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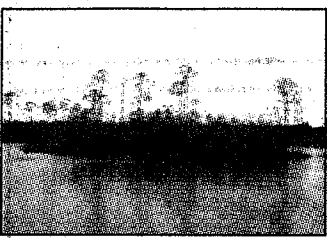
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## FORECAST

Mostly cloudy today with a 20 percent chance of showers and storms. Highs in the mid 80s. Tonight cloudy with lows in the mid 60s.

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE



# VPPJ to hold hearing pertaining to Act 12

By TAMMY SHARP  
News Editor

In its regularly scheduled meeting at 10 a.m. Monday, April 21, the Vernon Parish Police Jury moved to hold a public hearing on May 19 to amend ordinances pertaining to Act 12.

Specifically, the jury wants to make changes to the ordinance dealing with mobile home inspections and electricity pole inspections.

"There are 12 jurors sitting here this morning who would like to eliminate these building codes (Act 12) altogether," said Tommy McMahon, District 3.

However, since the codes are mandated by the state legislature, the jury is limited in what action it can take, Jim Tuck, Police Jury President, said.

Act 12, the law that mandated the building codes, took affect Jan. 1, 2007. In order to help police juries across the state, the Louisiana Police Jury Association produced a document

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designed to model the ordinances juries would have to adopt under the new law.

The administrative chapter of the ordinance was labeled "optional," so the VPPJ voted not to adopt that section. Appendix J of the ordinance was not labeled "optional," and so the jury elected to adopt it.

"Since then, we've discovered that Appendix J is not mandated, which will reduce some of the restrictions," said Rhonda Plummer, secretary treasurer for the jury.

By adopting the administrative chapter and removing Appendix J, the jury will remove the requirement that mobile homes be inspected by a certified building officer, reducing the cost

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## LEESVILLE GEYSER?



Photo courtesy of GEORGE FRASHER

Someone mowing the grass at Sunshine Center Apartments on Jean Street yesterday didn't see the City's water valve and ran over it. The resulting leak caused water to gush straight up. City officials cut the water off to the leak and began work on it soon after. They expected to be done with the repair by the end of the day.

## CITY BEAT

Annual Trash

# Honor Orchestra

## LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE

## TUESDAY OBITUARY

### MARY ELIZABETH RAMSAY

Funeral services for Mary Elizabeth Ramsay, 80, of Leesville, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Leesville with Father Mechiles officiating.

Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery, in Leesville, under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Leesville.

Visitation will be held from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. today, April 22, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Ramsay, daughter of the late James E. and Ellen K. Holmes Roche, was born on May 16, 1927, in Brockton, Mass. She grew up in North Easton, Mass. and is a graduate of the Chandler Secretarial College of Boston. During her last year of school she was a legal clerk to Judge Stone of the Cambridge Court, and upon graduation became legal secretary to Attorney Samuel P. Sears of the Brickley, Sears and Cole law firm in Boston.

After her marriage Mrs. Ramsay moved to Attleboro, Mass. where she continued in the legal field as secretary to a local attorney and judge. She changed positions to become personal secretary to C. Robert Yeager, President of L.G. Balfour Company, manufacturing jewelers of class rings, fraternity pins, sports awards and other items. While working for Mr. Yeager, she had the opportunity to meet several influential individuals in academic, business and political fields.

Mrs. Ramsay's husband was in the U.S. Army. When he received orders to Hq, US Army Europe (USAREUR), Heidelberg, Germany, she resigned her position at the Balfour Company and accompanied her husband overseas. After some time sightseeing and traveling in Europe and assisting the Balfour European sales representative secure and order for class rings at the American High School in Heidelberg, she contacted the civilian personnel office and entered the ranks of the Federal Civil Service.

Ramsay's civil service career, while traveling with her husband, spanned over 20 years. She received numerous outstanding awards and citations from both the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force for her work.

Some of her positions included secretary for DSCLOG-G4 War Plans; Hq USAREUR; Secretary for SAGE commander; McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey; secretary for the DCSOPS-G3; Hq USAREUR Heidelberg; secretarial positions at Fort Polk; Fort Hood, Texas; secretary for Maj. Gen. William L. Webb, Deputy Commanding General, Fort Ord and for Special Projects, Combat Development Command, Fort Ord, Calif.

Mrs. Ramsay, a former member of the Research Institute of America Professional Secretaries, was a communicant of St. Michael Catholic Church in Leesville, and a contributor to a great many military and charitable organizations.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Allan Ramsay and her only sister, Mrs. Helen Louise Doherty.

## TRASH BASH

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third place \$75.

All groups must have an adult sponsor attending and must sign in at Liberty Garden at 8:30 a.m. the morning of the Trash Bash. More details will be given that morning.

"We are also asking that all commercial businesses and residents in the city please clean their properties throughout the

## CORRECTION

The *Leesville Daily Leader* mistakenly printed information about Robert C. Brooks in Thursday's edition. The correct information is: Brooks served in the Louisiana education system for a total of 44 years. He was a principal in Slidell, and was reared in Vidalia, Louisiana.

## CORRECTION

The American Legion Post 387 Retired Military gave the \$1,000 donation to Relay for Life, not Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 387. The *Leesville Daily Leader* regrets this error.

## LRTA to meet in Alexandria

ALEXANDRIA — The Louisiana Retired Teachers Association will hold its statewide Spring Meeting on April 22 and 23 at the Alexander Fulton Hotel and Convention Centre in Alexandria.

The meeting is being hosted by LRTA District VII, and its president James T. Stewart. The theme of the spring meeting is "LRTA: Striving to Make Retirement Years Great!"

The featured speaker will be John Wyble, executive director of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Reports and agency updates will be provided by representatives from the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana and the Office of Group Benefits.

Entertainment for the pre-convention dinner on Tuesday, April 22 will be provided by Miz Maudie, a featured story teller, and her teammate Kathryn, a former college professor. The pair is better known as Inspiration Plus.

These two women tell stories about life experiences, and are known for their humoristic, but realistic