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August Bolivar Business of the Month

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High Island ISD First Day of School August 28 7:30 AM





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Community Announcements

For your reading enjoyment, the entire Beach Triton is online www.bolivarpeninsulatexas.com/About/Businesses/The-Beach-Triton

High Island ISD Announcements

High Island ISD Varsity Football reports on Monday, August 7th. Players report at 3:00 PM.

"Meet the Cardinals" on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. Meet our staff, football team, cheerleaders and students. Hot dogs will be served.

Due to County Budget hearings, lunch with Commissioner Darry A. Apffel at Stingaree's is cancelled, but will resume in September.

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in June, July August

PRAYER WARRIORS

2nd and 4th Mondays – 10:00 AM

BEACH RULES

- 🙀 All vehicles parked on the beach must display a Bolivar Beach Parking Sticker (\$10, available at local businesses)
- Glass containers are prohibited
- Speed Limit is 15 mph, No reckless driving
- No littering (Trash barrels are located all along the beach)
- No motorized vehicles on sand dunes or off road on private property
- Pets must be on leash
- No bonfires allowed, contained campfires and cooking grills allowed
- Open container laws apply to all vehicles (including ATVs, ROVs, Golf Carts)

ATVs & ROVs

- Although All-Terrain Vehicles are allowed to be driven on the beach, they are not allowed to be driven on public roadways - this includes shoulders, ditches or across the dunes.
- ATVs and ROVs must be taken to the beach on a road-legal trailer using a road-legal motor vehicle.
- Drivers under the age of 14 must be under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian authorized by the parent.

Golf Carts

- Golf Carts are allowed, and may be driven to the
- The driver must have a valid driver's license.
- You may only operate a golf cart on a roadway (including ditches) that has a speed limit of not more than 35 mph.

★ YOU CANNOT OPERATE ON A HIGHWAY

You may cross the highway at a traffic control device but only go straight across. You can only operate a golf cart between sunrise and sunset only

You must have a Slow Moving Vehicle Triangle on the rear

If equipped with safety belts, they must be worn.



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High Island Cardinals



August 24 Meet the Cardinals First Day of School August 28 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

HIGH ISLAND CARDINAL FOOTBALL

COACH: John Bronkhorst (38-32, 7 years; 12-8, 2 years at HI)

2016 RECORD: 7-3 (2-2 in district)

2016 PLAYOFFS: None PLAYOFF STREAK: 0

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS: 7 (last 1985)

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: 0

STATE FINALIST: 1 (1979)

RETURNERS (O/D): 4/4

OFFENSIVE RETURNERS: ATH Kole Rodriguez, WR Kade Meyers, WR Milo Malinchalk

DEFENSIVE RETURNERS: LB Kole Rodriguez, DB Kade Meyers, LB Milo Malinchalk,

DE: Hunter Guerin

High Island came extremely close to making the playoffs in back-to-back seasons. Instead the Cardinals were sitting at home with a seven-win season after a three-point loss against Leverett's Chapel.

Four are back from a very productive offense. Kole Rodriguez can do it all. In 2106, he had 748 yards rushing, 483 receiving yards and scored 29 touchdowns. On October 1st, the Cardinals grabbed state headlines after beating Nueces Canyon 123-76. Even for the 6-man game 123 points isn't exactly common.

Rodriguez can get it done on the defensive side as well. Last season he recorded 75 tackles when he wasn't busy with the offense. He is among four returners. Kade Meyers and Milo Malinchalk will also have big roles.

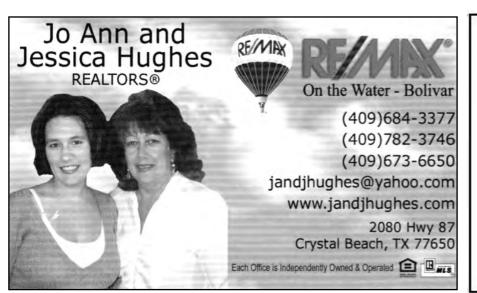
Lady Cardinal Varsity Volleyball Schedule

Aug. 4 Aug. 8	Spurger (scrimmage) Bob Hope	Home @ Bob Hope	4:30 pm
Aug. 11	Leggett	@Leggett	4:30 pm
Aug. 11 Aug. 15	Chester	@ Home	4:30 pm
Aug. 18-19	Clear Lake Christian To	C	4.50 pm
Aug. 10-13	Oleai Lake Chiistian K	@ Clear Lake	TBA
Aug. 22	Bob Hope	@ Home	IDA
Aug. 25	Leggett	@ Home	4:30 pm
Aug. 29	Chester (JH & HS)	@ Chester	4:00 pm
Sept. 1-2	Faith Christian Academy Tournament		
		@ Pasadena	TBA
Sept 5			
Sept 7-9	YMBL Tourney	@ Beaumont	TBA
Sept 12	Harmony	@ Beaumont	5:00
Sept 15	,		
*Sept 19	Evadale	@ Home	4:30
Sept 22	Harmony	@ Home	4:00
*Sept 26	West Hardin	@ Home	4:30
*Sept 29	Hull-Daisetta	@ Hull	4:30
*Oct 3	Deweyville	@ Home	4:30
*Oct 6	Sabine Pass	@ Sabine Pass	s 4:30
*Oct 10	Evadale	@ Evadale	4:30
*Oct 13	West Hardin	@ West Hardir	1 4:30
*Oct 17	Hull-Daisetta	@ Home	4:30
*Oct 20	Deweyville	@ Deweyville	4:30
*Oct 24	Sabine Pass	@ Home	6:00 pm
Bi District Pla	yoff	TBA	TBA
Area Playoff		TBA	TBA
Regional Qua	nrterfinals	TBA	TBA
Regional Tournament		TBA	TBA
State Tournar	ment	TBA	TBA

Varsity Football Schedule

8/18	Scrimmage OCC	7 PM
9/02	Texas Christian @ Emery@Weiner	4 PM
9/08	Katy Faith West	7 PM
9/15	@OCC	7 PM
9/22	Richland Springs	7 PM
9/28	Emery-Weiner	7 PM
10/05	Spring Providence Classical	7 PM
10/13	Apple Springs	7:30 PM
10/21	@ Union Hill	3 PM
10/27	@Chester	7:30 PM
11/04	Leverett's Chapel	2 PM
11/10	Bye	

*District Games







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School is Ratcheting Up and Up and Up

Mack Hall

For the next month there is not a newspaper, radio station, or television station in this great land of saints and scholars that will refrain from employing the cringe-making wheeze "School is gearing up."

No, school is not gearing up. It has never geared up. It will never gear up. Except for maybe Cousin Les' auto shop class. Let us make our first lesson of the Michaelmas term a caution against using tired metaphors.

There is no metaphor less useful than "actually." After all, one cannot "unactually" do something. And then there is "absolutely," a useless foursyllable construction meaning "yes." Say "yes" to clear usage.

The May equivalent of gearing up is that school is winding down. No, it doesn't. School is not a mechanical watch - which no one under forty has ever seen anyway – and so does not wind down.

"School is just around the corner" - it is if you live around the corner. If you live down the street then school is down the street. If you live in Magnolia Springs school is way off yonder in town.

Back-to-school ads feature adorable little kidlets with big grins modelling the cooler-than-cool new shirts and skirts and jeans and sneaks, and maybe a notebook. The children in school ads never carry,

oh, you know, books. Have you ever seen a b-t-s ad in which the kid was carrying a copy of The Brothers Karamazov or The Road to Magdalena or maybe a Jane Austen? Nope, and you won't see those books in the kid's house, either; a big ol' television the size of Rhode Island is the usual home altar and cultural center now. Who needs 2,000 years of Christian scholarship, music, and art when everyone can now lapse into a fuzzy-eyed stasis, the Lot's-wife-as-a-pillar-of-salt thing, in front of the latest episode of Flip This Dancing House Cooking Show off the Island of Machine Gun Fire and Dead Bodies?

Is there a Texas Education Agency rule that school administrators must shave their heads and grow odd tufts of hair on their chins?

Dress codes and professional demeanor are issues that really annoy principals: slovenly clothes, weird hair, gang signs, flip-flops, tattoos, cartoon tee shirts, tardiness, inappropriate language - and that's the faculty and parents; the kids tend to do

Just a joke, guys, just a joke.

Did you know that algebra is now taught in junior high middle school? That's wicked. Jesus never said, "Solve for X."

Did you know that your daughter can learn to weld in high school?

Did you know that your son can venture beyond the microwave and learn real cookery in high school?

Did you know that Julius Caesar and Macbeth are about American politics?

When I was in school, about the time my ol' dad and the boys got home from the Battle of Hastings, we kids learned about telling time by using construction paper and brads and crayons to construct a clock face on a pie tin. I suppose now children print out a picture of a Fit-Bit and hot-glue it to a take-out pizza box.

But busses are still yellow (and their wheels still go 'round and 'round), new pencils (especially cedar, if you can find them) smell like your own childhood, the first day of school is exciting, 6thgrade band concerts are painful to the ear but symphonic to the soul, new clothes are nice, the first look at amoebae through a microscope is to visit a new world, sophomores should be made to wear tracking devices, seniors pretty much rule the universe, Robert Frost makes more sense than Congress, and voting in a school board election remains a lonely experience.

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Go Cardinals!

PENINSULA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES INC.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors June 20, 2017

- **1.** CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER By- Mallet Time 0903 hrs.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- **3.** ROLL CALL B. Forey / M Pearson / M Mallet / O Thompson / Kyle Utz

Present- Pearson, Mallet, Thompson, Utz

Absent – B. Forey (due to TS Cindy prep with air medic job)

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Announcement by the Secretary of the presence of a quorum that the meeting had been duly called, and that the notice of the meeting had been posted in the manner prescribed by law

- **4.** RECOGNITION OF GUEST PRESENT. Guests present were: Matt Summers, Cody Reese
- 5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES (sent via email prior to meeting time) Motion made by Thompson second by Utz Vote: Yes 4 No 0 to accept the Secretary's report as presented
- 6. TREASURER REPORT -

Billing account balance: \$144,586.07 # 3241
Operations account balance: \$125,795.49 _#3696
CPR-Pub Ed account balance: \$369.66_#9798
Motion made by Pearson second by Utz Vote: Yes 4
No 0 to accept the Treasurer report as presented.

- **7.** AGENDA ITEMS: see "Director's Report" attachment end of document for further Information.
- a. Funding: Due to ongoing flooding issues along SH87 & SH87 & SH124 curve Summers is reapplying for the LUCAS device through TDSHS. Tropical Storm Cindy here Thursday.
- b. TDSHS-EMS Division: See above item re LUCAS.
- c. GC ESD2: Sid B and Moody F. were at the 'Town Hall' meeting a week ago at the Methodist Church in Crystal Beach done by the new GC County Commissioner representing Bolivar. Summers at that meeting, spoke to the need for a fix on the 87/124 issues and beach life guards.

- d. Peninsula VFDs: CBVFD: There was nothing to report from any of the three VFDs.
- e. Communications/Operations Issues: Nothing to report in communications.
- f. Emergency Preparedness Ops/ EOC: Preparing for storm in the Gulf of Mexico that would be named Cindy, a GC OEM conference call to take place at 1100 hrs. with Summers representing PEMSI and Thompson, Reese, and Pearson also present.
- g. Webpage: PEMSI BOD emails now work. Web site is www.peninsula-ems.org:

Brian Forey has responsibility for maintenance of this web site and the associated email accounts. Review this topic under "New Business"

- h. When To Work (W2W): There is an App for this thing; iPhone as well as Android. Nothing to report on W2W.
- i. Summary of Runs: see Handout: 125 total 55 UTMB, 1 Winnie, 0 St. Elizabeth, 1 Baptist, 37 refusals, 5 air, 2 dos, 27 no patient& public assists, 3 mutual aid fire Locations: 23 High Island 78 Crystal Beach 24 Port Bolivar Refusals: 05 High Island 48 Crystal Beach 09 Port Bolivar
- j. Membership applications/employment applications: One EMT-B received and one EMTB position to resign as of July 2, 2017. One EMT-P to be hired.
- k. Supervisor's Monthly Report: included with EMS Director's Report: see Director's Report. From Cody Reese; cleaning issues still present and being addressed.
- I. EMS Director's Report: see HANDOUT attachment: see above , item "k". Matt Summers meet with all PEMSI personnel last week. CPR classes for the public are moving along well.HIVFD & CBVFD are training with PEMSI soon. Summers praised PEMSI staff re the 'numbers' relevant to

success in regards to strokes and cardiac events. Summers praised the work of CBVFD in regards to recent water rescues with their Marine 1 unit.

- 8. OTHER OLD BUSINESS NOT ON AGENDA
- -The grant application through TDSHS for a Lucas Auto Cardiac Pump device is being resubmitted due to on-going SH87-SH124 curve flooding issues and flooding along SH87 between Gilchrist and High Island.
- -Lease agreement as amended mutually with PBVFD has been signed and is in effect, notably the secure areas of each entity are their own responsibility and a lock is to be maintained on the double wide doors between the PBVFD area and the leased PEMSI area
- -GC ESD2 Manager position has not changed in status and there is not a hire done yet.
- 9. GUEST SPEAKERS: None
- **10.** EXECUTIVE SESSION TIME IN: 1012 hrs. Certified Agenda to be produced for Executive

Certified Agenda to be produced for Executive Sessions PEMSI BOD present in Executive Session

- 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION TIME OUT: 1056 hrs.
- 12. NEW BUSINESS

-Motion made by Kyle Utz with a second by Mike Pearson to have the person that does HIVFD's web site, a "Jake", to begin to manage the PEMSI web site, at the promise of no compensation required for said actions to take place, and the changeover is to take place by July 1, 2017. Vote: Yes 4 No 0. This motion was brought up by Thompson and discussed at length and relates to the business need to have current data readily available for public consumption.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE/LOCATION July 11, Tuesday, 2017 CBVFD 0900 hrs at CBVFD

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Pearson with a second by Utz to adjourn. Vote: Yes 4 No 0 Time adjourned: 1100 hrs.

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Zed Hickman- painter
Sheryl Lambert- fused glass
David Lambert- photographer
Monica and David Huber- glass tile
art

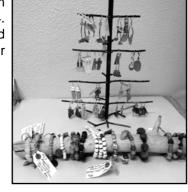
Dana McGinnis- woodcraft furniture and signs

Belinda Bailey- furniture, home decor
Patricia Hagstrom- painter,

silkscreen
Jennifer Devillier- beach glass
jewelry

Many more local artists are in the Gallery on a consignment basis as well as Featured Artists every other month.

Gallery by the Gulf is founded by a non-profit, Bolivar Peninsula C u I t u r a I Foundation. We support the art, history and music of the Bolivar community.







Nurse on the Beach

By: Connie Ward, MSN, RN

Electronic cigarettes or e-cigarette use is increasing worldwide, especially among youths and older adults. These battery powered devices deliver smoke-free nicotine to users without the use of combustion. E-cigarettes are available to 18 years and older. They do not provide warning labels or ingredient lists disclosing actual or potential hazards. The liquid inside the e-cigarettes aren't regulated by the U.S. Government.

Design and operation are continually evolving, but e-cigarettes have 3 main components: a battery, an atomizer, and a cartridge (reservoir) containing a nicotine liquid. The user activates the device by pressing a button that heats and aerosolizes the liquid creating a vapor. The vapor is then dispersed into the lungs and exhaled as a fine mist.

The e-cigarettes come in many shapes and sizes and the cost ranges from \$30 - \$100 per device. It is estimated the cost of smoking e-cigarettes is about \$1,000 a year for a pack-a-day use. In comparison, the American Lung Association estimated cost of smoking traditional cigarettes is about \$2,011 per year. Manufacturers offer 460 brands and models of e-cigarettes and 7,700 nicotine flavors.

The health risks and benefits according to Britton et al., the health risks include:

Addiction to nicotine

Progression to smoking traditional cigarettes

Lung damage

Unsafe handling of the components. The e-juice and vapor contain toxic chemicals, but at lower levels compared with tobacco smoke and nicotine replacement therapy.

Appeal to the youth

Potentially changing social norms, making tobacco smoking more acceptable

Poisoning in children

Secondhand exposure to the vapor

Several organizations have taken a stand against e-cigarettes; these include the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Heart Association, and American Medical Association. Researchers have conducted numerous studies exploring the short-term health risks and benefits of e-cigarettes; they haven't been able to produce conclusive results about their long-term effects. But the effects of e-cigarettes on health will come. Some studies have found a link between cytotoxicity and certain flavorings used in ecigarettes, especially the sweet and cinnamon flavors. The researchers continue to study the effects and let's face it, the lungs like only air and oxygen. Other chemicals will eventually have effects on that delicate tissue.

Happy summer everyone, it is almost over. Sun blocks are a must and use liberally and re-apply every two hours when in the sun.

See you next month for more health tips!

Happy Anniversary! Vivian & John Conner August 13 Happy Anniversary! Shelby & Rick Alderson July 29 Happy Anniversary! Debbie & Larry Elkins August 31 Happy Anniversary! Penise & Roger Truax August 12





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August 11

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August 12

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Cooking with Miss "Obler"

Janice Oliver, Retired Home Ec Teacher, HIISD

This month I'm offering two recipes. The first is a good way to sweeten all those sugar drinks we love to drink in the summer without leaving a layer of undissolved sugar in the bottom of the glass. The second is an awesome dessert recipe using blueberries that I recently served at church and received many compliments on.

Simple Syrup

Dissolve 2 cups sugar in a saucepan with 2 cups water on medium heat. Once dissolved, remove from heat and allow to cool completely. Store in a tightly sealed container in the refrigerator for up to one month.

Blueberry Cream Cheese Dessert Crust:

1 cup chopped pecans 1/2 cup butter, melted 1 cup flour

Filling:

8 ounces cream cheese, softened 1 cup powdered sugar 8 ounces Cool Whip

Topping:

4 cups blueberries, fresh or frozen 1 cup sugar, divided 3 tablespoons cornstarch 1/4 cup water

Combine crust ingredients; spread in a 9 X 13 inch pan and cook for 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool.

Cream together the cream cheese and powdered sugar. Fold in Cool Whip. Spread over cooled crust.

Combine 1/2 cup sugar and cornstarch in a saucepan. Add water then 2 cups of the blueberries. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened and translucent. Crush some of the blueberries as they cook.

Remove from heat and add remaining sugar and blueberries. Cool. Spread over cream cheese filling and chill.

Serves 12.

The Beach Bum says most pro athletes are bilingual, they speak English and profanity.

The Beach Bum was standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach. His wife said, "That's not going to help." The Bum replied, "Sure, it does. It's the only way I can see the numbers."

The Beach Bum says my wife told me that I twist everything she says to my advantage. I take that as a compliment.

The Beach Bum says when my wife gets a little upset, sometimes a simple "Calm down" in a soothing voice is all it takes to get her a lot upset.

Happy Birthday! Rayna Reagan August 6

Happy Birthday! **Pennis Clot** August 25

Happy Birthday! **Brent Fontenot** August 5

Happy Birthday! **Pebbie Potter** August 13

Happy Birthday! Euna Ball August 4

If you are missing"The 'Func' in Dysfunctional" articles, join the Beach Triton Group on FB where there's always a story

The Food Pantry has now moved to **Crystal Beach Community Church** (1020 Diamond Hill) The hours are 10 - 2 pm every Thursday

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Big Thicket National Preserve Joins the Little Free Library Movement

Big Thicket National Preserve joined the Little Free Library movement, an important nation-wide effort to make books available to everyone. Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world.

With financial support from our partner, Western National Parks Association, preserve staff have established a Little Free Library in the parking lot of the park visitor center. Visitors are welcome to peruse the free books and take one with them to read at their leisure. "We hope that this free book exchange will encourage visitors to use to park in new ways. There are many river banks, picnic areas, and other peaceful places around the park for everyone to use. Grab a book and discover new things in your national park." stated Big Thicket National Preserve Superintendent Wayne Prokopetz.

Through Little Free Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds. Research tells us that one of the most successful ways to improve the reading achievement of children is to increase their access to books, especially at home (McGill-Franzen & Allington, 2009). But according to the U.S. Department of Education, up to 61% of low-income families do not have any books for their kids at home. The Little Free Library movement strives to make free books available to everyone throughout every community. More information can be found at www.littlefreelibrary.org.

Big Thicket National Preserve Hunting Permit Registration Opens September 1, 2017

KOUNTZE, Texas – Big Thicket National Preserve Superintendent Wayne Prokopetz announced today that the preserve will start issuing this seasons free hunting permits on Friday, September 1, 2017. Available 2017/2018 permits will be issued until February 28, 2018.

Permits will be issued at the preserve visitor center from 9 am until 5 pm daily. The visitor center is located 8 miles north of Kountze at the intersection of US 69 and FM 420 at 6102 FM 420. Big Thicket hunting permits allow hunters to take white-tailed deer, squirrel, rabbit, feral hog, and waterfowl, except those for the new Lake Bayou Hunting Unit, which is a waterfowl-only area. The preserve observes the state of Texas hunting seasons from October 1, 2017, until January 1, 2018. Additional feral hogs may be taken during the extended hog-only season, which runs from January 2, 2018 until February 28, 2018. Waterfowl hunting at Lake Bayou will also remain open until February 28, 2018.

Everyone who hunts in Big Thicket National Preserve must have a Big Thicket hunting permit.

You must show your current Texas Hunting License to obtain a Big Thicket hunting permit.

All hunters must apply in person and may hunt in only one unit. Starting in the 2016/2017 season parents or guardians will no longer be able to get permits for their children. All hunters must be present to get a permit.

Be advised that hunters who failed to return their harvest cards for the 2016/2017 season will

not be eligible to hunt in Big Thicket National Preserve during the 2017/2018 hunting season. The deadline for returning hunter harvest cards after the 2017/2018 season will be April 1, 2018. There will be no grace period.

The number of permits issued for each hunting unit varies based on the size of the unit and wildlife management goals for that unit. The number of permits issued per unit has not changed from last season, except for the addition of the Lake Bayou Hunting Unit, near Beaumont, Texas. The following numbers of permits, by hunting unit, are available: Beaumont Unit–200; Beech Creek Unit–150; Big Sandy Creek Unit–400; Jack Gore Baygall Unit–400; Lance Rosier Unit–900; Neches Bottom Unit–150; Lake Bayou Unit–50.

Big Thicket National Preserve is located in southeast Texas, near the city Beaumont and 75 miles northeast of Houston. The preserve consists of nine land units and six water corridors encompassing more than 113,000 acres. The Big Thicket, often referred to as a "biological crossroads," is a transition zone between four distinct vegetation types – the moist eastern hardwood forest, the southwestern desert, the southeastern swamp, and the central prairies. Species from all of these different vegetation types come together in the thicket, exhibiting a variety of vegetation and wildlife that has received national interest.



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While the near-daily DC dramas may provide entertainment to some and fund-raising fodder for others, we should not be distracted by these diversions into forgetting what Washington is really about: Running the federal government, funding its operations and moving forward on the priorities of the people who put them into office.

In the case of their coastal constituents, voters are looking to Washington to support shore protection projects, use sound science to produce prudent policy and strengthen the economic engine that is our coastline.

Recently, coastal leaders with the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association met with Congressional staffers and officials both on the Hill and back in the home districts to spotlight the ASBPA's federal agenda for the coast. The "asks" are simple, but crucial to coastal protection and promotion:

Include \$5 billion in direct spending to build (or rebuild) federal, state and local beaches, dunes, wetlands and other coastal risk reduction in a federal Infrastructure bill. Assuming a muchneeded federal infrastructure effort moves forward, directing some small portion of that investment into coastal resources will have a clear and effective return both to coastal communities (whose jobs and

economies rely on a healthy coast) and the country as a whole (thanks to the increased tax revenue and decreased storm-recovery costs that will result).

Support \$75 million for shore protection in the FY18 Energy & Water Appropriations bill. Not only is this a way to maintain the federal commitment to shore protection and mitigate impacts of federal actions on adjacent coasts, but this kind of steady (albeit minimal) investment triggers a lot of other funding to support shore protection... since federal dollars are only part of these projects, requiring an investment of state and local funds as well. Also, regular funding allows ongoing projects to keep momentum, rather than leaving them short of cash when the next phase of expenditure arrives (since these are always multiyear and multi-part projects). (The House of Representative appropriations committee has subsequently included \$75 million in their legislation, while the Senate maintained the FY17 level of \$50 million.)

Maintain funding levels for permitting and key coastal research and data acquisition programs operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Geological Survey. Not only do federal

agencies protect and preserve myriad coastal resources around the country, a crucial task, but they serve as both drivers of coastal innovation and keeps of coastal knowledge. This is a vital role, since only a federal entity has the big-picture overview and scope to look at the entire coast, rather than just that overseen by a smaller political or regulatory entity. When it comes to coastal protection, bigger is always better.

To reinforce these requests, consider the following points... just some of the benefits of healthy investment in a healthy coast:

Healthy coasts drive local economies and are a jobs bonanza. Studies of estuarine restoration – from the Gulf of Maine to the Chesapeake to North Carolina – consistently show that for every \$1 million invested, approximately 30 jobs are created or protected.

Natural coastal infrastructure (beaches, dunes and wetlands) protect communities and upland infrastructure from storms and coastal hazards. These "soft" protections pay hard dividends for both onshore communities and offshore resources.

Investing in coastal protection now saves money in rebuilding later – so we can spend millions to save billions, as well as keep coastal economies and communities safe and resilient against

whatever people or nature throw at them.

Efforts to improve coastal resiliency – a current watchword that really is just a common-sense approach to protection and planning – protect homes, jobs, lives and infrastructure... and look forward in a way that can reduce future costs by anticipating future concerns and conditions.

We can't overlook the recreational value of a healthy coast. More than twice as many people go to the beach each year as visit all our state and national parks combined, and wide beaches are a huge tourism draw for both domestic and international visitors... the source of some 85% of the country's tourism revenue.

All this means that Congressional action to protect our coasts is essential to the economy and ecology, to protect upland structures and natural habitat. It's a smart investment that pays plenty of dividends, it's an issue that should easily win bipartisan support, and it's something that impacts tens of millions of people.

We hope our elected federal officials will put aside their distractions and take significant and timely coastal action. It's the right, and smart, thing to do.

The Beach Bum says as I stepped out of the shower, I heard someone in my kitchen downstairs. Knowing that my wife was out, I grabbed my 1903 heirloom rifle—which no longer works—and crept downstairs, forgetting the fact that I was in my birthday suit.

I came around the corner with the gun raised, only to find my wife loading the dishwasher.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"I thought I heard an intruder.

I came down to scare him."

Scanning the contours of my doughy, naked body, she mumbled, "You didn't need the gun."

The Beach Bum says he and his ex have a very amicable divorce. He knows this because when he wrote the Facebook status, "I'm getting a divorce," she was the first one to click "Like".

The Beach Bum says the four most beautiful words in our common language: I told you so.

The Beach Bum says the closest a person comes to perfection is when they fill out a job application form.

The Beach Bum rarely dresses up, so when he left the bedroom decked out in a suit and tie, he wanted to commemorate the moment. Handing his wife a camera, he asked, "Mind taking a selfie of me?"

The Beach Bum's son gave his father \$100 and said, "Buy yourself something that will make your life easier." So the Bum went out and bought a present for his wife.

The Beach Bum says bifocals are God's way of saying, "Keep your chin up."



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Henry Perry

by Jay Camp

Remember Henry Perry from the "Gutierrez-Magee Expedition"? Before Samuel Kemper left he appointed Henry Perry as Captain. By the time of the "Battle of Alazan Creek", he rose to the rank of Major.

After the "Battle of Medina", Perry went back to Natchitoches, LA and rejoined the US Army where he stayed until June 15, 1815 in the Quartermaster Corps.

In July 1815, Perry teamed up with Juan Pablo Anaya in New Orleans. They had a plan to capture La Bahia (Goliad) and Bexar (San Antonio). A call went out for volunteers but President James Madison was against it, as he proclaimed on September 1, 1815.

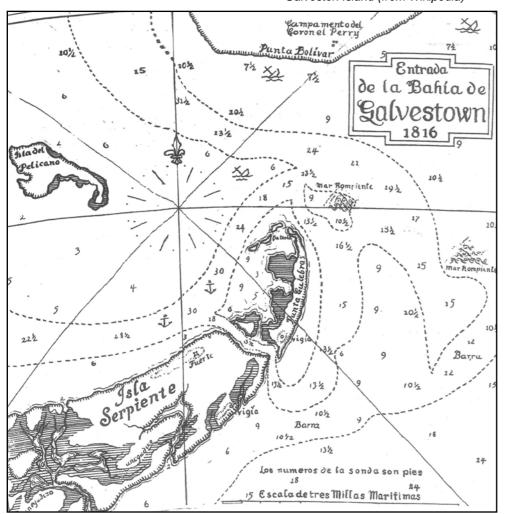
In November, Perry had 300 troops and sailed for Galveston Bay from Belle Island, LA. They set up camp on Bolivar Point as can be seen in the 1816 map of "Galvestown" (see map)

Perry gave up the Bolivar Camp in March 1816 to join Luis Michel Aury on Galveston Island, the pirate strong

Perry joined up with Francisco Xavier Mina in November 1816. After what he said was ultimate failure, Perry left the expedition on April 7, 1817 and led 43 men to La Bahia (Goliad) where he demanded to Juan Ignacio Perez the surrender of the Garrison. As the attack began to fail, he fled to keep from surrender. The Royalist caught up with the Rebels where most were killed or wounded. After being wounded himself, Perry took his own life to keep from being captured.



A drawing of Luis-Michel Aury (1788-August 30, 1821) He was a French privateer operating in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean. He accepted an appointment as resident commissioner of Galveston Island (from Wikipedia)





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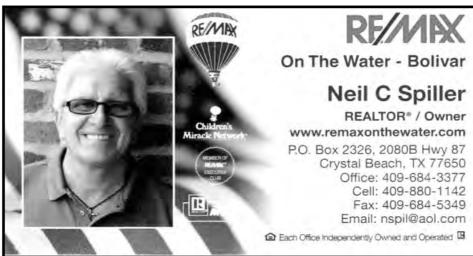
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When you have a relationship with someone, it's 'your' relationship. It's special between the '2', no one else enters that private space. I have a lifelong friend, from day one of our birth, born in the same hospital on the same day. Our parents were childhood friends, therefore Jerry and I were destined to be childhood and lifelong friends.

Jerry was the first person I ever spent the night with, which includes our parents. We spent a romantic little evening in the the new born nursery of the Heights Hospital in Houston, Texas the day we were born.

We don't see each other often, don't talk every day, but our shared space is sealed enclosing Jerry and me alone. You might be able to see in our closed bubble, but the space is ours.

When we were growing up, Jerry was always shy and quiet, I was the owdy one.

We were traveling buddies with our dads, our dads would plan an event and Jerry and I would tag along or be dragged along. We would attend neighborhood rodeos, he roped, I pretended to rope, messing his rope up terribly because I was left handed. That was about the only time he spoke up or raised his voice, when I twisted his rope in the opposite direction.

When we were older, we would see each at the Houston Rodeo. We volunteered on different committees and always ran into each other. I found it my job to embarrass him the best that I could, and I was really pretty good at it.

One evening we were in a circled group of friends carrying on nonsense talk, commonly referred to as "Bull". Unlike Jerry, he said something sarcastic to me. My turn, "Jerry, you remember when we used to skinny dip?" Love that shade of red on his face, no one else can match the color. He looked so confused, so I pushed it. "Come on, Jerry, how could you ever forget those memorable moments, just you and me?" And the red is brighter, maybe even crimson. "Jerry, our favorite skinny dipping hole?" Silence still lingers, but the color is brighter. Finally, "Jerry, my grandmother's old wash tub, she would fill up with water just for us." *And*, the sigh of relief.

For years we have argued over who was the oldest, at one time we wanted to be the oldest. As the years have past, now we argue over who is the youngest. We are supposed to have a birthday date and bring our birth certificates to finally settle the argument, we have to have proof because we've had lied to each other all of our lives to the point of we didn't know who was older or younger. I asked my mom who was born first and she told me straight up she was busy at that time and could not remember, but she always referred to Jerry as my brother from another mother.

We've shared funerals, secrets, and a history no one can take from us.

My lifelong friend has had a stroke and is in serious condition. My head hurts from fighting back tears because there is nothing I can do except pray.

The last time I saw Jerry was at my mom's funeral, sadly, funerals have become our common meeting place.

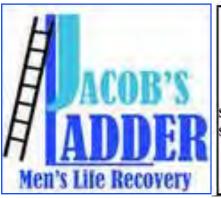
I hugged him tight and told him I loved him. Although we are not related, he is my family, my family from our day 'One'.

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Pictured above Weber signs his re-enlistment papers with Mark Valez.

Below, Weber and Valez seal the deal with a handshake after the oath of office was officially recited.



The United States Coast Guard encourages re-enlistment of their personnel, giving them the liberty to use their imagination for their personal ceremonial fanfare.

Recently, Corey Weber, Boatswain's Mate Second Class, chose reenlisting with a splash at Fun Town Waterslide in Crystal Beach.

Corey has served 9 years in the USCG and with his re-enlistment he has accepted an assignment in Corona Del Mar, California.

Corey and his wife, Andrea, have 4 children (3 still at home) and currently reside in Crystal Beach, but will be relocating to California September 15.

Weber recited the oath of enlistment as LTSG Mark Valez officiated the ceremony, witnessed by USCG IS Oscar Lozano. Wife, Andrea, along with several family and friends were in attendance with full support for Corey's new endeavor.

They signed, swore, slid, and soon will be shipping out.

Pictured top right, Weber takes a slide immediately after the handshake.

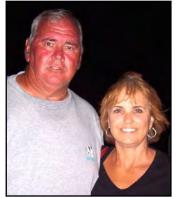
Bottom right are Valez, Weber, and Lozano.



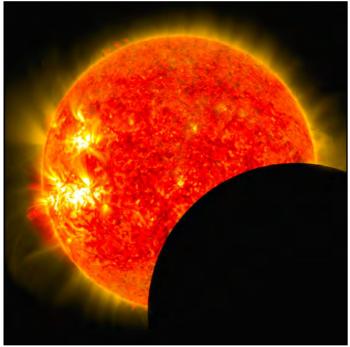


Happy Anniversary! Jake & Sherry Angelo August 23





Happy Anniversary! Larry & Brenda Flanagan August 13



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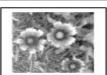
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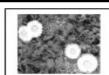


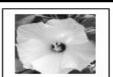












BOLIVAR BEACH BLOOMERS NEWS BY VICKIE GOSS

It's hard to believe August is already here! It's HOT and the plants know it! I recently was out of town and went out the normal days I usually water, I had watered in the morning when I left, the evening when I returned and a few of my plants were very limp. I have been babying a few Hummingbird Trees I started from seeds, I have even put them in plastic dishpans to give them extra water to drink and one of them was looking very stressed when I returned. It was a sad sight to see, crumpled leaves and limp limbs, I was sad to see the state it was in! The next day they were all erect after a good drink of water but several limbs had to be trimmed back a bit, those crimped fern leaves do not uncrimp. I already see little baby limbs sprouting out in the very place I had to cut them back. The morale of this story is do not give up on the plants you love if they make a turn for the worse, most will recover with a bit of tender loving care!

The heat and humidity is also the perfect environment for pesky pest, I have been battling Mealy bugs for several weeks and these little devils just do not want to go away and die. I loss one plant to these evil pest but am doing my best to get rid of them and help the affected plants return to their beautiful glory. Before last year I didn't even know what a Mealy bug was and now I am in an all-out war with them. They will not win this battle, I ordered a spray that I can use on the affected plants weekly but I look at them every day and smash the ones I see. So watch your plants for pest and start your assault on them as quick as you can!

This was my first year to plant milkweed to help the Monarch population, I have been experiencing some issues but just this week I had my first Monarch eclose (emerging from its chrysalides) but unfortunately I was not here to see it emerge and fly away. It appears from what remained that it all went well for the Monarch. A few days later

I had a female laying eggs on my milkweed, I believe it was my Monarch, it kept laying eggs then it would come over and flutter around me as to say hello. Unfortunately I have some wasp around my place and they evidently like to eat the caterpillars so it seems there have been a few caterpillars meet their demise to wasp, it's really heartbreaking. Even with the trials of helping raise a Monarch it is well worth it, if you have not planted milkweed to watch the beauty of the Monarch metamorphosis I suggest you plant some milkweed in your garden and enjoy.

The Bolivar Beach Bloomers are planning a plant sale in September. A date has not been set, we will be discussing this sale at our next meeting and come up with a date that works for everyone. It will definitely be after our September meeting and the printing of The Triton so the date, time and location can be in our next article.

The next Bolivar Beach Bloomers meeting will be Wednesday August 2, Bolivar Beach Bloomers meetings are always the 1st Wednesday of each month 10:30am at the Joe Faggard Community Center, 1750 Highway 87, Crystal Beach. All are welcome and encouraged to come check us out!

You may be interested in the following links:

Bolivar Beach Bloomers https://www.facebook.com/groups/677347662377504/

The Beautiful Monarch Butterfly https://www.facebook.com/groups/572683816192386/

The Lazy Gardener Newsletter new PDF version easier to read and share http://natureswayresources.com/NLindex.pdf

Monthly Quote: "There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments."- Janet Kilburn Phillips

Ange's Corner Monthly Tip:

Butterfly Dream

I have been fascinated by Monarch butterflies since childhood when some neighborhood kids and I discovered an empty lot covered with milkweed, butterflies, caterpillars and chrysalises. It was like stepping into a fantasy world. The butterflies in such numbers were sheer delight. An ordinary field had become surreal with zebra-like larvae and beautifully decorated lime-green jewels clinging to milkweed branches.

I had kind of forgotten about the experience until it came back to me in a dream thirty years later. When I woke up I had to find out if those creatures were as awesome as they were in my dream or if my childhood memory was an exaggeration. Much to my delight, I found that Monarch butterflies are in fact more fascinating than I had dreamed!

They don't spin a cocoon, they hang upside-down and transform into a chrysalis. The chrysalis looks like a carved jade sculpture with metallic gold trim. All my life I have been a witness unaware of another Monarch phenomenon. When I would see many monarch bodies strewn along the beach I had no idea those were the few who didn't survive an incredible journey. This annual migration takes some Monarchs as far north as Canada, but about the 4th or 5th generation, they all fly south, across the Gulf of Mexico, to a mass gathering in Mexico!

I have yet to see the Monarch life cycle in such abundance as that time when I was a child, but I haven't seen a whole field of milkweed either. Milkweed is 'host specific' to Monarch butterflies. If there is no milkweed, there can be no Monarchs. Of the many species of milkweed, I

have been planting a couple of varieties that thrive in our climate and have attractive blooms. The milkweed seeds lay neatly stacked and folded with silken threads until the pod breaks open, releasing flights of fairies. I am now getting more and more 'volunteer' plants to distribute into various landscapes.

I get excited at the site of just one butterfly, caterpillar or chrysalis. Maybe one day I will get to relive that childhood experience in this waking life.

Got milkweed?



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Spend a Cool Afternoon at the Museum

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It is hot!!! We want to stay inside, but our family needs an activity. Why not make a day trip to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston? It is air-conditioned and filled with all kinds of things to see and activities to do, a perfect place to spend an afternoon.

As a Senior Docent for the MFAH, let me give you an outline for an afternoon.

Enter the museum through the Beck Building, on Main Street south of Bissonnet (the street address is 1001 Bissonnet). The museum is closed on Monday, but if you come on a Thursday, the museum is free. Otherwise, check at the reception desk for senior and children tickets or consider a membership that includes many perks. The reception desk can also provide a guide describing free docent-led tours and maps of the museum.

You are in the Audrey Jones Beck building (the newest of two building). Go directly to the American Wing (the guard will be happy to give you directions). In it you will enjoy seeing Remington's Western paintings showing Cowboys and Indians. These works were awesome to Easterners in the 1880's who had not been to the West. Further along in the next gallery is a portrait by John Singer Sargent of Mrs. Sears in a white afternoon dress. She looks out at Sargent as he paints her. Seeing this painting, you understand why Sargent was a leading portrait artist of his time. A beautiful stained-glass window by Louis Comfort Tiffany is two galleries further. It was made for a home in the Midwest and is constantly "lit" by artificial sunlight.

Now continue back into the main lobby and enjoy the antiquities that include a beautiful Roman copy of a Greek goddess. Remember that she was originally colorfully painted in bright colors; now she is a "classic Greek white". Take the huge escalator up, up, up to the Egyptian sarcophagus (coffin) on the second floor. This was not a Pharaoh but a high official. See the hieroglyphics, which include his name Pedi Osiris. See the Egyptian child's wrapped mummy nearby and study the painted graphics on her linen wraps. This sad sight shows how much effort her family made to protect her in the Afterlife.

Next, go inside the large room, which opens behind the sarcophagus,

and walk across the room to the large picture of a girl at and her baby brother. This is "The Elder Sister" by William Adolphe Bouguereau. It is the most popular painting in the museum. See how smooth the girl's arms are painted. This traditional style is called "cat licked" for the smooth strokes. Look at her eyes; then step one foot to the left. Does she follow you with her eyes?

Now go to your right toward the peach colored walls in the nearby gallery. Audrey Jones Beck owned all these Impressionist paintings. Peach was her favorite color, and the galleries that display her collection are painted in this wall color. See the large Gustave Caillebotte painting, "The Orange Trees". There sits the artist's brother Martial and cousin Zoe. What are they doing? Did you know she was gardening? See the chair in the painting inviting you to join them? Would you like to step into this garden? I would love to be there in that beautiful French garden!

Enjoy each painting as you follow the peach walls from room to room until you arrive in a gallery with grey walls and the paintings by Picasso and Matisse. After visiting the art in this last gallery, walk across the open hall and past several ancient statutes and into the galleries that house early European art. Here are paintings from the 1300's up to works by Rembrandt and beyond.

There is much more to see in the Beck building, but you may want to descend to the main lobby and on to the lower level and walk through the James Turrell Tunnel (glowing with colored light) which leads to the Law building for works from Africa, China, Japan, the Middle East and pre-Columbia. Ask for a map and directions at the Help Desk near the escalator in the Law and go on to explore the wonderful collections in this building. Guards will be happy to give you directions to anything you wish to see. I would recommend the African collection (much of which was collected by Alfred Glassell) and the Islamic collection on loan from Kuwait. However, you can't go wrong anywhere you wander.

Spending an afternoon at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston is a wonderful way to cool off in this heat. Don't forget the café for lunch! For more information go to www.mfah.org.

Enjoy, and say that Lynne sent you!

Bolivar LIVE Truck Gives Away FREE Product From Local Businesses In 2017

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We couldn't have done this without the help of these business and we want to give out a BIG Thank

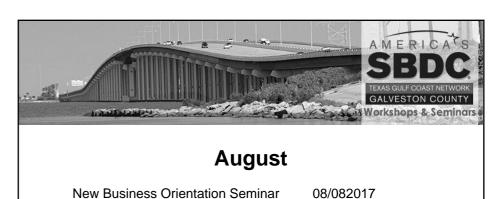
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Now lets all have fun in 2017 on Bolivar Peninsula, Texas

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New Business Orientation Seminar









Harold's Tackle Shop located at 1755 Hwy 87 in Crystal Beach is fully stocked with fishing tackle, frozen bait, beach toys, tackle, T-shirts, hats, a variety of flags and more. Going fishing? Forgot something? Stop by Harold's, he probably has whatever you need and then some. Harold's is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.



Crystal Beach Palms RV Park is a serene recreational area located directly behind Harold's Tackle Shop at 1755 Hwy 87.

Every RV space has a concrete slab, free Wi-Fi and all utilities are included. Spaces are available by the day, week or month with 30 amp or 50 amp receptacles on hand. Amenities include laundry facility and showers.

It's a nice 1/4 mile walk to the beach and close to restaurants and nightlife.





Open! Fun Town is near completion with a lazy river to relax and drift around the island while the kids scale the stairs to the huge water slides, twisting and spiraling down, ending with a splash in the pool area connected to the lazy river.

Fun Town will be open 7 days a week, with all day passes priced at \$25, a half day pass is \$18 and season passes are offered for \$125.

Take a break from the water and sun and enjoy the food and snacks available on the premises.

Friday and Saturday nights host adults only with BYOB and special lighting for a special atmosphere. Watch for the Grand Opening and big surprises for the day.

Fun Town is located on Noble Carl Road, right off Hwy 87 in Crystal Beach. This is an exciting new addition to the Bolivar Peninsula for family fun.





ANNOUNCEMENT:

Jacob's Ladder is unable to take any job assignments at this time. We are taking a little time to totally restructure (internally, inside and out) and remodel the living quarters, very much needed.

I apologize for the inconvenience, but housing has to be suitable to the need, it's a priority.

Thank you for understanding and for all the community support.

We are **NOT** closing down, we **ARE** reorganizing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

jacobsladderhighisland@gmail.com

The house rules and guidelines will be changing.

We are still available to help, but you have to be willing, able and ready to help yourself.

Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2 Meeting July 19, 2017

The meeting was held at the Crystal Beach VFD with all board members present except John Lee, who was on vacation. Those in attendance were, Sid Bouse, President; Kate Newberry, Secretary; George Strong, Treasurer; Moody Fredenburg, Asst. Treasurer. Also, attending Jan Foster, Administrative Assistant and the attorney for the district.

George Strong read the Treasure's Report. The bank accounts had a balance of \$502,706.85 and the disaster fund had a balance of \$600,736.29

PEMSI Supervisor Matt Summers asked for the consideration of beach life guards paid by the Beach Parking Sticker Program.

There is discussion on the creation of the Gilchrist Volunteer Fire Department. The GVFD still owns property in Gilchrist.

PEMSI reported overtime of \$48,000 and projected \$80,000 for next year.

patients requiring CPR.

The final agenda item the ESD requested 17 times from PEMSI. These items included 2015-16 IRS info, audits, Quickbooks, bank statements, 2016 to present all time sheets, payroll, W-2, 1099's, vehicle usage, by-laws, meetings, run reports, records for patients, records showing

patients residing in the district or not, patients

billing provider, patients billing and collections.

There's discussion to purchase Jump Bags for

PEMSI suggests the purchase of a LUKAS

the VFD's to aid in rescuing people caught in

structure fires two and three stories high. There

will be an allowance for training to inflate the bags.

device. This machine can replace manual CPR for

the distance the ambulances have to travel with

The meeting was adjourned.

PEMSI Supervisor Matt Summers approached the board members with further discussion on the requested items. Some information requested was substituted.

He immediately apologized and explained, "I'm so sorry. I thought you were my wife. You look

exactly like her."

"Why you worthless, wretched, egg sucking, no good drunk!" she screamed.

"Funny," the Bum muttered, "you even sound exactly like her."

The Beach Bum, after some serious drinking, walked into a bar and, after staring for some time at the only woman seated at the bar, walked over to her and planted a big ole' kiss on her.

She jumped up and slapped him so hard his no good drunk!" she screamed. head spun. "Funny," the Bum muttered



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Blast from the Past

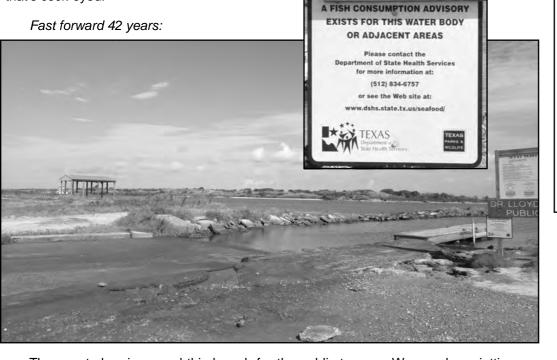
Bryan Wolf August 1975



The new free public boat launch (above) at Gilchrist is ready for business and going strong. To get there, take the first road west of Claude's Inc. at Gilchrist and turn toward the intercoastal waterway. There's a blacktop road, all the way. Bait, tackle and refreshments are available just across the street at Dick's Seafood No. 2. You netice something different about this picture? It appears that a house is about to be launched in the background and

a story goes with it. Some folks say some fishermen go drunk and thought it was their boat and tried to launch it. Others say some fishermen were playing poker in the old cabin and their wives caught them and tried to push the cabin in the water and drown them. Others say the cabin is setting level and it's the bay water that's at a cock-eyed angle.

Gilchrist gets a new boat launch compliments of the county. The boat launch is open for business and going strong. The launch is located at the first street west of Claud's Inc. Oh, and the road is black topped, then turn right towards the Intercoastal. At the end of the Road Dick's Seafood #2 will be across the street, which will have bait, tackle and refreshments for you. And take a look at this picture. Rumor has it some fishermen got drunk and thought it was their boat and dried to launch it. Others say some fishermen were playing poker in the old cabin and their wives caught them and tried to push the old cabin into the water and drown them. Others say the cabin is level and it's the bay water that's cock-eyed.



The county has improved this launch for the public to use. We now have jetties on both sides, which are okay to fish from if you can balance your way out to the end. The county has also paved the parking area and placed a garbage can and a port-a-potty. After several storms and years, Dick's Seafood #2 is no longer there, so bring your own cold drinks and bait. - *Pam Bancroft*

Big Thicket National Preserve Announces New Hunting Opportunities for the 2017-2018 Season

KOUNTZE, Texas - In an effort to expand recreational opportunities in the national preserve and provide unique experiences for all, effective October 2017, Big Thicket National Preserve will open a new waterfowl hunting area and permit the use of air rifles for squirrel hunting.

Squirrel hunting has been a popular activity in the preserve for many years. In accordance with State of Texas regulations, only squirrel (fox squirrel, cat/grey squirrel) may be taken with air rifles.

The new Lake Bayou Hunting Unit, located on the Neches River north of the Interstate 10 bridge in Beaumont, will be opened for waterfowl-only hunting. Comprising nearly 4,000 acres of swamp, marsh, and minor waterways, the Lake Bayou Hunting Unit contains high quality waterfowl hunting opportunities and is accessible only by boat. Hunters at Lake Bayou will be permitted to take waterfowl in accordance with State of Texas regulations from October 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018. Daily hunting hours for the Lake Bayou Hunting Unit will begin 30 minutes before sunrise and end at 12 noon, with specific seasons and daily bag limits following Texas State regulations. As in all preserve hunting units, permanent blinds are not allowed, but boat blinds will be permissible and must be attended at all times.

"We're excited to open this new hunting area and to offer waterfowl enthusiasts a new hunting opportunity in the region." stated Big Thicket National Preserve Superintendent Wayne Prokopetz.

Hunters who wish to obtain a Lake Bayou Unit hunting permit should note that this unit will be open to waterfowl hunting only, including during the extended hog season. Hunters are allowed only one permit per season. Hunting permits will be available free of charge, starting September 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018; from 9 am to 5 pm daily at the Big Thicket National Preserve Visitor Center at 6102 FM 420, Kountze, Texas. Hunters at Big Thicket National Preserve are highly encouraged to review the Big Thicket Hunting Guide and Regulations booklet, which is updated annually. Additional information including maps of the preserves hunting areas, can be found on the preserves' website at https://www.nps.gov/bith/planyourvisit/hunting-and-trapping.htm .

Storm prep quick tips:

Put together an emergency supply kit that includes items like water and non-perishable foods, flashlights with batteries and firstaid supplies.

Secure any outdoor objects that could blow away during a storm

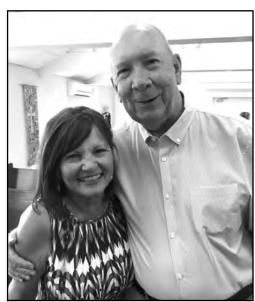
Protect your computers, TVs and other electronic equipment with surge protectors.



Happy Birthday! Aunt Tootsie August 1



ON SUNDAY!



Margo Johnson is back from Eastern Europe, and George Strong returns from Italy

Sunday is a special day for many people. Some celebrate religious beliefs, and others enjoy having a day off. It is not always a proverbial "Day of Rest" because a lot of folk save up chores for this occasion. Some consider Sunday to be the last day of the week while others think of it as the beginning of a new one. Still this Day of the Sun holds a unique spot in any week.

Sunday meant church when I was growing up. Morning at First Methodist Church in Beaumont, Texas consisted of Sunday School followed by a traditional service in the sanctuary. My favorite part was the music. The sermons were probably great, but most of we youngsters who sat together in the back did not pay as much attention as we should have. Dinner was a noon day meal that

consisted of some special food or (my favorite) eating at the Piccadilly Restaurant in downtown Beaumont. Afternoon meant a movie with my neighbors Martha Ben and Marvyn Harrison. We really loved the MGM musicals and replicated the songs and dances on our driveway. Sunday evening was back to church for a shorter service.

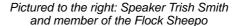
Yes, Sundays are different. Sunday, July 9, 2017 provided an extra delight at Bay Vue UMC. Children's Church Superintendent Trish Smith delivered the service message. Our great pastor Valerie Hudson was on holiday and encouraged Trish to share her religious journey with the congregation. Trish, backed up by Bay Vue's small, but lustily singing choir, took us on an enlightening, spiritual trip. She shared adventures and discoveries encountered



Children's Church participants

during her life. Ms. Smith's wonderful words assured us all of God's enveloping love whether we deserve it or not. George Strong, Betty Williamson and Trish's mom Edith assisted with the service presentation.

Folk have myriad choices for Sunday events. Thanks to Trish Smith, a visit to Bay Vue UMC on July 9 was a delightful and inspiring one.







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Jeffrey Daniels





August Fishing Report

Jeffrey Daniels

July has been a barn burner of a month on the Galveston Bay complex. The summer is in full swing with many of the open bay reefs producing decent catches and at the same time being very crowded. With the somewhat inconsistent weather patterns and storms we have had there has been a bit more run off coming down some of the bigger bayous, but not enough to really effect the actions of the fish.

East bay has been busy and in my own opinion I think that is what has been causing the inconsistency in catches, but none the less catches have still been good on and around the deeper reef structures in the open bay. When fishing these areas try to key on slicks popping on and around the reef structure. The marsh drains have been holding some reds on an outgoing tide as well but like the trout they too have been inconsistent.

Reports from west bay have been the most consistent with a pattern much the same as east bay with the fish holding to the deep reef structure during the hotter part of the day and the shorelines early in the morning and later in the evening into the night. San Luis Pass around the Bird Island area has been good for waders working the flats on an incoming tide.

The surf has been great and has not shown any signs of letting up anytime soon. Reports of great stringers of reds, specks, and flounder have come in. If you're looking for sharks and the more pelagic species then the jetties and the rigs are the place to be

Remember if you decide to wade fish the surf be sure to check beach reports and any rip tide warnings that might be in place and always, no matter where you decide to wade, wear your lifejacket at all times, use safety precautions, and be aware of your surroundings! Email a picture of your next great catch to jeffreykdaniels@gmail.com with your name and fish info to be featured in next month's article. Go visit justonemorecastblog.com and check out the new grass shrimp article, be sure to follow and share on Facebook, Instagram, and twitter. Thank you to all my

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The Breakers, Caplen, Texas

Terrence Meche, a ship's carpenter, built storm, Meche and his family abandoned it.

McLean in 1905.

Originally built as a farmhouse, the house named it "The Breakers."

architectural integrity despite relentless and by an open landscape. constant climatic threats.

Gordon family for many years, The Breakers was added to the National List of Historic underwent a number of alterations, including Places in 2009. relocation to higher ground.

"The Breakers" was historically the Hurricane Ike and the historical marker. water-side, with the beach itself serving as the peninsula roadway until State Highway 87 was built in the 1930s. The first railroad built James Westgate on the peninsula in 1895-1896 also passed in front of the farmhouse, between the house and the ocean, but it was also moved behind the house, specifically after the 1915 hurricane.

The Breakers weathered the "Great Storm" on August 17, 1915 when Category 4 winds of 135 mph and barometric pressure of 940 mb again struck the Galveston area.

At the time of the 1915 hurricane, Caplen

By 1997, John B. Gordon and his son-inthis beach house in 1884, using materials law and attorney Alan Neil, realized that The shipped in from Pensacola, Florida. Although Breakers must be moved to keep ahead of the house withstood the devastating 1900 periodic shoreline retreat. In 1999, it lay just north of the edge of a wave-cut scarp. Moving Meche died in 1904. His wife sold the it a few hundred yards to the northwest property to William Gordon and Marrs extended its lifespan until Hurricane Ike arrived in September, 2008.

In spite of the odds, "The Breakers" was adapted as a beach house in the early beach house had managed not only to 20th century. William D. and Ruth McLean survive countless major storms along the Gulf Gordon purchased the house in 1905 and Coast but also to retain a high degree of historical and architectural integrity. Its Due to the owners' vigorous maintenance orientation towards the Gulf of Mexico had not and preservation efforts, "The Breakers" changed since its construction and the retained a high degree of historical and building stood alone immediately surrounded

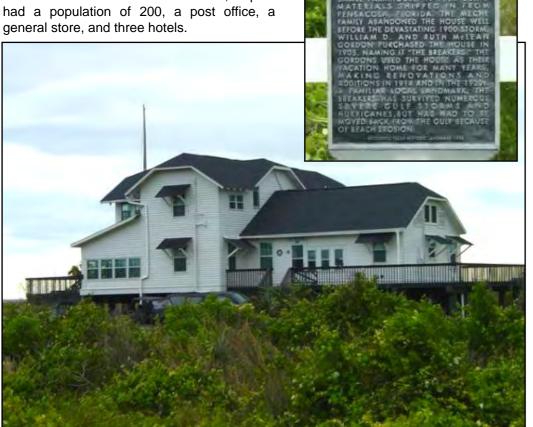
Prior to Hurricane Ike, The Breakers was It was used as a vacation home by the the oldest structure in Caplen. The Breakers

Pictured below "The Breakers" pre

Information taken from:

"The Rise and Fall of Caplen, Texas" by

waymarking.com researchgate.net



Grateful Patient

Recently, Darren Breaux was enjoying a nice dinner at Stingaree Restaurant.

Then the unthinkable, unimaginable happened. Darren suffered a heart attack. Our local Peninsula EMT's responded. Darren coded and the team worked diligently to bring him back, and they did. Once they arrived to the emergency room, he was responsive

and talking. But, he coded again. The Peninsula EMT's worked on Darren in the ER and again, saved his life. Pictured below sitting from left to right, Matt Summers, Rachael

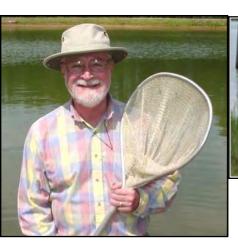
Ryan and Dustin Yates. Standing, Orbin Thompson and Darren Breaux.

Darren says, "Thank you again for saving my life! The reality of what happened is setting in and it makes me speechless. May God watch over you guys and bless you for what you do!"



Featured in the September issue







Jellyfishes

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The vast majority of animals that you will see are built around a plan of bilateral symmetry—that is, their bodies follow a pattern of left-and right sides with a clear head and tail end. You, your dog, your goldfish, and your parakeet all display this type of body organization. Clams, octopuses, and sea stars may appear to lack this symmetry at first but upon close examination can be shown to have it for at least a portion of their lives. However, one group of

creatures displays a completely different organizational pattern: the jellyfishes, known as the Scyphozoa to biologists. These creatures and their relatives have what is called radial symmetry, in which their bodies are arranged like a wheel around a central axis. Three of them are common along the Texas coast during the summer months: the cabbagehead medusa (Stomolophus meleagris), the moon jellyfish (Aurelia aurita), and the sea nettle (Chrysaora quinquecirrha).

Cabbageheads are large oceanic jellyfishes that are frequently washed up on Texas beaches, usually in rather battered condition. They feed on tiny plankton and lack the long stinging

tentacles possessed by the sea nettle. Freshlystranded cabbageheads may contain tiny hitchhiking spider crabs (Libinia dubia) inside their bells. Since these jellies lack potent sting cells, they may be handled without fear. Their rather firm "flesh" is a favorite food of sea turtles.

Moon jellies, also plankton feeders like cabbageheads, are more often seen alive and in good condition although large numbers are occasionally beached. The "4-leaf clover" design of the gonads of these animals is clearly visible through the transparent body. Although most Texas specimens are about the size of a saucer, these

animals may have bodies up to 40 cm across. Huge aggregations of moon jellyfish may appear during the summer months. I saw one such aggregation many years ago in Boston Harbor in sight of "Old Ironsides" where the abundant, faintly pink jellies were almost touching one another.

Like cabbageheads, moon jellies lack potent stings and are not a threat to swimmers. However, sea nettles possess long tentacles abundantly

studded with powerful sting cells and are capable of producing a painful, itching rash upon touching human skin. It is reported that immediately rubbing the affected area with meat tenderizer is an effective remedy, although I have not tried this. Sea nettles are common in the inshore creeks and bays of the Texas coast and are tolerant of rather low salinity. Their large size and powerfully pulsing bells enable them to swim effectively against weak currents. Combined with information from complex sense organs (rhopalliums) located along the rim of the bell which detect chemicals, light, and the pull of gravity, these interesting animals are able to position themselves in the best parts of

the water for feeding. In some cases, loose colonies of sea nettles will form in the best feeding spots. Their long, retractable stinging tentacles allow them to capture larger plankton and even small fishes, but increase their nuisance value to summer swimmers who blunder into them.

Jellyfishes have complex life cycles involving both sexual and asexual reproduction and an alternation of forms. I will cover the life cycle of the sea nettle here, although that of the moon jellyfish is more often featured in textbooks. Like most jellyfishes, the adult swimming form (the scyphomedusa) of the sea nettle is either male or

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Have any questions, photos, or observations about nature on the Bolivar Peninsula? Please send them to Vince at vbrach@sbcglobal.net and he'll try to answer them.

female. Egg cells are held under the bell in the "mouth" of the female and are fertilized by freeswimming sperm cells released by males. These fertilized eggs develop into larval forms called planulae, which remain attached to the female until they have developed into tiny flower-shaped organisms called polyps. These polyps detach from the female and swim to the bottom, where they attach themselves to objects such as oyster shells and begin to feed on tiny plankton. As they grow, the polyps bud off in an asexual process called strobilation, releasing small swimming jellies called ephyrae. As they continue to feed and grow, the ephyrae develop through six distinct stages until reaching the adult form.

Although most jellyfishes probably have lives of six months to a year in nature, recent advances in aguarium design have made it possible to keep certain species alive for over two years in exhibits. A tank design called the kriesel ("gyro" in German) uses a curved water chamber with gentle currents directed at the animals to keep them from touching the sides or being drawn into filtration systems. Amateur versions of these tanks allow serious aquatic naturalists to study the fascinating movements and beautiful forms of jellyfishes in the comfort of their own homes.

The Seaside Naturalist is sponsored by Brian and Clint Byrom at Brint Construction Co. Inc.



Happy Birthday! Amy Norman August 20

Happy Birthday! Peggy Rutledge August 24

Happy Birthday! John Conner August 6

Happy Birthday! Alan Robb August 31

Happy Birthday! **Pouglas Robb** August 31

Happy Birthday! Pam Bancroft August 30

Happy Birthday! Bryan Harthcock August 6

Happy Birthday! Denny George August 5

Happy Birthday! Lillian Dailey August 30

Happy Birthday! **Pebbie Elkins** August 31

Happy Birthday! Alan Voight August 9

Happy Birthday!

August 12

Maureen Little

Happy Birthday! Melissa Gau August 15

Happy Birthday! **Peuce Guidry** August 30

Happy Birthday! Cheyenne Parnell August 13

Happy Birthday! Christopher Parnell August 13

Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting June 13, 2017

Directors Present: Hollis Gassen, President; Chris Makin, Treasurer; Denise Lange, Secretary; Wayne Turk; Dennis Stafford; DJ Hutchinson

BPSUD Staff Present: Jo Ball, General Manager; Clifford Howard, Plant Manager; Barbara Cowie, Office Manager

Others Present: Mike LaBlanc; Steve Barnett

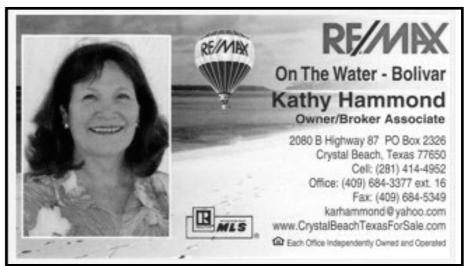
- 1. Call to order 6:01 Quorum present
- 2. Pledae
- 3. Approve minutes from May 9, 2017 Moved to accept by Wayne Turk, Seconded by Chris Makin. Unanimously accepted
- 4. Committee reports
 - 1. Audit and finance All accounts in order
- 5. Public comments No public present
- 6. Manager's Report was presented and the following items were reported/discussed:
- 1. A review of the Trial Balance, Comparative Budget Report and Account Balance Summary List: May water loss was 23.25% with a 4 month average of 10.00% with 2 leaks worked. The 2017 average water bill is \$61.00 with 4775 connections.
- 2. Update on BUS activities Updated and submitted a list of subdivisions they are permitted to serve.
 - 3. Rollover Pass No changes to report
 - 4. Personnel no changes to report
- 7. Interviews and possible action on new Director
- 1. Steve Barnett and Michael LeBlanc have applied to be considered. The board interviewed each candidate.
- 2. After a round table discussion, the Board selected Steve Barnett. Chris Makin moved to elect Steve Barnett as a Director, Wayne Turk seconded. It was unanimously accepted.
- 8. Consideration and possible action on the following:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AMENDMENT OF TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD ORDER #09-75 AND OF THE ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$840,000.00 BOLIVAR PENINSULA SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT WATER SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2009, \$1,200.00 BOLIVAR PENINSULA SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT WATER SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2009B AND \$2,360,000 BOLIVAR PENINSULA SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT WATER SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2009C (COLLECTIVELY "THE BONDS")

- 1. Jo Ball presented info from Legal Counsel concerning these bonds.
- 2. Motion made by Denise Lange to accept resolution that Legal presented, seconded by Wayne Turk, unanimously passed.
- 9. Consideration and possible action update to water conservation plan
- 1. Jo Ball discussed changes made to Water Conservation plan, highlighting the water well change, updated water usage amounts, adjusted water rates to show current rates.
- 2. Motion to accept updated water conservation plan was made by Dennis Stafford, seconded by Wayne Turk, unanimously passed 10. Update and possible action on Backhoe repairs
- 1. Backhoe at main boom connection, the main plate was broken completely across. Repairs \$11,962.39. Needs to be listed as a capitol expense coded as
- 2. Motion made by Dennis Stafford and seconded by Denise Lange that we approve the repairs to the backhoe and modify the 2017 budget to include the expenditure. The motion unanimously passed.
- 11. Update and possible action on pipe saw purchase

- 1. Pipe saw will cost \$3,260.00. Not a capitol expense.
 - 2. No action required
- 12. Consideration and possible action salvage snapper zero turn mower
 - 1. Mower will be put up for bids.
- 2. Motion made by Wayne Turk to salvage mower, seconded by Chris Makin, unanimously passed
- 13. Consideration and possible action on North Houston Pole Line
- 1. Contractors cut main 20" water line in Caplen on Friday April 29, 2:00 P.M. There was no call for locate to BPSUD, just a 811 call. BPSUD had to de-water 6 miles of 20" pipe, plus the elevated tank. 1.5 Million gallons
- 2. North Houston Pole Line offered to pay \$10,000.
- 3. Wayne Turk moved to reject the \$10,000, seconded by Chris Main, unanimously passed.
- 14. Directors comments regarding future committee meetings
- 1. Audit and Finance Committee none planned
 - 2. Personnel and Policy None Planned
- 3. Plant and Product committee None Planned
 - 4. Public Relations None Planned
- 15. Directors comments regarding future agenda items
 - 1. Quarterly investment
 - 2. Possible budget amendments
 - 3. Update on Austin meeting
 - 4. North Houston Pole update
 - 5. Salvage of mower opening bids
- 16. Set date for next regular Board meeting July 11, 2017 Denise Lange moved to adjourn at 7:52, seconded by Chris Makin, unanimously passed.





Lance Arthur King October 21, 1956 - July 7, 2017

Lance Arthur King went to his Heavenly home on July 7, 2017. Lance was born October 21, 1956 in Port Arthur, Texas to Hazel Y. King and Elvin G. King.

Lance served one 3 year term in the Army. After that he lived in the Nederland, Port Arthur area until around 1986, when he moved to Gilchrist, Texas to help his mother

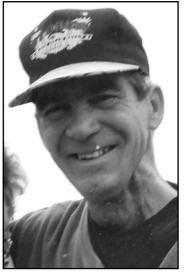
run her oyster business until it closed. Lance was a fitter/ fabricator by trade and worked for Paragon Fabricators in the Texas City area.

Lance is preceded in death by his loving parents, Hazel and Glen King and his brothers Dennis Brian King and Darrell Nelson King.

Lance is survived by his wife, Vickie Lee Cash King and his sister Brenda King Pence and her husband Doug Pence Jr. 3 nieces: Toni L. McDonald and her husband John, Mandy R. Short and her husband John, and Jammie M. Wright and her husband Mike. Lance also leaves behind several great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held for Lance at the home he shared with his wife on July 15, 2017.

Rest in peace my brother.



Arthur Storey "Sonny" Makin January 20, 1943 - June 28, 2017

Arthur Storey "Sonny" Makin III of Stowell passed away Wednesday, June 28, 2017. Sonny was born January 20, 1943 to Mary Stephens Makin and Arthur Storey Makin II, in Birmingham Alabama. During his youth, the family lived in Delaware and South Carolina before settling in Beaumont.

Sonny was a 1961 graduate of Beaumont High School and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Lamar University in 1971. The leadership and guidance Sonny was taught in the Boy Scouts set the path needed for him as he proudly served his country in the armed services. Sonny joined the Marines in 1961 and from that time forward thru the rest of his life to anyone that asked him if he was a Marine he would respond "No, I am a Marine".

Sonny was always on the go donating his time to multiple organizations which he was a member of or just a volunteer which included the YMBL and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. He contributed to multiple organizations and charities, always wanting to give back to the youth and

community. He was always on the go and loved to make multiple trips to the store or just to run errands for whoever needed them done. Behind his rugged demeanor there was a loving, caring heart ready to help anyone in need.

Sonny loved to be outdoors playing a round of golf, hunting, riding along the beach or just sitting on the patio with a cold Miller Lite. He was a "Top Notch" bull rider and loved the sport. He was a true "Cowboy" and absolutely loved watching a good John Wayne movie. While on the rodeo circuit he made many lifelong friends and no matter when or where you ran into Sonny he was always wearing a hat.

He worked for Winnie Welding Services for the last twenty-three years and to anyone that asked Chris what does your husband do, she would respond "He is an Entertainer!!!" He loved his job, "Entertaining" his customers and "His Winnie Welding Family".

Survivors include his wife of twenty-seven years, Chris Makin of Stowell, Children Sarah Craigen and husband Chad of Fannett and Scott Wilder of Winnie. He was "Papaw Sonny" to grandchildren Garett Wilder, Brittlyn Craigen, Baileigh Craigen, Bradon Craigen, Trace Wilder and Rae' Lynn Wilder. He was "Bubba" to brother and sisters James R Makin and his wife Lynda Kay, Emily Steward and her husband Ronnie, Ginny Mott and Sandy Straub and her husband Rick. He is also survived by his Mother in Law and Father in Law, Runt and Nell Loftin of Toledo Bend and numerous nieces and nephews who lovingly referred to him as "Uncle Sonny"; and many, many friends.

Tax Sale Interested Buyer Notification Program

Galveston County's delinquent tax firm, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP (LGBS), has announced development of an Interested Buyer Notification Program for investors in tax sale properties beginning with the September Sheriff Sale. The only requirement is a valid email address.

Interested Buyers (IBs) are encouraged to register through the LGBS website at www.taxsales.lgbs.com and sign up for information by county of interest or by property interested in. If you sign up by county (or multiple counties), you will receive an email with a link to the sale listing as soon as it becomes available. The listing will include links to each property on the LGBS website. You may then decide to sign up at the property level in order to receive email updates for status changes for specific properties that interest you (date of sale, if pulled or struck off and the sale results).

Current and first time interested buyers will receive an email asking them to validate their email address to complete the subscription process. Once this is complete, emails will be sent approximately 30 days prior to the sales notifying you of the location from which to retrieve the listing and view properties. You may unsubscribe at any time.

For additional information, go online to the LGBS or GCTO website (www.galcotax.com - click on the Sheriff Sale Information link) and look for the Interested Buyer Notification Program file or call the Property Tax Department at 1-409-766-2481 or toll free 1-877-766-2284.

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Seven High Island students achieved All American Cheerleader status and they will have the opportunity to perform in a parade in the near future.

Halee Seamans made Junior High All American Cheerleader and she will have the opportunity to go to Houston (Nov. 21st - Nov. 24th) to perform in the Houston Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Varsity All American Cheerleaders are Mary Giangrosso, Cali Sundseth, Amy Cruz, Brittney Borden, and Katherine O'Brien. They have the opportunity to visit London (Dec. 27th - Jan. 2nd) to perform in the London New Year's Parade.

Varsity Mascot All American, Abby Howarton, will have a chance to go to Orlando (Dec. 29th - Jan. 2nd) to perform in the Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl Pre Game Show.

Pictured from the front of the bottom triangle to the back; Madison Peek, Halee Seamans, Amy Cruz, Mary Giangrosso, Dannon DeMoss, Olivia Issacks. (left to right bottom back spots) Katherine O'Brien, Cali Sundseth, and Laynee Barrow. (top girls left from right) Hailey Peek, Brittney Borden, and Joyakay Giangrosso.

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August 25 and 26, 2017

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Saturday – August 26th

BBQ Dinners on sale from 11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Brisket/Chicken/Sausage \$15.00 donation for two meat plate \$10.00 donation for one meat plate

ENTRY FEES as follows:

- Brisket \$75.00 donation per team
- Ribs \$25.00 donation per team
- · Chicken \$25.00 donation per team
- . Beans \$10.00 donation per team
- All Four \$125.00 donation per team
- entry fee includes price of one donated brisket to dept.

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First Place: \$250.00 Second Place: \$150.00

Third Place: \$100.00

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1st, 2nd, & 3rd place trophy for beans, chicken and ribs

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For special requests please contact BJ Jewell

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- 1. All briskets must be tagged in by 9 am on Saturday, August 26.
- Briskets must be in its original packaging prior to tag in no pre-marinated briskets allowed.
- All briskets, chicken and ribs must be cooked on premises.
- 4. Entry Fee now includes the price of a donated brisket to fire department
- Bean judging will be held at 2:00 PM, Chicken judging will be held at 3:00 PM. Rib judging will be held at 4:00 PM, Brisket judging will be held at 5:00 PM. Listen for sound of siren, 10 minutes before entry is due at judging station.
- 6. On site entry fees must be paid no later than 10 am on Saturday, August 26.
- Beans may be cooked off premises.

6:00 PM Saturday

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Pot split: 1" place only

Judging 10 am Saturday

morning

Raffles

5:00 PM Saturday



Moore, Robert Earl (B /M/66) Arrest on chrg of 1) Fail To Identify Fugitive Intent Give False Info (M) and 2) Driving W/lic Inv W/prev Conv/susp/w/o Fin Res (M), at Sh 87 Mm580, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/8/2017 11:11.



Cox, Cecily Renee (W /F/27) Arrest on chrg of Out Of County Warrant/tarrant Co So, M (M), at 1749 Hwy 87, Gilchrist, TX, on 7/8/2017 16:56.



Prats, Cheryl Lynn (W /F/ 53) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication (M), at 100 Hwy 87 Pt, Bolivar, TX, on 7/11/2017 18:12.



Dejong, Joshua Michael (W / M/29) Arrest on chrg of Theft Of Firearm (F), at 1100 Rettilon Rd, Port Bolivar, TX, on 7/13/2017 09:30.



Ochoa, Phillip John (W /M/ 49) Arrest on chrg of 1) Credit Card Or Debit Card Abuse Elderly (F) and 2) Credit Card Or Debit Card Abuse Elderly (F), at 900 Retillion Rd, Port Bolivar, TX, on 7/13/2017 09:00.



Molliere, Paul Bryan (W /M/45) Arrest on chrg of Poss Cs Pg 1 <1g, F (F), at 1320 21st St, Port Bolivar, TX, Arrest on chrg of Terroristic Threat Cause Fear Of Imminent Sbi (M), at 1320 21st, Port Bolivar, TX, on 7/13/2017 10:36.



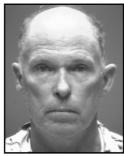
Storey, Terry Lynn (W /F/60) Arrest on chrg of 1) Criminal Trespass (M) and 2) Obstruct Highway Passageway (M), at 1400 23rd St, Port Bolivar, TX, on 7/14/2017 09:30.



Joseph, Gaylon (W /M/52) Arrest on chrg of Driving While Intoxicated 2nd, M (M), at 1300 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/15/2017 13:58.



Schleichardt, Jamie Jean (W / F/38) Arrest on chrg of Driving While Intoxicated 3rd Or More (F), at SH 87 Mm 579 In Port Bolivar, Port Bolivar, TX, on 7/16/2017 19:04.



Kelley, Gary Robert (W /M/60) Arrest on chrg of Criminal Trespass, M (M), at 408 Seagrass, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/17/2017 21:17.



Lopez, Natalie Jean (W /F/ 55) Arrest on chrg of Criminal Trespass, M (M), at 408 Seagras, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/17/2017 21:17.



Norman, Lucas Thomas (W / M/39) Arrest on chrg of Waiver Of Extradition-(colorado), F (F), at 5700 Ave H, Galveston, TX, on 7/17/2017 16:00.



Simmons, Warren Jack (W / M/38) Arrest on chrg of Parole Board Warrant, F (F), at 1000 Diamond Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/18/2017 14:13.



Mascorro, Nicolas Daniel (W / M/26) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication (M), at 1900 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/18/2017 19:39.



Clouse, Kenna Lynn (W /F/29) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication (M), at 681 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/20/2017 01:19.



Tannehill, Jonathan Hope (W / M/28) Arrest on chrg of 1) Poss Drug Paraphernalia (M) and 2) Expired License Plates (M), at 100 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 7/21/2017 18:03.



Plotke, Christian Wayne (W /M/43) Arrest on chrg of Fail To Identify Fugitive Intent Give False Info (M), at Sh 87 @ Diamond Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/22/2017 19:48.



Schick, Valarie Nicole (W /F/ 20) Arrest on chrg of Minor In Possession Of Alcoholic Beverage, M (M), at Beach/ Barrel 75, Crystal Beach, on 7/22/2017 19:00.



Fillmore, Jonathan Tyler (W /M/25) Arrest on chrg of No Seat Belt -Passenger (M), at Beach And Bb #75, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/22/2017 18:38



Coburn, Jody Lee (W /M/36) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at 939 Driftwood Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/22/2017 17:30.



Craig, Jason Riley (W /M/42) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication (M), at 1271 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/22/2017 11:22.



Hernandez, Cristhian (W /M/ 22) Arrest on chrg of Viol Bond/protective Order, M (M), at Beach @ Bb 75, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/22/2017 18:48.



Sievers, Travis Wayne (W /M/ 25) Arrest on chrg of Out Of County Warrant (bexar Co), F (F), at 100 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/23/2017 12:12.



Sheridan, Christopher Scott (W /M/25) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at 900 Blk Westview, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/23/2017 01:00.



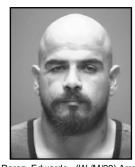
Doolan, Benjamin Micheal (W /M/19) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at 800 S Monkhouse Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/23/2017 04:23



Faulk, Jeffery Lee (W /M/28) Arrest on chrg of Emergency Protective Order Hold (F), at 995 S Cove, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/24/2017 08:20.



Busby, Deanna Denise (W /F/ 20) Arrest on chrg of 1) Poss Marij <2oz (M), 2) Poss Cs Pg 3 < 28g (M), 3) Poss Dangerous Drug (M), and 4) Obstruct Highway Passageway (M), at 100 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 7/5/2017 10:04.



Perez, Edwardo . (W /M/29) Arrest on chrg of 1) Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Violence (M) and 2) Crim Trespass Habit/shltr/ suprfund/infstrt (M), at 1000 Bayvue, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/26/2017 18:15.



Oneill, Robert Emmett (W /M/28) Arrest on chrg of Assault By Contact, M (M), at 100 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 7/24/2017 01:23.



Calhoun, Patrick Winston (B /M/ 40) Arrest on chrg of Poss Cs Pg 1 <1g (F), at 1100 Bay Vue, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/26/2017 16:50.



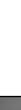
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Orourke, Kaitlyn Eryn (W /F/ 20) Arrest on chrg of Assault (M), at 958 Palmetto, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/1/2017 16:35.



Watson, Travis Dean (W / M/40) Arrest on chrg of Driving While Intoxicated/ open Alch Container, M (M), at BEACH @ Buell, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/1/2017 19:38.



Lott, David Wayne (W /M/ 47) Arrest on chrg of Driving While Intoxicated 3rd Or More, F (F), at BEACH @ Buell, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/1/2017 23:10.



Holladay, Jim Horald (W /M/ 45) Arrest on chrg of Emergency Protective Order Hold (F), at 1685 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/2/2017 00:01.



Alako, Alexis Taylor (W /F/ 20) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at Monkhouse And Beach, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/2/2017 00:39.



Wright, Justin Shea (W /M/30) Arrest on chrg of 1) Driving While License Invalid Class"c" (M), 2) Expired License Plates (M), 3) Operate Motor Vehicle W/o Financial Responsibility (M), and 4) Operate Motor Vehicle Without Plates (M), at Bb/72, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/2/2017 01:34.



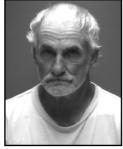
Cable, Darren Lorin (W /M/34) Arrest on chrg of Driving W/lic Inv W/prev Conv/susp/w/o Fin Res, M (M), at 1985 Ave F, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/2/2017 18:30.



Barnett, Chaz Clinton (W / M/36) Arrest on chrg of Driving While Intoxicated 3rd Or More (F), at BEACH @ Mr G, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/2/2017 19:07.



Carnley, Crystal Lynn (W / F/31) Arrest on chrg of Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Violence, M (M), at 1366 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/3/2017 19:26.



Waynick, Ricky Ray (W /M/ 58) Arrest on chrg of Viol Bond/protective Order Assault/stalk lat, F (F), at 988 Mazzu St, Gilchrist, TX, on 7/3/2017 19:45.



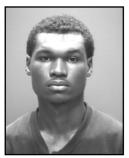
Lozano, Mario (W /M/27) Arrest on chrg of Driving While Intoxicated 3rd Or More (F), at Bolivar Ferry Landing, Port Bolivar, TX, on 7/3/2017 19:01.



Sigee, Jalen Devon (B /M/24) Arrest on chrg of 1) Assault By Contact (M) and 2) Assault By Contact (M), at 800 Gulfway, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/4/2017 19:22.



Vega Santibanez, Eden . (W/ M/18) Arrest on chrg of 1) Proh Weapon Knuckles (M) and 2) Speeding (M), at 800 Driftwood Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/4/2017 16:50.



Wilson, Dedrick Travon (B /M/ 20) Arrest on chrg of Assault By Contact (M), at 800 Gulfway, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/4/2017 20:00.



Duplechain, Ryan . (B /M/20) Arrest on chrg of Assault Causes Bodily Injury (M), at 800 Gulfway (bb/78), Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/4/2017 19:22.



Williams, Jenio Larenzo (B /M/ 24) Arrest on chrg of Assault Causes Bodily Injury, M (M), at 800 Gulfway, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/4/2017 20:00.



Russell, Christian Chase (W / M/20) Arrest on chrg of Disorderly Conduct-fighting, M (M), at 1338 Emerald Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on



Dewitt, Clayton Andrew (W / M/17) Arrest on chrg of Minor In Possession Of Alcoholic Beverage, M (M), at 800 Monkhouse Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/4/2017 16:30.



Jones, Ronnie Lee (W /M/32) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at 800 Crystal Beach Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/4/2017 20:30.



Sanderson, Angela Kristin (W /F/ 53) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at Beach @ S Monkhouse, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/4/2017 21:26.



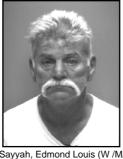
Brustmeyer, Haylee Michelle (W /F/19) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication, M (M), at Beach @ Emerald Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/4/2017 23:54.



Sandoval Damian, Saul . (W / M/20) Arrest on chrg of Unsafe Speed, M (M), at Bb84, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/4/2017 17:00.



Williams, Angelia Leigh (W / F/47) Arrest on chrg of 1)
Expired License Plates (M), 2) Driving While License Invalid Class'c" (M), 3) Fail To Display DI (M), and 4)
Expired DI (M), at 800
Crystal Beach Rd (bb/72),
Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/4/2017 13:42.



Sayyah, Edmond Louis (W /M/ 62) Arrest on chrg of 1) Fail To Control Speed (M) and 2) Operate Unregistered Motor Vehicle (M), at 800 Crystal Beach Rd, Crystal Beach, TX,



Cornwell, Shayne Lee (W / M/47) Arrest on chrg of Poss Cs Pg 1 >=4g<200g, F (F), at 686 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/4/2017 11:48.



Wilson, Dedrick (B /M/20) Arrest on chrg of 1) Assault Causes Bodily Injury (M) and 2) Assault (M), at 800 Gulfway (bb/78), Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/4/2017 20:00.



Hartel, Michael Anthony (W /M/28) Arrest on chrg of 1) Unl Carry Handgun Lic Holder (M) and 2) Driving While Intoxicated (M), at BEACH @ Monkhouse, Crystal Beach, TX, on 7/4/2017 21:22.

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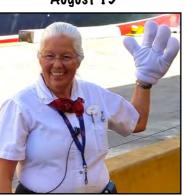
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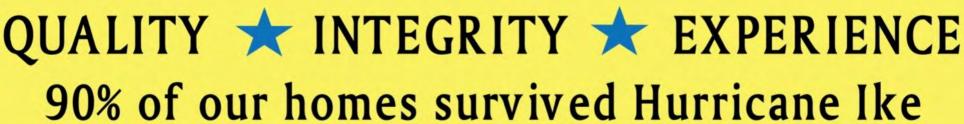


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