S E R V A T I O N -ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P. O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE. RUN: Nov. 11 - N 6

DEEP LAKE FIELD

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, DECEMBER 13, 2005, upon the application of ASPECT ENERGY, LLC.

hearing such Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the 13,250' Sand, Reservoir B, in the Deep Lake Field Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the 13,250' Sand, Reservoir B and to create a single drilling and production unit and to force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created.

2. To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the unit so created.

3. To provide that any well drilled outside of the 13,250' Sand, Reservoir B, shall be in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

To provide that the Commissioner may reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order and without the necessity of a public hearing should such reclassification be warranted, based on evifurnished Commissioner.

5. To consider such other mat-

ters as may be pertinent.

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

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

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Baton Rouge, La 10/27/05; 11/1/05

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DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE. "This Notice does not constitute a summons to appear but is merely an invitation to attend the hearing if you so desire. A copy of this Notice are being sent to all known Interested and

Represented Parties Interested Owners. This Legal Notice has been published in THE MORNING ADVOCATE, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and will be published in "CAMERON PARISH PILOT", DeQuincy, Louisiana. RUN: Nov. 10 - N 8

Proceedings Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater No. 1 October 13, 2005 Special Meeting The Cameron Parish Water

and Wastewater District No. 1 Board met in special session Thursday, October 13, 2005 at 6:00 pm. in the boardroom located at 111 Dennis Lane, in the village of Grand Lake, Louisiana.

Members present were: J. C. Murphy, James Boudreaux, Bobby Doxey, Paul Duhon, and Tammy

Absent: Rick Merchant and Ronald Nunez, Jr.

Board President J. C. Murphy called the meeting to order.
On a motion by Bobby Doxey

and seconded by James Boudreaux and carried that a letter be sent to Hibernia authorizing the bank to debit the account and write cashier's checks for the payment of bills until operations can be established again.

On a motion by Paul Duhon and seconded by James Boudreaux and carried that the

bills for the month be paid. On a motion by Paul Duhon and seconded by Bobby Doxey and carried that there being no further business that the meeting stand adjourned.

/s/J. C. Murphy J. C. Murphy, President Cameron Parish W&WW#1 /s/Lori LeBlanc Lori LeBlanc, Secretary RUNS: Nov. 11 - N 9

Minutes of Meeting Cameron Parish Drainage District #9 August 18, 2005 6:00 PM

Hackberry Recreation Center Administrative Reuben LaBauve (President)

calls meeting to order. Members Present

Benoit, Alex. Seay, Paul Constance Members absent Delcambre Guests Present - None

Minutes for previous meeting were distributed to Board members prior to meeting. P. Constance motioned to approve minutes of previous meeting as prepared. A. Seay seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers' Řeport \$24,695.53 Checking Account \$200,000.00 -

S. Benoit motioned to approve treasurer's report as read. A. Seay seconded motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussions were open for the following:

Discussions were open on the maintenance spraying of the School House Marsh. A. Seay motioned to have Golden Ranch Aviation start spray maintenance of this area and other areas specified. S. Benoit seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussions were opened on the disposal of spoil removed for drainage improvements. A. Seay motioned to have paper work drawn up stating to the affect that



THE JOHNSON BAYOU Library, formerly a Cameron State Bank branch, was swept away by Hurricane Rita. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Cameron **Outdoors**

By LOSTON MCEVERS



REFUGES TOOK **HEAVY HIT**

Every organization is trying to pick up the pieces left by Hurricane Katrina and Rita. As a member of the (LOWA) Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association, members try to keep in touch as well as look after each other. The LOWA takes care of state records on large fish, just about in every species. I got a letter listing our members that were in harms way for both of the hurricanes. A couple of notes caught my attention, something that really reflects back to Cameron Parish.

John Felsher, sportswriter for the Lake Charles American Press had his home severely damaged, roof caved in. He's now in Cabot, Ark. and since his children are in school, he will stay for that. He may stay permanently and relocate in Arkansas. He is now writing for five small

weekly newspapers.
Eli Haydel, maker of
Haydel Duck Callers is no stranger to our area as he visits our parish regularly and does quite a bit of hunting. His camp here was destroyed. Much more seriously, Linda, his wife informs us that Eli had two massive strokes. He is paralyzed on his left side and not speaking clearly. He is in the hospital in Shreveport in a rehab ward, and he will be there for four weeks. Doctors seem to think his chances for a full recovery are good. His speech is returning and also the feeling in his arm and leg is returning. Please keep him in your

prayers. **Ö**ur local charter guide services like Big Lake Ğuide Service saved their boats, but home and new lodge are severely damaged. Calcasieu Charter Services had minor damage to home, but lodge had 15 inches of water.

There are few fishing services and hunting lodges across our state that haven't had damages. In the Venice area they're mostly complete-

if the land owner wishes to keep the spoil it will be their responsibility and not the responsibility of the Drainage board to level the spoil. Anyone else that may want the spoil will pay for the cost of hauling and also be responsible for leveling the spoil. If no one wants the spoil it will be disposed of in a means decided upon by the drainage board. P Constance seconded the motion. Motion carried

unanimously. Discussions were opened on drainage elevation survey taken on Channel drive and Kandler Ln. A. Seay started we need to go out to this location before making a decision on what needs to be done for drainage improvements. S. Benoit motioned to table discussions until we could go out and reevaluate this area. P. Constance seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Benoit presented invoice for approval to pay. A. Seay made a motion to pay the invoices. S. Benoit seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed permit applications. S. Benoit motioned to accept all applications presented with some stipulations as made by the board. A. Seay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed culvert applications. S. Benoit motioned to accept all applications presented with some stipulations as made by the board. P. Constance seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further new business presented, the meeting was adjoined. Minutes prepared and submit-ted by Scott Benoit, Secretary-

/s/ Reuben LaBauve Reuben LaBauve, President /s/ Scott Benoit Scott Benoit, Secretary-Treasurer RUN: Nov. 10 (N 10)

ly wiped out. There are lots of local commercial shrimpers who lost boats, ovster fishermen losses åre great, so our Gulf coast line of Louisiana has a long time until they recover and get back to what it used to be. There were many large and small fishing boats destroyed, not counting all the wetlands lost across the Gulf coast of Louisiana. Did we loose our Louisiana Paradise? Hopefully not!

REFUGE DAMAGES

Our federal refuges all took a hit, but Sabine Refuge's loss was the worst. Lacassine and Cameron Prairie had quite a bit of damage but prime marshland for fishing and hunting took a beating, according to Outreach Coordinator Diane Borden Billiot.

She calls it a "waste dump." There are deep freezers, tanks, hazardous materials, and 18 wheelers out there. Manmade canals that we traveled are now blocked with debris. Hundreds of acres are now large ponds. Public access to this 125,000 acre U. S. Fish and Wildlife Refuge is now off limit to public access, while refuge employees start to try and preserve this great and popular hunting and fishing area. This will also have an impact, stopping hundreds of tourists and visitors from touring the refuge, either by boat or walkway, who travel the Creole Nature Trail each year. Lots of the debris from the Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach areas, as well as from oilfields, are sinking in the marsh. Some of the hazardous material could take years to clean up and a lot of the debris will stay in the marsh, just like after Hurricane Audrey.

The saltwater across the refuge is pure as the Gulf water, where lots of fish and animals won't survive with the high salinity levels. It will take rain to freshen the marshes and to bounce back the fishing, alligator, nutria and migratory waterfowl. All three refuges are closed to the public.

I spoke with Tom Hess, biologist in charge at Rockefellow Refuge, our state refuge, and it is closed indefinitely. The east launch had underwash at the east end locks, but they will try to have that repaired by spring. Price Lake Road is in bad shape, lots of canals full of debris. They have cleaned the headquarter's canal, from the main office to the canal leading to Joseph Harbor. Most dam and weir structures are in fairly good shape. Levees at the Constance Bayou east of the Superior Canal are gone in places up to eight miles. There's lots of salinity, high contents of saltwater, but water is going down real well. Tom expressed that going through the refuge in airboats, they were surprised to see so many deer that had made it through the hurricane. I myself have seen lots of young deer along the lower east Cameron Parish highways!

Tom said that the refuges to the far east of us, like Pass-A-Lout, east of Venice and state wildlife refuges, had really taken a beating. They will be flying for a duck count, weather permitting this week.

DUCK HUNTING The La. Wildlife

Fisheries (LDWF) announced all temporary hunting season closures that they had



SIGNS ARE being posted to let folks know which roads now have water. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Superintendent expresses thanks for school help

By DOUG CHANCE **SCHOOL** SUPERINTENDENT

Classes resumed during the week of Oct. 31, for all students in Cameron Parish after the interruption created by Hurricane Rita.

Many individuals, teams, and groups are responsible for the timely and successful continuation of the school year in Cameron Parish only school days after Hurricane Rita destroyed 62% of the school system's facilities, inflicted major damage to another 13%, and created the need for significant repairs and restoration to the remaining 25% of the schools. The titles and names of some of the individuals, teams, and groups who have contributed to the speedy recovery and continuation of the school year are listed below:

*Donors have provided gifts and supplies for students and employees--from individuals, schools, churches, and corporations in our area, Louisiana and across the United States;

*Members of the Cameron Parish School Board;

*Freddie Richard and the entire Office of Emergency Preparedness Team;

Sheriff Theos Duhon and all members of the department, Louisiana State Police, and officers from other cities and parishes in Louisiana and other states:

*Members of the Cameron Police Jury, Water Districts, and their staff members;

*Jeff Davis Electric and Entergy--assisted by hundreds of technicians from across the United States-worked tirelessly to "turn the lights on" at Grand Lake and Hackberry High Schools in order for classes to resume;

*David Duhon, Principal and Steve Racca, Vocational Agriculture Teacher served as the restoration leaders at Grand Lake and Hackberry respectively--schools would not have opened as timely without them;

Cameron Communications, BellSouth, Cox Communications, and broadcast and print media have been excellent neighbors and service providers during this special time;

Legislatively, President Dr. Hines, House

declared after the hurricanes,

have been rescinded, except

for some areas to our east in

the New Orleans area.

Information on some web

sites were false and not put

out by LDWF. As I mentioned,

U. S. Fish & Wildlife Services

closures on refuges will prob-

ably remain closed, but for

more info call 1-800-344-

9453. For LDWF call 225-765-

call Dave Morland at 225-

765-2348. Duck and goose

season will open on time in

clubs will not hunt this year,

especially in the Creole and

Grand Chenier areas. This is

a report on some of our local

hunting lodges and charter

services in the Big Lake and

Hackberry area, that are still

in operation or trying to con-

Some of our local hunting

go

or

southwest Louisiana.

can change.

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www.ldwf.louisiana.gov

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Salter, Speaker Joe **Education** committee chairs Senator Ullo Representative Crain, and many other senators and house members are cognizant of the significant educational needs in our parish and state; *Louisiana Governor

Blanco, General Honore', FEMA's Lee Champagne, Corp of Engineer's George Mears, and dozens of their team members made significant contributions; and, last with imminent significance, *President George W.

Bush whose visits were uplifting and whose support of declarations and legislation are making the recovery, restoration, and renewal efforts possible within the current time parameters.

The persons most important to the reopening effort are our students, parents, grandparents, and other family members. Our students and their families, our teachers, staff members, administrators, and the actions of our school board members must not be undervalued. These group members are our school system--thank you individually and collectively for your patience resilience, and determination to reopen Cameron Parish Schools!

A special "thank you" is shared with our neighbors in Southwest Louisiana's education Regions IV and V as well as our adjoining educational neighbors and their superintendents in Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Jeff Davis, and Vermilion Parishes. Also, special acknowledgements are noted for the efforts of Senator Theunissen, Representative Frith, Superintendent Picard, and BESE members, the Louisiana Legislature, Governor Kathleen Blanco, and President George W. Bush.

On behalf of board members Clifton Morris of Johnson Bayou, Dwayne Sanner of Hackberry, Pat Howerton of Grand Lake--Sweetlake, Dot Theriot of Grand Chenier, Loston McEvers of Creole, Marvin Trahan of Cameron, and Rachel Abadie of Grand Lake-Big Lake, thanks to all of the individuals, teams, and groups that helped us continue the 2005-06 school year in Cameron parish!"

Charter Service is running charters and they expect lodging to be available by hunting season. Grosse Savanne Lodge will

have duck hunting, but they will use different location for accommodations. Diamond W Ranch is in operation and Doug's

Hunting Lodge will open for hunting season. For more of this info call the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau, or call 436-9588 for

Angie Manning Istre. I talked to a few anglers fishing Big Lake-Calcasieu Lake and speckle trout are hitting, birds are working, just be careful on the water

for debris.





TWENTY AMERICORP members from around the United States were on hand this past weekend to lend helping hands in an effort to clean up the mess left by Hurricane Rita. They worked tire-lessly to help Mrs. JoAnn Nunez of Oak Grove to collect what belongings she could save from her backyard after the storm washed away the downstairs rooms of her home. The young volunteers spent hours shoveling mud and marsh grass that reached the upper floor of the house in an effort to help Mrs. Nunez return to her home of 48 years. Pictures by Ruby Dupuie.



VOLUNTEERS FROM Channahan, Illinois, near Chicago, are helping repair the roof of First Baptist Church of Johnson Bayou. Team leader Kenton Ayers has 40 - 50 volunteers on site. Istrouma Baptist Church of Baton Rouge is supporting the team's effort. Pastor Les Fogleman says two Sunday services have been held so far in the building, which had three feet of flood water and marsh debris. Firemen from Roanoke, Virg., removed the carpeting and Pastor's Council Resource cleared debris. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Wildlife refuges are now closed due to damages

Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex, which includes, Cameron Prairie, Lacassine, and Sabine National Wildlife Refuges, was ravished by Rita. The damages are widespread across the Refuges and the hazards to human health and safety are many. It is for this reason that refuge managers have closed the National Wildlife Refuges in Southwest Louisiana to all recreational uses including hunting.

According to Sabine National Wildlife Refuge Manager, Terry Delaine, "storm surge damaged access bridges, removed recreational facilities, severely damaged all buildings and other structures, removed and moved marsh vegetation, and left thousands of acres of debris strewn across the hunting and fishing areas throughout the refuge. Over five miles of Central Canal, the main access canal into Sabine refuge, has been filled in with debris."

Also at Sabine, the Environmental Protection Agency is using the West Cove Recreational Area parking lots as sorting sites for hazardous materials being collected throughout Cameron Parish. Utility companies are using the Hog Island Gully Recreational Area parking lots as staging sites as they work to restore power and phones to the parish. Oil and gas companies are also using the refuge to stage their marsh clean up

operations. Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Manager, Glenn Harris, reported that "The visitor center, offices, and the Pintail Drive were all damaged and require extensive repairs. The surge left large debris piles, including houses, littered entire throughout the marshes of both the Gibbstown and East Cove Units. Additionally, it caused a 10,000-gallon oil release and washed out protection levees along the eastern edge of Calcasieu Lake within the Cameron Creole Watershed Project." There have been quite a few inquiries about whether or not the Grand Bayou Boat Bay is opened for people to fish in East Cove. Harris said "The East Cove unit is closed





to all recreational activities, including fishing at this time.'

Larry Narcisse, Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge Manager, said "the Lacassine refuge marshes, including Lacassine Pool were most notably affected by the lack of dissolved oxygen, inundation by salt water, and hazardous debris scattered throughout the marshlands.'

The debris piles throughout the refuges include every-thing picked up from ravaged residences and Examples include hazardous material containers, tractortrailer trucks, tanks, houses, trees, washers, refrigerators, buckets, coolers, dolls, dead animals, etc.

In addition to the forceful surge damage throughout all of southwest Louisiana, the resulting salt water and reduced dissolved oxygen levels have also detrimentally impacted plant and animal life. Plant and animal species intolerant to the highly saline water from the Gulf of Mexico have perished. Dissolved oxygen levels in the water have been decreased or used up by the mixing of detritus throughout the water and the process of decaying vegetation and wildlife. This is one of the most common causes of post-storm fish and crab kills. When oxygen levels get too low, fish and other species like crabs and shrimp, are unable to obtain the required amount of oxygen necessary for metabolism and they die.

In addition to all the noted damages above, Refuge Biologist, Steve Reagan said "the lack of rainfall, although good for our blue tarped roofs, is adding insult to injury when it comes to the marsh vegetation. The marsh grasses, many of which are important duck and goose foods, need fresh water to flush out or dilute the high salinities so they can at least save their root systems. If the high salinity areas do not freshen up soon enough, we may lose hundreds, if not thousands of acres of additional marsh over the next few months."

Refuge employees are working with state and other federal agencies to efficiently and effectively clean up the refuges to make them safe for public enjoyment once again. Plans to repair and rebuild refuge infrastructure are ongoing. When areas are made safe, they will be reopened to the public. If you have any questions or con-cerns about the refuges please call 598-2216.

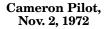
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It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



DRONET TO WORK WITH CONVENTION

Arthur C. Watson, chairman of the Democratic State Committee Central Louisiana, has announced the appointment to work with the Constitutional Convention.

The purpose of the committee is to assist the convention delegates in examining and preparing provisions needed for the primary and general election laws in the state.

TARPS TO BE IN PLAYOFFS

South Cameron Tarpons will go into the state AA playoffs as the No. 2 in District 4-AA as the result of a 9 - 0 win over the DeQuincy Tigers last

The victory gave the Tarps a 7 - 1 - 1 district record. The the result of a 25 - yard field goal kicked by Jody McCall and a TD by McCall on a 48 yard run.

SHRIMP BOAT SINKS

The shrimp boat "Mary Lynn" sank in the Gulf off Holly Beach at about 5:45 p.m., Sunday, according to the Sheriff's Cameron Department. The boat was owned by Charles Gaskin of Cameron.

The boat captain, Bob Jackson, and the deckhand, Everette Barfield, were able to make it to shore. The latter floated to safety on the hatch and walked to Riley Richard's house for help.

DEBBIE PRECHT ROTC SPONSOR

Debbie Kay Precht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Precht of Sweetlake, has been elected to serve as ROTC sponsor of the Pershing Ware Rifles of McNeese State University.

She will serve as an official hostess of the ROTC group and will march in parades and at other functions with this

Debbie is a freshman elementary education major. She is a graduate of Grand Lake High School where she served as Homecoming Queen, FHA Queen, member of the Beta Club, member of the basketball team, class treasurer and was active in 4-H Club work.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne J. Duhon, Sr. of Hackberry will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, Nov. 11, with an Open House given by their children at St. Teresa's Educational Building in Carlyss from 2 to 5 p.m. Friends and relatives are

GENERAL ELECTION SET TUESDAY

Cameron Parish voters will be faced with a complicated ballot when they go to the polls Tuesday to vote in the general election. However, there is generally not much interest shown except in the presidential and senatorial

In the presidential and vice presidential races, voters will have four choices: American Party, Democratic Party, Party Republican Party and Socialist Workers Party. Voting will not be for the candidates directly but for the electors for each party.

Four names are on the ballot for U S. Senator to fill the post formerly held by Allen J. Ellender: Hall M. Lyons, American Party; J. Bennett Johnston, Democratic Party; Ben C. Toledano, Republican Party; John J. McKeithen, Independent.

SWEETLAKE OUTSTANDING CLUB

The 21st annual Extension Homemakers Achievement Day was held Saturday in the Cameron Elementary school and fea tured displays of the year's work of Cameron parish club women.

Mrs. Charles F. Hebert, council president, was master of ceremonies, and the Sweetlake Club served as

Outstanding club women from each club in the council, who earned the honor on the point system for civic, community and club activities during the past year were each presented a corsage. They were: Mrs. Robert Ortego, Creole; Mrs. Wayne Wood, Grand Chenier; Mrs. John Prescott, Johnson Bayou; Mrs. Mayo Cain, Klondike; Mrs. Albert Guidry, Sweetlake; Mrs. Nata Hebert, Hackberry; and Mrs. Charles F. Hebert, Cameron.

ROUNDABOUT THE **PARISH**

Lanette Vincent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Vincent of Hackberry won 1st place in her twirling division and grand champion of all divisions at Cal-Cam Fair held in Sulphur recently.

Baylor University student Arlene Tarter of Creole has been elected vice president of her dormitory, Allen Hall, on the Waco, Tex. campus. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Tarter, Miss Tarter is a sophomore sociology major at Baylor.

There were three entries in the baby contest of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church Bazaar. They are John Patrick Moore, Ronald Moore and Iris Teressa

Tina Dupont and Dolores Davis served as Sweetheart and Queen, respectively, at the Cameron Elementary School homecoming on Oct. 19.

Wilson Montie turns on the machinery to start the Verdon bells donated in memory of Father Francis Bishof to toll the Angelus every day.

Santa Claus will be at the Sears Catalog Store on Nov. 14, 15 and 16 according to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Watts, managers. Children can talk to Santa and tell him what they want for Christmas. Free candy.

Tarpons finish the year with a loss to Oberlin Tigers

By CHRIS & LAURIE **MUELLER**

The Oberlin Tigers ended what has been a very tough season for the South Cameron Tarpons. The Tigers (5-5) beat the Tarpons 34-20 in district 5-1A regular season finale.

This was the first time in 15 years that Oberlin has managed to beat the Tarpons. South Cameron (1-4) lost half their season due to Hurricane Rita.

The Tarpons, whose school was demolished, knew it would be a struggle to try and finish the season. But, in a meeting several weeks ago the coaches, players, and parents decided they would like to try and play their last two games.

Thanks to the heartwarming hospitality of Barbe High School, the Tarpons were able to finish their season. Barbe provided the use of their stadium, practice facilities, concession stand, and even the Barbe band for the game against Oberlin. Unfortunately, Oberlin was not as giving as they knocked off the Tarpons.

Oberlin scored a safety by blocking a punt and having the ball roll out of the back of the endzone and later added an 80 yard punt return by Gerald Artis. Jesse Ceasar scored twice for the Tigers,

including a 71 yard jaunt to

give Oberlin a 19-7 lead in the third quarter.

The Tigers took advantage of a Tarpon fumble on their opening possession. They took the ball and drove 62 yards before settling for a 3-0 lead on a 23 yard Josh Pearson field goal.

The Tarpons put together a 99 yard scoring drive capped by a 10 yard TD pass from Deil Lalande to Justin Picou on the 15th play of the

The Tarpons put up 13 points in the 4th quarter on a yard touchdown pass from Lalande to Byron Quinn. Lalande also added a one yard TD run.

Basketball Roundup

BASKETBALL

GIRLS
Grand Lake 59,
Centerville 38 - Elizabeth
Reon led the Lady Hornets
with 18 points. Brandy
Carroll chipped in 15 points
and Liz Kingham and
Meagan Miller added 11
noints each points each.

Grand Lake 42, FCA 23 -Meagan Miller paced the Lady Hornets with 16 points.

New column will answer: 'Where are they now?'

Dear Editor.

I'm writing to propose a new column for your paper. Would you let me do a weekly titled: Where Have All Our Dear Friends Gone? by Nell Colligan.

If everyone else is like me, they are wondering where their friends and neighbors

It took me weeks to find my next door neighbors, Elodie Cheramie and Betty Savoy. In fact, I had heard they were in Lake Arthur, but as I drove through Lake Arthur on my way to Cameron several weekends ago. I still did not know how to find them. It would be like looking for needles in a haystack, knocking on doors in Lake Arthur and asking for

What really complicated matters was the fact that Lake Charles had to evacuate as well as Cameron Parish. This placed people with relatives in every direction imaginable with aunties and cousins we never knew they had. One was with a son's girlfriend's sister-in-law, if you can follow that. We scour the Pilot every week hoping to hear news of them, but it is hit-and-miss so far.

This can be a short-term column, as space permits, to last perhaps until Christmas or shortly thereafter, or as

long as the news trickles in. I would like this to be my contribution to the victims of Hurricane Rita and the people of Cameron Parish. In other words, you don't even have to pay me to write it. It will be my pleasure.
We'll start when you print

this letter in the paper. The relocated folks can write to me and tell me what part of the parish they lived in before, and where they are living now. And they could include news about other friends who perhaps don't get the Pilot yet, but will soon because they also will want to know where everyone is. And if they wish to, they can tell me what their plans are. What a question, right?

Incidentally, my subscription to the Pilot is the best money I've spent since we moved to Lafayette eight years ago. For anyone who moves away, it's a must. It should be on top of every Cameron Parish residents' Christmas list.

My address in Lafayette is: 302 Trailwood Lane; Lafayette, LA 70508. They email me can nnadc67@aol.com. Please write "Cameron Column" in the subject area so my computer won't think it's spam and throw it away.

Sincerely, Nell Colligan

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