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Women

8:30 - 9:30 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Gentle Yoga

Men and Women

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Choir Practice

Wednesday ~ 5:00 PM

Bible Study

Monday - 5:00 PM

MONTHLY EVENTS AT BAYVUE UMC

Men's Breakfast

2nd Monday - 8:00 a.m.

United Methodist Women

2nd Monday - 10:00 a.m.

Prayer Warriors

2nd and 4th Monday ~ 10:00 a.m.

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Bryan Wolf
December 1980



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The truck was badly burned while in use fighting a grass fire in Gilchrist several weeks ago. Witnesses believe exhaust from the truck caught the grass underneath it on fire and when an attempt was made to move the vehicle the engine died and could not be restarted in time to avoid the damage. A spokesman for the fire department said the truck was not covered

by insurance for this type of damage and the fire department has no fund to cover the estimated 8 to 9 thousand dollar repair bill. The department is still making payments on this truck and one other new truck, the spokesman said, and the money for the repair bill will have to be taken from this note fund temporarily, until money can be raised.

Plans are also in the making for a dance to be held in February for this purpose and all donations will be greatly appreciated by the volunteer firemen.

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Happy Birthday!
Angele Kochwelp
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Happy Anniversary!
Randy & Brenda Kahla
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Happy Birthday!
Samantha Ferrett
December 13

Happy Anniversary!
Mary & Tommy Brown
December 20

Happy Birthday!
Marc Blieden
December 16

Happy Birthday!
Betty Frey
December 26

Happy Anniversary!
Danny & Shelly Butts
December 18

Happy Birthday!
Lucas Harthcock
December 28

Happy Birthday!
Mya Belz
December 2

Happy Birthday!
Carmen Schulz
December 4

Happy Birthday!
Jeremy Gau
December 17

Happy Birthday!
Johnny Conner
December 16

Happy Birthday!
Carl Frey
December 27

Happy Birthday!
Mary Francie Boggan
December 29

Happy Birthday!
Jimmy Kochwelp
December 18

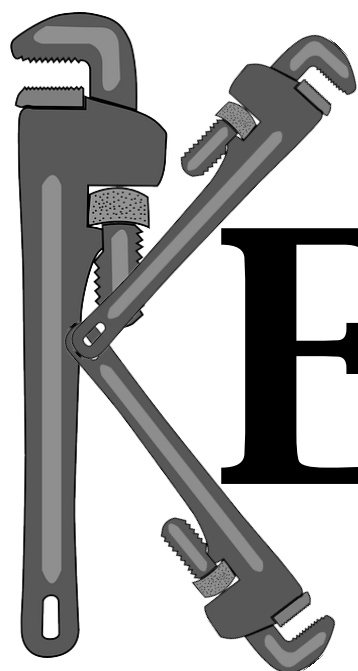
Happy Birthday!
Frances Ferrett
December 6

Happy Birthday!
Jeff Cunningham
December 31

Happy Birthday!
Kim Hawthorn
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Happy Birthday!
James Peavy
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Happy Anniversary!
Buddy & Susy Odum
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The Intercoastal Waterway

Jay Camp

The idea of the Intercoastal Waterway began in 1808 when the Secretary of the Treasury, Albert Gallatin, proposed the idea to Congress. The "Canal" was we refer to it, was to connect Boston, Massachusetts to Brownsville, Texas, a total of 3,000 miles. In the same year, John C. Calhoun, the Secretary of War, suggested that each state was to pay for their part to promote trade.

The War of 1812 slowed down the funding until 1819, when Calhoun seemed improvement of the Canal concept to also protect coastal water trade and transportation without having to go into the open water of the Atlantic Ocean of the Gulf of Mexico. In 1824, engineering surveys began to decide what would be the best route to take.

All through the process the railroad companies did all they could to block construction. They did not like the Canal to cut into their profit margins.

Congress authorized a survey to connect the Atlantic to the Gulf, thus begins the "Gulf Intercoastal Waterway", from Carrabelle, FL to Brownsville, TX, in 1829 1,050 miles of which 426 are in Texas alone.

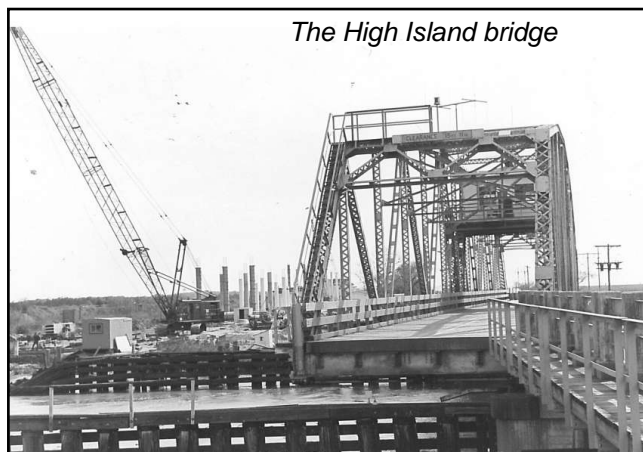
On the third of March in 1873, Congress approved the connection from Donaldsonville, LA to Brownsville. The Corps of Engineers completed their survey of the Canal west of the Mississippi River in 1875.

The discovery of oil at Spindletop in Beaumont helped to get things done along the Gulf Coast in 1901. By 1905 Congress funded the effort by making the waterway 100 feet wide and 10 - 12 feet deep from New Orleans to Galveston, with extensions to Corpus Christi in 1941 and then on to Brownsville in 1948.

The Revenue Act of 1978 set four cents per gallon tax for the commercial use of the canal to help maintain and improve it.

As for our section of the Canal, the Corps of Engineers got the okay and funds to begin the section from the Sabine River to Galveston Bay in 1927 and completed it in 1934.

When I was a kid the bridge at High Island was not there. The "Draw Bridge" sign before you got there is still a clear memory in my mind. My dad always told me if we had to stop to wait not he tug boats, I had to draw a picture of the bridge to give to the bridge operator.



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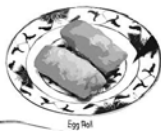
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The following Master Gardener Programs are free to the public

CITRUS SEMINAR & TASTING

Thursday, December 5, 2019

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Monte Nesbitt, Texas A&M Extension Specialist, will present a program covering such topics as root stock, variety selection, establishment, production, cultural practices, typical diseases, and insect pest problems. Also included will be an update on citrus greening in Galveston County and surrounding counties. Tasting will begin at 6:00 p.m., the presentation will start at 6:30 p.m. Location of presentation: Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office in Carbide Park, 4102-B Main Street (FM 519), La Marque 77568.

GROWING GREAT TOMATOES

Part 1 of 3 ~ Growing From Seed

Saturday, December 7, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Do you want to learn how to grow great tomatoes? This is the first in a series of three programs presented by Galveston County Master Gardener Ira Gervais on learning all about how to grow great tomatoes here in Galveston County. Part 1 will cover learning how to grow tomatoes from seeds and where to obtain seeds and supplies needed to start and grow your seedlings. Discussion topics include how to pick the best seed varieties for Galveston County, seed starting methods, growing techniques and preparing your starter plants for spring garden planting. Location of presentation: Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office in Carbide Park, 4102-B Main Street (FM 519), La Marque 77568.



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The premier event at The Pavilion At Festival Park was quite a night. PARTY IN THE PARK, Peninsula Sports Park Fundraiser, promised a magical November evening. It certainly delivered. A waxing Gibbons moon and cool temperature augmented with barbecue, dancing, silent and live auctions played to a happy, generous crowd. This first view of The Pavilion was overwhelming.

Country Nights theme played out with each table honoring some aspect of the fundraiser, a boot-scooting dance floor and designated silent and live auctions areas. Adults and children lined up for delectable barbecue, side dishes and desserts. Of course, most everyone went back for more. People wandered around placing big bids on donated silent auction creations. Children played joyfully inside and outside this beautifully built edifice. A highlight of the evening was youthful presentations from a martial arts group and young gymnasts. Both were rewarded with standing ovations. Mike Powell & Bayou Rush took the stage after a very successful live auction. Young, old, middle-aged and young at heart kicked up their heels to a plethora of popular country and other tunes.

Kudos to Chairperson Leslie Lowe and all the volunteers who pulled together PARTY IN THE PARK. Volunteers included Janie Mayfield and friends. Their decorations created a perfect party atmosphere. Dennis Rollfing and Charles Moseley provided the best Bolivar Peninsula barbeque. Others contributed succulent side dishes and desserts. So many people helped with this award winning successful, fun fundraiser. It raised over \$25,000 for Peninsula Sports Park. Attendees agree, "OH, WHAT A NIGHT!"



The Driftwood subdivision was in full force. There were close to 50 from the neighborhood in attendance.

The Driftwood HOA presented PSP with a check for \$3,500 from their recent

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2019 Bolivar Christmas Festival



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Avoid Holiday Shopping Scams Don't Fall Victim to Online Schemes

'Tis the season for holiday gifting, and many shoppers will go online this time of year to find the best deals on popular items. But the sellers you buy from may not be what they seem.

According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), thousands of people become victims of holiday scams every year. Scammers can rob you of hard-earned money, personal information, and, at the very least, a festive mood. The two most prevalent of these holiday scams are non-delivery and non-payment crimes.

In a non-delivery scam, a buyer pays for goods or services they find online, but those items are never received. Conversely, a non-payment scam involves goods or services being shipped, but the seller is never paid. In 2018 alone, the IC3 estimates that non-delivery and non-payment scams together affected more than 65,000 victims, causing almost \$184 million in losses.

Similar scams to beware of this time of year are auction fraud, where a product is misrepresented on an auction site, and gift card fraud, when a seller asks you to pay with a pre-paid card.

The IC3 receives a large volume of complaints in the early months of the year, suggesting a correlation with the previous holiday season's shopping scams.

Always be wary of deals that seem too good to be true.

Do your part to avoid becoming a victim. These simple tips from the IC3 can help you look out for scammers during the holiday season or any other time of year:

Always get a tracking number for items purchased online so you can make sure they have been shipped and can follow the delivery process.

Be wary of sellers who post an auction or advertisement as if they reside in the U.S., then respond to questions by stating they are out of the country on business, family emergency, or similar reasons.

Avoid sellers who post an auction or advertisement under one name but ask that payment be sent to someone else.

Consider canceling your purchase if a seller requests funds be wired directly to them via a money transfer company, pre-paid card, or bank-to-bank wire transfer. Money sent in these ways is virtually impossible to recover, with no recourse for the victim. Always remember that anyone who asks you to use one of these forms of payment might be a scammer. A credit card is generally the safest way to pay for an online purchase.

Avoid sellers who act as authorized dealers or factory representatives of popular items in countries where there would be no such dealers.

Verify the legitimacy of a buyer or seller before moving forward with a purchase. If you're using an online marketplace or auction website, check their feedback rating. Be wary of buyers and sellers with mostly unfavorable feedback ratings or no ratings at all.

Avoid buyers who request their purchase be shipped using a certain method to avoid customs or taxes inside another country.

Be suspect of any credit card purchases where the address of the cardholder does not match the shipping address. Always receive the cardholder's authorization before shipping any products.

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If you do become the victim of a holiday scam, contact your bank immediately. You should also inform your local law enforcement agency, and file a complaint with the IC3 at ic3.gov.

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The Beach Bum says the best way to get a puppy for Christmas is to beg for a baby brother.

The Beach Bum says Moses had the first table that could connect to the cloud.

The Beach Bum says he finds it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

The Beach Bum says the three states of man; he believes in Santa Claus; he doesn't believe in Santa Claus; and then he IS Santa Claus.

The Beach Bum's wife said she just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time she leaves brownies in the oven while she naps.

The Beach Bum says maybe if we started telling people the brain is an app they will start using it.

*If you are missing
"The 'Func' in Dysfunctional" articles,
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Merry Christmas!

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 8, 2019

Directors Present: Hollis Gassen, President; George Strong, Vice President; Kurt Ploeger; DJ Hutchinson; Wayne Turk; Maria Skewis, Secretary; Marcus Dickerson; Chris Makin, Treasurer

Staff Present: Jo E. Ball, General Manager; Barbara Cowie, Office Manager; Donald Crawford, Field Manager

Others Present:

Item 1 Call to Order: At 6:01 PM President, Hollis Gassen, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Item 2 Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by George Strong and cited by all present. Afterwards, a moment of silence was observed.

Item 3 Approve minutes of the September 10, 2019 General Meeting: A motion was made by George Strong and seconded by Wayne Turk to approve the August 13th meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

Item 4 Committee Reports: Audit & Finance: Wayne Turk reported the Audit and Finance Committee had met earlier today and reviewed the District's invoices, check registers, investments, and bank statements for September and found everything to be in order.

Item 5 Public Comments: No public comments

Item 6 Manager's Report: The manger's report was presented by General Manager Jody Ball and the following items were reported and/or discussed:

- 1) A Review of Trial Balance, Comparative Budget Report and Account Balance Summary List: The Board reviewed the Trial Balance Report, Comparative Budget Report and the Account Balance Summary through September and found everything to be in order.
- 2) Review System Operational Reports:
 - * District Water Losses. The District experienced a four-month average water gain through September of 14.05% and 12.59% water gain for the month.

* The District has 5,275 active accounts through September. In September, 2 accounts were liquidated.

* Total water sales for September was \$326,988.50

*Average monthly water bill for September is \$63.06, and the 2019 average is \$61.91.

3. Water pumped was 29.1M gallons, and water sold was 23.7 M gallons with a loss difference of 5.5 M gallons. Five leaks were repaired. There was 0 reportable accident/incident for the month.
- 3) Review current infrastructure projects: LNVA is updating their SCADA system and renewing structures around their water clarifiers. The Board reviewed tentative plans for the new elevated water tank. The design process is continuing.
- 4) Personnel: Fully staffed.
- 5) Finances: Net income for September is \$198,950.

Item 7 Discussion and possible action on new contract with Undine LLC: A proposed contract was submitted to Undine LLC for BPSUD to provide billing services for their sewer customers. Contract changes are being reviewed and negotiated. No action required at this time.

Item 8 Consideration and possible action on Quarterly Investment report: George Strong reviewed the quarterly investment report with the Board. District's investments accrued \$81,093.28 last quarter. A motion was made by George Strong and seconded by Chris Makin to accept the quarterly investment report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 9 Discussion and possible action on rate study: Rate study is continuing. No action required at this time.

Item 10 Discussion and possible action on rollover pass: The Board reviewed the progress of the county closing rollover pass and the implications for the District's 20 inch water line crossing over the pass. No action required at this time.

Item 11 Discussion and possible action to attend Districts conference in Dallas and investment training in Lufkin TX: A motion was made by Maria Skewis and seconded by Kurt Ploeger to approve Jo Ball

and any Board member who wishes to attend the District conference in Dallas. Motion approved unanimously.

Item 12 Discussion and possible action on Imelda damages: The Board reviewed Imelda responses by BPSUD and LNVA. Jody Ball will continue discussions with LNVA to prepare the LNVA plant to minimize future flooding events. Jody Ball will attend the next Trinity Bay Conversation District's (TBCD) board meeting to express BPSUD's thanks and appreciation for their cooperation during the aftermath of Imelda. No action required at this time.

Item 13 Directors comments regarding future committee meetings:

- 1) Audit and Finance Committee. Continue to develop rate study
- 2) Personnel and Policy. None.
- 3) Plant and Product. None.
- 4) Public Relations Committee. The District is exploring the possibility of installing three electric signs on the Peninsula. One sign will be a "two way" sign in front of the office building. One sign will be at the High Island Plant for appropriate messages for people heading to the Peninsula. The other sign will be located at the Port Bolivar Plant for people heading to Crystal Beach.

Item 14 Directors Comments regarding future agenda items:

- 1) Budget review
- 2) Undine contract
- 3) LNVA billing
- 4) Property insurance proposal
- 5) Present results of rate study
- 6) Proposals for employee health insurance

Item 15 Set the date for next regular Board meeting for November 12, 2019:

Item 16 Adjournment: A motion was made by Maria Skewis and seconded by George Strong to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:30 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

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Clay Cup Studios will be at Crenshaw to guide attendees in creating an original environmental art ornament. Dinner will be served! There is no charge for this event! RSVP to Susanbroussard@gisd.org or 761-6350 as seats are limited.



Quality Care Plus teamed up with the National Junior Honor Society at Crenshaw School to help Chief Comeaux display flags in the local cemeteries to honor Veterans on Veterans Day.

The students wanted to express their appreciation to all the veterans and thank them for your service!



Crenshaw students planned a Thanksgiving menu, budgeted, and shopped using grocery flyers.

They practiced with measurements and fractions while making pumpkin pie in a bag, and celebrated a Friendsgiving with a Charlie Brown inspired feast.

Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce 2020 Board Members



Pictured above are the Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce newly elected board members.

From left to right are Lance Bradley (Lance P. Bradley, Attorney at Law), Tim Byrom (Brint Construction), Anne Willis (Crystal Beach Club Properties, Broker Associate), Brenda Flanagan (current Chamber Board President), Jim Walters (Swede's Real Estate) and Sharon McCurdy (Texas Custom Carts), not pictured, Michael Lange (Lange's Septic Service)

The incoming constituents will hold a meeting in January 2020 to reorganize the Chamber Board of Directors



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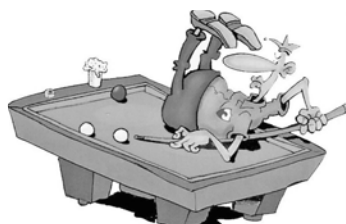
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Blast from the Past

Bryan Wolf
December 1986

The Beach Bum says defines a bank as a nice building where we keep the government's money until April 15.

The Beach Bum says common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden.

The Beach Bum says if you can't find your glasses, drink out of a can.



Southwestern Bell Telephone Company presented a Ford Fairlane to the AARP Nutrition Center recently. On hand for the presentation was (left to right) Glenma Pfister, holding car title and keys, Galveston County Commissioner Eddie Barr, who helped with insurance and tags, Eddie Hunter, Sylvia Mason, representing SouthWestern Bell and Ted Hanley, Co-Director of Our daily Bread. Gene Thacker SWB Representative (known as the AARP Guardian Angel) and Sister Yvonne, Director

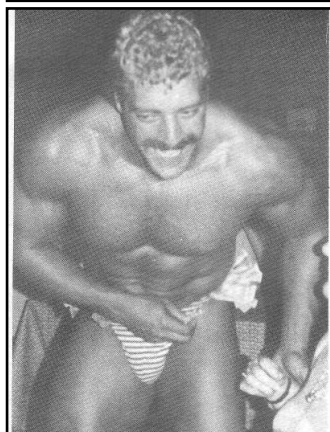


Max Babineaux of Gilchrist, shown above with Jan and Jacob Kent, was one of the 133 guests who enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the Dirty Pelican Fishing Pier.



The Gulf Shores Bank in Crystal Beach will stage their first annual live nativity scene on Friday, December 12 and Saturday, December 13th at 7:30 P.M. Shown above practicing for the event are, left to right, Alan Sheffield, Monte Potter, Mike Murski, Clifford Ray, Bill Murphy and Al Altemus, all local volunteers. Seated is Gulf Shores' Barbara Cowie. Everyone is invited and guests are asked to come at 6:30 to hear the Coastal Carolers sing and to meet with Santa Claus. Refreshments will be served. Guests may bring lawn or camp chairs for the hour long event.

Photo by Gail Murphy



The First Class Males will return to the Little T Danceland in Crystal Beach, Friday, December 5. Shown above is one of the dancers during their performance at the Little



Winners of the best costume contest at the Gilchrist Volunteer Fire Department dance on October 31 are shown above. Left to right are Steve Sutton, second place, Helen Kachow, third place and Loretta and Glen Smith who took first place as a pair.



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2nd Place ~ Antoinette Duhon \$200

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3rd Place ~ Darren Breaux ~ \$100

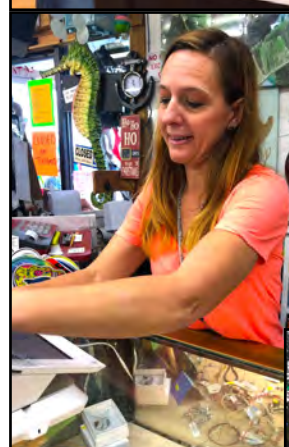
Sponsor ~ Syd Boyd ~ Mamma Mia's

Raffle Winners

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Bolivar Chamber Of Commerce

December Events

December 5- BP Cultrual
Foundation Annual
membership party

December 7-Crystaland
Parade

December 11- Jose's
Customer Christmas
Appreciation Party

December 14- F.O.Eagles
Kids Christmas Party

Decmeber 14- Santa arrives
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December 14 Lighthouse
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DRUG TEST STATE LEGISLATORS

November 14, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Texas House Democrat Poncho Nevárez on felony drug possession charges. This is after he was caught dropping an envelope containing cocaine as he was leaving the Austin airport. It is past time to require drug testing of Legislators.

I have long believed all Legislators need to be drug tested. House and Senate members write and vote on legislation that impacts the everyday lives of hardworking Texans. Additionally, Legislators are tasked with voting on the \$250+ Billion budget for the State of Texas. It should be common sense to drug test those making billion-dollar decisions for Texans. Furthermore, if a Legislator fails a drug test, they should permanently lose their generous taxpayer-funded pensions. Other government workers have to be drug tested, why shouldn't Legislators?

I plan on filing legislation next session to close this unethical loophole, so Legislators will be required to take a random drug test and at a minimum forfeit their taxpayer funded pension if they fail it.

Very Truly Yours,

Mayes Middleton



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Cooking with Miss “Obler”

Janice Oliver, Retired Home Ec Teacher, HHS

Christmas is probably my favorite holiday to cook for . . . but what to cook! So many recipes, so little time. I am sharing a variety of Christmas recipes for you to enjoy. Hope you find at least one or two to try this year.

Merry Christmas!

MAGIC COOKIE BARS

1/2 cup butter
1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1 cup finely chopped walnuts
1 package (6 ounce) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
1 can (3 1/2 ounce) flaked coconut
1 can Eagle brand sweetened condensed milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Pour melted butter on the bottom of a 13" x 9" x 2" pan. Sprinkle the crumbs evenly over the melted butter. Sprinkle nuts evenly over the crumbs. Scatter chocolate pieces over the nuts.

Sprinkle the coconut evenly over the chocolate pieces. Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over coconut.

Bake for 25 minutes or until lightly browned on top.

Cool in pan for about 30 minutes, then cut into bars.

EMILY DICKINSON'S GINGERBREAD COOKIES

4 cups flour
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon ginger
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup molasses

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Grease cookie sheet.

Combine the ingredients in a mixing bowl.

Shape heaping tablespoons of dough into flattened ovals about 3 inches long.

Bake for 20 minutes.

Cool on a wire rack.

SANTA'S WHISKERS COOKIES

3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) margarine
2 cups flour
3/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
3/4 cup finely chopped candied red or green cherries
1/3 cup finely chopped pecans
3/4 cup coconut

Beat margarine with an electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds.

Add about half the flour. Add sugar, milk, and vanilla.

Beat until thoroughly combined.

Stir in remaining flour, cherries and pecans.

Shape into 8-inch long rolls.

Roll in coconut.

Wrap in wax paper and chill for 2-24 hours.

When ready to bake, preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Cut dough into 1/4 inch slices.

Place on an ungreased cookie sheet for 10-12 minutes or until the edges are golden.

Cool cookies on a wire rack.

MICROWAVE PRALINES

1 small can Pet evaporated milk
1 box (1 pound) brown sugar
1 cup whole pecans

Combine all ingredients into a large bowl as it bubbles a lot.

Microwave on high 3 minutes, then stir.

Microwave on high 3 minutes more and stir.

Microwave on high 3 more minutes. Take out and stir for 4 or 5 minutes. When thickens, drop on wax paper.

CHRISTMAS PETIT FOURS

1 package Duncan Hines Deluxe Yellow cake mix
1 can Duncan Hines Creamy Vanilla frosting
Decorator frosting, colored sugar, food coloring

Line 15 1/2" by 10 1/2" x 1" jelly roll pan with waxed paper. Prepare cake as directed on package.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. At once, turn cake out onto towel and peel off paper. When cool, cut cake into small, simple shapes with open-ended Christmas cookie cutters. Place cakes on cooling rack with waxed paper underneath.

For glaze, heat frosting slightly until thin enough to be poured. Add food coloring to a portion of frosting,

if desired. Pour icing over cakes, decorate with frosting, colored sugar, or sprinkles.

CANDY CANE COFFEE CAKE

8 ounce can Pillsbury Refrigerated Quick Crescent Dinner Rolls
3 ounce package cream cheese, softened
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon almond extract
1/4 cup chopped almonds
1/4 cup chopped maraschino cherries, drained
1 egg, slightly beaten

GLAZE

1/2 cup powdered sugar
2 teaspoons milk or cherry juice

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Grease cookie sheet. In small bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until fluffy. Stir in almond extract, almonds, and cherries.

On cookie sheet, unroll dough into 2 long rectangles. Overlap long sides to form a 13" x 7" rectangle; firmly press perforations and edges to seal. Spoon cream cheese mixture down center third of rectangle. On each long side of rectangle, make cuts 1" apart to edge of filling. Fold opposite strips of dough over filling to form a braided appearance. Seal ends. Form braid into a candy cane shape.

Brush top of braid with beaten egg. Bake at 375 degrees for 18 to 22 minutes or until golden brown.

Cool completely. In small bowl, combine glaze ingredients; blend until smooth. Drizzle over coffee cake. Garnish with additional cherries, if desired. 12 servings.

PEPPERMINT STICK PIE

3 pints (1 1/2 quarts) peppermint ice cream
1 chocolate-flavored crumb pie shell
1 12-ounce jar fudge ice cream topping
coarsely crushed candy cane or striped round peppermint candies (optional)

In a chilled bowl, spreading evenly. Return to freezer for at least 4 hours.

To serve, warm the fudge topping in the microwave oven according to directions on jar.

Let pie stand at room temperature for 5 minutes before slicing. Serve with warmed topping. If desired, sprinkle with crushed candies. Serves 8.

REINDEER MUNCHIES

5 cups sweetened corn and oat honeycomb-shaped cereal
2 cups thin pretzel sticks, broken in half
1/2 cup Land O Lakes butter
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter*
1 (11.5-ounce) package (1 1/2 cups) milk chocolate chips
1 cup powdered sugar
1 cup red and green candy-coated milk chocolate pieces
Ice cream cones, if desired

Combine cereal and pretzels in large bowl; set aside.

Place butter, peanut butter and chocolate chips in medium microwave-safe bowl.

Microwave on High (100% power) for 45 seconds; stir. Continue microwaving until butter and chocolate are melted (15 to 45 seconds). Stir until smooth.

Immediately pour chocolate mixture over cereal in bowl; stir until well coated.

Spread mixture evenly into single layer on 2 waxed paper-lined baking sheets.

Refrigerate 20 minutes. to set.

See **OBLER** page 26

Don't gore me with your bull

Rickey Thibodeaux

Three sighs escaped from three young bodies. "I'm bored," said Shorty Longfellow, an oxymoron of stature.

"Me too," I chimed.

Stinky Sawyer, my old childhood friend, took the bull by the horns so to speak when he said, "Hey, I've got a great idea. Let's play bullfighter."

Shorty and I sent a look toward Stinky, melding together, hitting Stinky right between his eyes. Undoubtedly, Stinky misread our gaze, because he asked, "What's the matter?"

Shorty spoke for us, "That's a fine idea. I'll run and get a bath towel for a cape and a broom stick for a sword, and we can get this show on the road."

In two shakes of a bull's tail, Shorty returned with a sawed-off broom handle and a pink bath towel. "Didn't have a red one," he apologized.

Before long we were taking turns playing bull and matador. Stinky had the first shot at matadoring, and I put my index fingers to my temples and became a menacing el toro, while Shorty shouted all the OIÉs. I made several passes toward the cape, while Shorty continued shouting at my feeble attempts to gore the amateur matador. We were having a swell time, our boredom forgotten, when we heard a Canker cackle.

Canker Adams, the old retired railroad engineer from our youth, cackled once again. "You boys are pathetic," he said. "Stinky ain't no more bull than I'm horny toad."

I removed my right horn from my temple and wiped my mouth with the back of my hand. "What are we supposed to do, Canker, use a real bull?"

Canker's next cackle was a long sustained one, "I've got what ya'll need to make your game more realistic. I'll be right back."

Five minutes passed before Canker returned carrying a fine ten-point deer rack and a roll of duct tape. "This will fix you up," he said, while taping the set of horns to the top of Stinky's head. Poor Stinky fused and fumed the entire horning process, but Canker ignored his pleadings. "How's that feel? Tight enough?" asked Canker.

Stinky tried to answer, but the tape restricted his jaw and his reply was gibberish.

Canker snatched the bath towel from Shorty's sweaty hands, "Now I'll show you boys how a real matador moves." He cast a menacing eye at Stinky the deer-horned bull, stamped his right foot and hollered, "Toro! Toro!"

My friend accepted the challenge with a toss of his newly installed horns and a pawing of his foot. Stinky attempted a snort, but the tape constricted his airflow. His charge was magnificent—head low, horns parallel with the ground. But what really made Shorty and I gape, was Canker's cape work. The old man deftly twirled the bath towel, sidestepping Stinky's charge. He was Fred Astaire. He was Gene Kelly. He was Arthur Murray. But mostly he was cocky.

"Wow!" shouted Shorty. "Did you see that?"

"Cool!" I said.

Canker requested his sword, and I ceremoniously handed him the sawed-off broom handle. Stinky prepared himself for his final charge, pawing the ground, sending dirt and grass flying in all directions, a bullish display of courage. Canker made ready the old broom handle for the coup de grace, hiding it matador style behind his bath towel.

Shorty and I watched, our eyes wide with anticipation and awe. "This is so cool," I said.

Shorty nodded his approval.

Stinky began his charge from ten yards away. When he got within three yards of the matador, a voice beckoned from across the road. "Yoo-hoo! Canker!"

It was the call of Elmira Merriweather, our third-grade teacher, and Canker's latest squeeze. When Canker spun to face his object of affection, the object of his infliction—namely a ten-point deer horn—found its mark. That spot being the meaty portion of Canker's backside. Canker yowled. Miss Merriweather fainted.

Canker began twirling around faster and faster, trying to rid himself of el toro. El toro couldn't release himself from either Canker or his taped on horns. Canker spun so fast that eventually centrifugal force grabbed Stinky and forced him off his feet. My friend was flying parallel with the ground when the tape finally broke its grip. Stinky fluttered North, leaving most of his hair attached to the tape, and Canker stumbled South toward the Mexican border.

Five minutes later Miss Merriweather roused from her fainting spell and drove Canker to the hospital where doctors removed the deer horns from his bottom. Five months later Stinky's hair had grown back and he was as good as new.

And that's how one fall day went from boring to goring, all in a matter of a few minutes.

C'est la vie!

OBLER continued

Break into bite-sized pieces; divide mixture between two large resealable plastic food bags. Pour 1/2 cup powdered sugar into each bag; seal bags. Carefully shake to distribute chocolate pieces.

To serve, spoon mixture into ice cream cones, if desired. Store mixture in resealable plastic food bags or container with tight-fitting lid in refrigerator up to 4 weeks.

*Substitute almond butter or hazelnut-chocolate spread.

TIP: Add more powdered sugar after storage, if needed.

TIP: For longer storage, freeze in container with tight-fitting lid or resealable plastic freezer bags up to 2 months.

SPICED TEA

1 cup instant tea
2 cups powdered orange drink
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 tablespoon cinnamon
1 tablespoon cloves
2 cups red hots, optional

Mix together. Store in airtight container.

TO SERVE:

Place about 2 tablespoons tea mix in cup of boiling water. Water must be boiling to melt the red hots.

Use same amount of tea mix for iced tea.

Happy Birthday!
Tyra Crawford
December 4

Happy Birthday!
Tina Gillie
December 15

Happy Birthday!
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December 27

Happy Birthday!
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December 5

Happy Birthday!
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Happy Birthday!
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Happy Birthday!
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Blast from the Past

Bryan Wolf
December 1978

Claud's Inc. at Gilchrist has about anything you'd want to buy in the way of Christmas gifts. Anything from color TVs to guns to boats and motors, appliances, furniture, you name it.

If Moses and Elaine of Gilchrist entered the same beauty contest & they were the only two people in the contest, Moses would come in third.

Barbara Mayfield at Harrington's Grocery is at it again. This time she has turned the back of her grocery store into a teenage recreation center. Right now there's a pool table, juke box, foosball machine and more will be added in a few days. Barbara says she wants to provide a place for teenagers to enjoy themselves in a wholesome atmosphere where their parents won't have to worry about them. Barbara has teenagers herself so she should know what she's doing. She still plans to continue running the grocery store, of course, so maybe she plans to stay behind the cash register and if anyone gets out of hand she can always throw a can of pork and beans at 'em.



We were told we missed something by not getting a picture of Estelle Fabrique in the outfit she wore to an Eagle's function last month, so here it is. She wore a pill box hat covered with pills, an imported lace skirt over fish net

stockings and thongs. Her dangling gold earrings were Mason canning jar lids and she had on rubber scrubbing gloves. Estelle carried an old tackle box to complete the outfit.



Shown above in Port Bolivar representing four generations in one family and admiring three and a half week old Desa Rae Blevins are (left to right) Lou Ann Simpton

Blevins, the baby's mother, Mrs. Eloge Broussard, great grandmother and Mrs. Jerry Simpton, grandmother.

The Beach Bum says his boss considers him a consultant. He says, "The boss told me when he wants my advice, he'll ask for it."

THE BEACH

Johnny LaSota of Beaumont had ice chests filled with beautiful red fish weighing from eight to eleven pounds and fifty speckled trout the last week of November at Stingaree Marina.

Chuch Rogers of Crystal Beach, who says he can repair a TV just by walking past it, also says he can mend anything but a broken heart.

K. D. Hammond who works at the Crystal Beach Lumber Company says all he wants for Christmas is the suit he had boss Don Black take to the cleaners for him around Halloween time. He wants to wear it while he pulls those small, easily removed weeds he's been pulling on a lot he's clearing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Armisteade of Miami, Florida will spend Christmas with their daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moy of Roadside Park Grocery.

Tommy and Art Koopman, Crystal Beach Policemen have finished up with their police schooling.

Sadie Robinson of Crystal Beach gets prettier every day, while her husband, Eddie, is also changing. He looks more like Pete every day. Look for him to take on a line of Puerto Rican rum any day now.

Crystal Beach tax statements were delayed this year because of the computer service but they were mailed on December 1 and no interest or penalty will be charged until after February 28, 1979.

Bobby Land of Crystal Beach has never foul-mouthed a boat motor in his life, says the beach bum's wife. (She lies a lot.)

Jim Bailey of Big Jim's Grocery in Crystal Beach would like to recommend Chuck Rogers of that city for dog catcher and Chuck says if there are no height and weight requirements he's ready.

Slim and Dot McNeal of Gilchrist have bait of such good quality that if it fails to catch fish, you can eat it.

To set the record straight, Woody Woodruff of Gilchrist does not give guided tours of his place as some folks think. Nor does Mr. Aper of Crystal Beach.

The Gilchrist Womans Club met on Monday, December 4 at the home of Mrs. L.A. (Louise) French for their annual Christmas party and dinner.

Flower Committee.

Newly elected officers for this year are Mildred Vannoy - President, Agnelia Munsey - Treasurer, Betty Faggard - Publicity, Pate Dean - Finance, Louise French - scrap book and Lucille Benny -

The ladies donated \$750 to the Gilchrist fire department for a new roof for the department building and they will raffle off a clock to raise money for other community services.

They also discussed getting the county to pave more streets in the area and welcomed four new members.

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The Bolivar Peninsula Lighthouse Krewe winner of the art contest is Lydia Parker Spirko.

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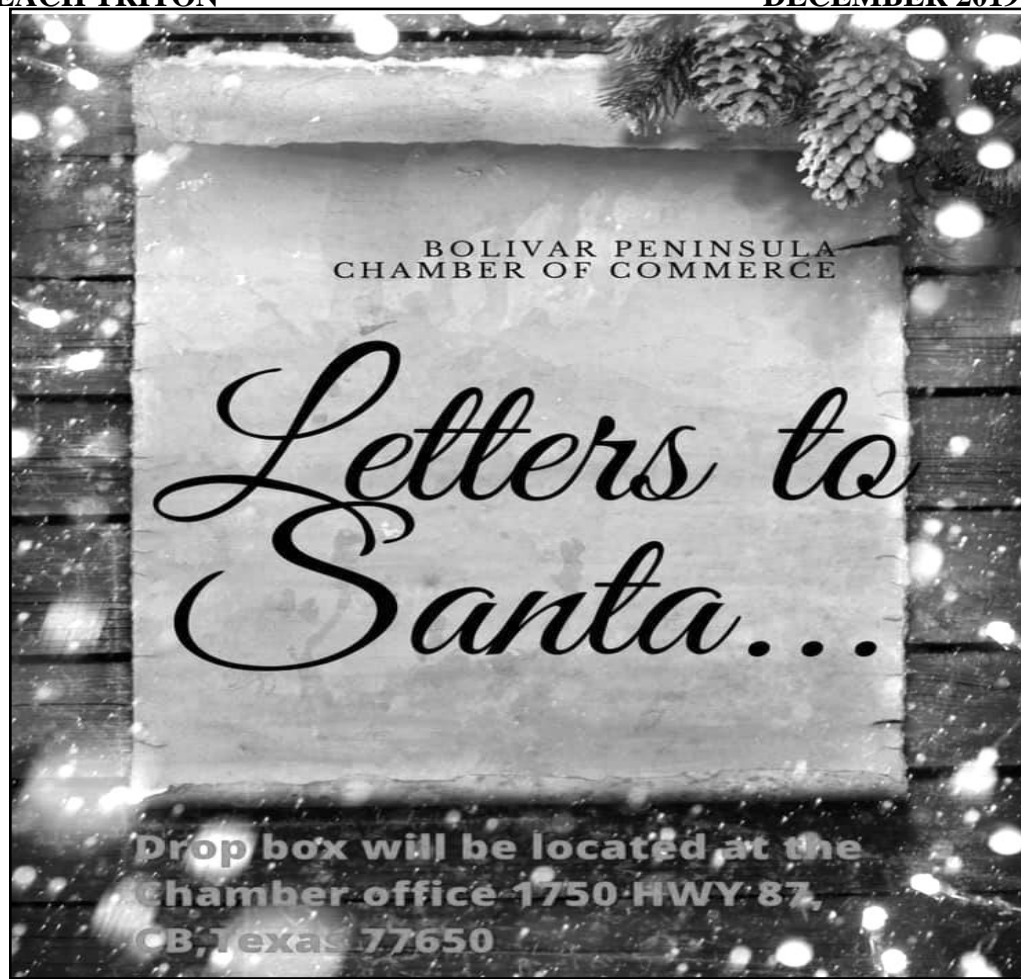
2020 Mardi Gras theme voted by Bolivar Peninsula Lighthouse Krewe members "30 Years of Beaches & Beads".



Pictured left to right Terry Molloy, 2nd Vice President; Lydia Parker Spirko, Vice President, Mark Hunstiger President; and Shelly Butts, Secretary



B.B. Young and Terry Molloy pictured with the Lighthouse Krewe 2020 T-Shirts.



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Connie Ward, The Nurse on the Beach, spent a few days on a different beach in a different country.

Connie visited Jaffa Port on the Mediterranean Sea, located in Old Jaffa, Israel.

Jaffa Port is mentioned in the Bible, the Book of Jonah; the disobedient prophet, punished but forgiven.

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Pictured to the left is Connie Ward

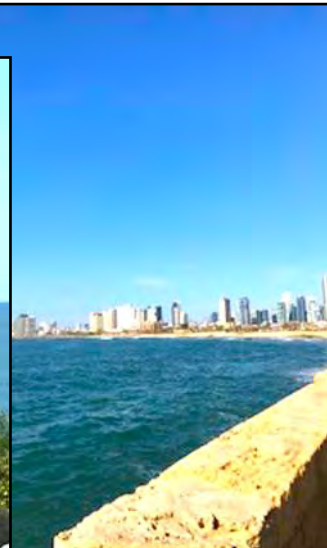
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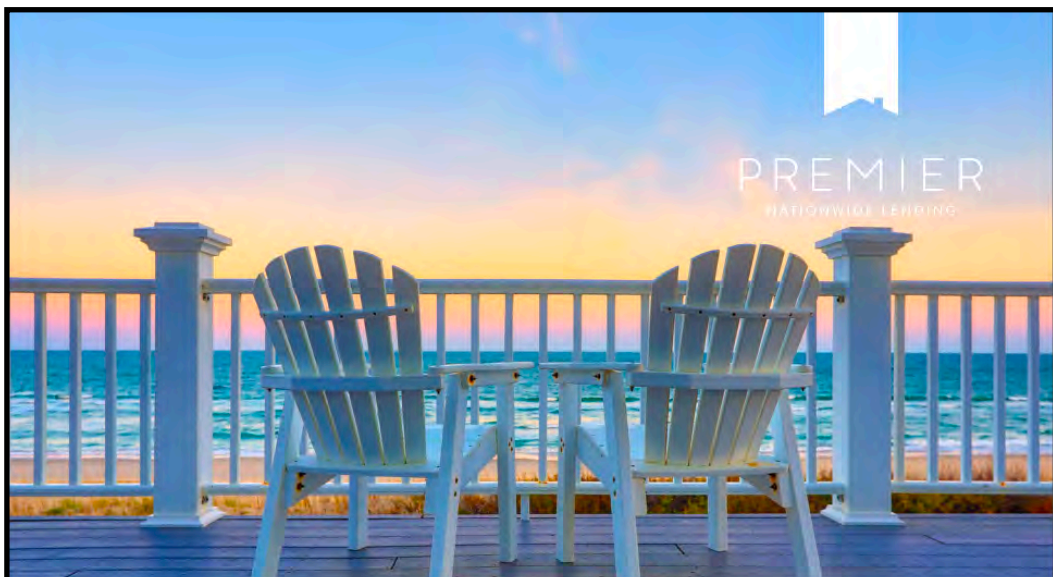
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2019 Bolivar Christmas Festival...please, sir, may we have so more



The First Annual Christmas Festival was held at the Texas Crab Festival grounds, Saturday, November 30.

There were forty booth, live entertainment with Mark Ivey, Jerry Diaz, Lee Pelly, Jewels, Crenshaw Elementary School Choir, Crystal Beach Community Church with

Pastor Kay reading the Christmas Story with a live Nativity scene.

Santa arrived on the Crystal Beach Fire Truck and at 6 PM, official lighting of Christmas tree for Bolivar Peninsula.

Latitude 29 Surf Shop was voted Best Decorations 2019 on Facebook.

Bolivar Christmas festival brought to you by: Bolivar Peninsula tourism and Visitors Center and The Texas Crab festival Charities with all proceeds going to The Texas Crab Festival Charities.

The Second Annual Bolivar Christmas Festival is set for Saturday, November 26, 2020, Thanksgiving weekend.



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Redfish: The King of Inshore Gamefishes

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Vince Brach is a semi-retired naturalist, writer, and science teacher who divides his time between Tyler, TX and his getaway on Crystal Beach. Vince earned his BS in biology from USC in Los Angeles and his Ph.D. from the University of Miami, Coral Gables. He has published over 100 articles in magazines such as Texas Highways, Texas Parks & Wildlife, and Highlights for Children. We hope you enjoy his monthly column for The Beach Triton, "The Seaside Naturalist".

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.

Few polls of what Texas inshore fisherman are fishing for on any given day would be more sure: the redfish (also known as the red drum or channel bass), *Sciaenops ocellatus*, is "it". This magnificent fish is without question the most powerful fighter, pound for pound, of any commonly-caught southern Atlantic inshore fish. Found from Massachusetts all along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts south into northern Mexico, this potentially gigantic beauty is the acknowledged favorite of many surf fishermen.

Most Texas surf fishermen that you might ask will admit that they are after "bull" reds—the giants of the species-- which can range from 20 to 92 pounds. In fact, these are almost always mature female fishes, traveling in short migrations from bay to bay along the coast during the spring and fall. Their migrations are actually spawning runs during which the "bull reds" meet and have their spawn fertilized by the smaller males. After a day or two in the plankton, the developing embryos are swept into the bays by the offshore currents. Here among the *Spartina* saltmarsh grass beds or the more southerly *Thalassia* turtle grass flats, the redfish fry grow, putting on as much as an inch a month under ideal conditions. In about four years, redfish meet sexual maturity at a length of about 30". It is at this time that they seek the offshore waters to grow larger and eventually conduct their own spawning runs. Curiously, while in the juvenile or "rat red" stage, young redfish rarely travel far from where they washed inshore as spawn.

The oldest, biggest redfish tend to be the most productive breeders. During the 1980's commercial purse seining of redfish reduced these precious stocks so severely that all coastal states passed laws forbidding the practice. In addition, once again this year sport fishermen in Texas are limited to a daily bag limit of 3 redfish having a minimum length of 20" and a maximum of 28". A special regulation allows the retention of a maximum of only two properly-tagged larger fish per license year to protect the specially-vulnerable large breeding females.

As noted in biologist and sportsman A. C. Becker, Jr.'s book *Redfish: How, When, and Where* (Bozka Books, Houston 1989), Texas has led the way in supplementing the wild spawning of redfish



A typical "rat red" just under 20", to be released

with mass-produced hatchery fingerlings. Thousands of baby redfish are introduced into the bays up and down the Texas coast every year, helping to insure that this magnificent and tasty gamefish will never be driven to rarity despite increasing sport fishing pressure. As a consequence, even a first-time Texas angler with a minimum of tackle and access to salt water still has a good chance of catching a sizeable redfish in the 5-to-12-pound range just by bait fishing from a bay or channel shoreline!

I, myself have caught many a keeper-size redfish by fishing the bay waters of Point Bolivar, and had good fun by catching and releasing "rat reds"

under 20". Sadly, the wonderful days of fishing the mouth of Rollover Pass for larger redfish are over with the closing of the pass this year, but there are still many great spots at the ends of the bayside roads where big fish can be caught. Unlike their relative the Speckled or Spotted Seatrout (*Sciaenops nebulosus*), post-juvenile redfish are remarkably unaffected by changes in salinity and may even venture far inland into technically freshwater habitats. As a result, I do not anticipate drastic changes in the redfish fishing on the Intercoastal Waterway due to the loss of salt influx from Rollover Pass.

Tackle for redfish takes advantage of the fact that redfish are essentially bottom feeders. A popular setup for the terminal tackle is the fish-finder rig, which uses a free-sliding "fish-finder" consisting of a swivel-mounted, foot-long 20-pound leader holding a 1-oz. triangular pyramid sinker at the top of an 18- to 24-inch leader carrying a 3/0 hook. You will want 100 to 130 yards of 8 to 15-pound line for smaller, bayside fish and 150-200 yards of 20- to 40-pound line on a surf rod setup for 20-plus pound "bull" redfish. I like to keep the bait just off the bottom, so weighted floats are useful when the bottom has a lot of oyster rubble or other tackle-snagging structure.

Small "finger mullet" make excellent redfish bait, but shrimp, crushed crab (especially fiddler crab) and pinfish are also good. Recently, I have had great success with one of the synthetic baits marketed as "Fishbites™". Packets of these baits (my favorite is shrimp-flavored, and I use the chartreuse-colored version) are available online from their manufacturer in Florida at <https://fishbites.com/> and at some WalMart

stores.

One point of friendly, conservation-oriented advice: a big redfish makes a wonderful photo, but the likelihood of the fish's survival drops dramatically when the fish has been played to exhaustion and is then kept out of the water for several minutes. Research has shown that it is much better on the fish if it is pulled from the water with a minimum of fighting and returned as quickly as possible. So, if you plan to release your fish, give it a break and get it back in the water with a minimum of "play". Let's help to keep the redfish the "king" that it deserves to be.



Happy Birthday!
Chris Schroeder
December 5



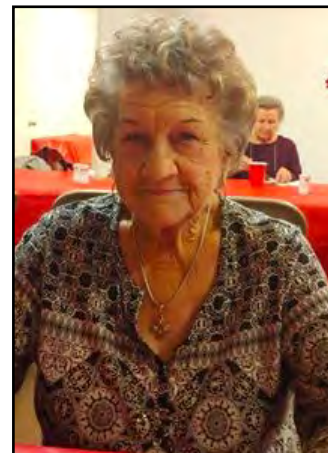
Happy 6th Birthday!
Declan Thompson
December 31



Happy 25th Birthday!
Michael Manley
December 15
Love, Mauzy, Chevy,
Bentley, and Tamra



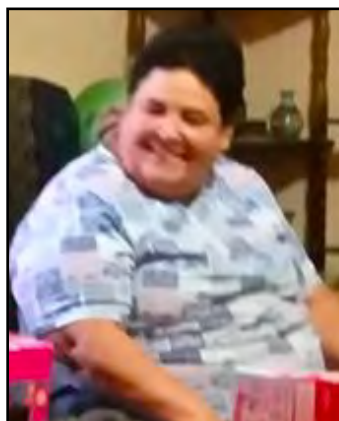
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Easton Taylor
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Happy 88th Birthday!
Carol (Feather) Shaw
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Happy 16th Birthday!
Keegan Mason
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Happy Birthday!
Cheryl Weltman
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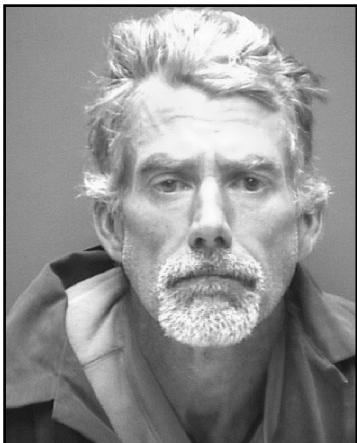
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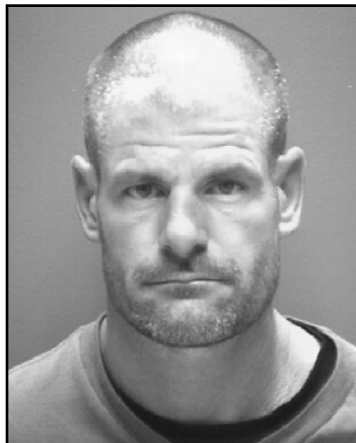
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Henry, Paul Joseph (W /M/50)
Arrest on chrg of Out Of County
Warrant (harris Co So), F (F), at
1971 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on
11/3/2019 11:08.



Marshall, Nicole Diane (W /F/29)
Arrest on chrg of Criminal
Trespass, M (M), at 1030 Diamond
Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on
11/7/2019 20:13.



Fritts, Brandon Ray (W /M/43)
Arrest on chrg of 1) Assault
Causes Bodily Injury (M) and 2)
Terroristic Threat Cause Fear Of
Imminent Sbi (M), at 2715 Hwy 87,
Crystal Beach, TX, on 11/13/2019
12:25.



Taylor, Jeremy Marquis (B /M/32)
Arrest on chrg of Criminal Trespass
(M), at 416 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar,
TX, on 11/14/2019 09:29.



Gutierrez, Michael Shane (W /M/
22) Arrest on chrg of Criminal
Trespass, M (M), at 1000 Bay Vue,
Crystal Beach, TX, on 11/15/2019
11:30.



Taylor, Jeremy Marquis (B /M/32)
Arrest on chrg of Crim Trespass
Habit/shltr/suprfund/infstr, M (M),
at 343 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX,
on 11/18/2019 17:28.



White, Carrie Leigh (W /F/36)
Arrest on chrg of Criminal
Trespass, M (M), at 1241 N Loop,
Crystal Beach, TX, on 11/23/2019
09:50.



Cooper, Oleta Elizabeth (W /F/39)
Arrest on chrg of 1) Unauth Use Of
Vehicle (F) and 2) Fraud Use/poss
Ident Info # Items <5 Elderly (F), at
1232 Hwy 87 Cemetery Rd, Crystal
Beach, TX, on 11/27/2019 14:00.



Wilcox, Corey Lynn (W /M/28)
Arrest on chrg of Unauth Use Of
Vehicle, F (F), at 1232 Hwy 87/
cemetary Rd, Crystal Beach, TX,
on 11/27/2019 13:33.



White, Johnathan Arthur (W /M/37)
Arrest on chrg of Criminal Trespass
(M), at 1241 North Loop, Crystal
Beach, TX, on 11/28/2019 21:57.



Obrien, Elizabeth Elaine (W /F/30)
Arrest on chrg of Fraud Use/poss
Of Identifying Info # Of Items < 5, F
(F), at 2028 Pierce St, High Island,
TX, on 11/28/2019 10:49.



Fields, Pearlana Rachelle (B /F/38)
Arrest on chrg of Driving While
Intoxicated/open Alch Container
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2020 Texas Crab Fest 5K Fun Run Makes Tracks to New Location

Exciting changes are afoot for runners in the 2020 Texas Crab Festival 5K Fun Run. The Saturday morning certified 5K/1K races are making the move to a brand new location - the historic and picturesque grounds of Fort Travis Seashore Park.

Fort Travis park features sweeping views of the gulf and bay, Galveston Island, and the 1872 Bolivar Point Lighthouse. The paved course will take runners along an elevated seawall and grounds that pass historic military bunkers, the shipping lanes of Bolivar Roads, and grassy marshlands teeming with shorebirds. The park includes a playground, picnic tables, ample parking, bathroom facilities, visitor information boards and wildlife viewing decks.

Fort Travis was established in 1898 near the site of the original fort where Jane Long, "the Mother of Texas," spent the long, hard winter of 1821, pregnant and alone with two young girls. Her husband, Dr. James Long failed to return after setting out from the fort with 300 Republic of Texas troops in an ill-fated attempt to capture Presidio La Bahia from the Spanish. Colonel Long was captured and killed, as Jane survived the worst winter in Texas history, had her baby, and went on to gain fame for her efforts in the fight for Texas independence. A memorial to her bravery sits just outside the park entrance.

In 1898, along with federal development of the Port of Galveston, construction on the present Fort Travis was begun. Completed in 1899, the fort was heavily damaged during the Great Storm of 1900. Repairs included the current 15' seawall. During World War I, Fort Travis garrisoned troops defending the Port of Galveston and its approaches. In 1942, the fort was enlarged and 2,500 troops were stationed there. When the war ended, Fort Travis was declared surplus property, dismantled, and in 1949 sold to private interests. The 60 acre park was acquired through a Moody Foundation grant in 1976 and is operated by the Galveston County Beach and Parks Department.

The 35th annual Texas Crab Festival opens Mother's Day Weekend, May 8-10 at its new home at Festival Park, 1605 Hwy 87 in Crystal Beach. The 2020 Texas Crab Festival 5K/1K/0K Fun Run begins Saturday, May 9 at 8:00 a.m. at Fort Travis Seashore Park, located a little over a mile from the Port Bolivar Ferry Landing at 900 State Hwy 87 in Port Bolivar. Trophies and medals will be awarded in a number of race categories. Wear your craziest crab costume for a chance to win a prize! Registration for the 5K, 1K or 0K race includes entry into the Texas Crab Festival and goody bag.

Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates and information on the Crab Fest, and the run. To sign up now, visit: <https://www.athlinks.com/event/189621>

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Mack Hall

Once upon a Kodak time when the children were shoo-shooed into the yard for a family picture, the artistic command was "SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!"

Given the perception that camera film was very slow and wouldn't work in the shade (in fact, ASA400 was common by the 1950s, and works very well in cloudy light), everyone one was made to grin into the fiercest sun and try to look happy about it through tears.

The artistic command for portraiture today appears to be "SNARL FOR THE CAMERA!"

For reasons best known to The Little People I receive occasional electrical ads from Canada Goose, the manufacturer of very reputable and very, very expensive coats and accessories for snow people.

The most recent Canada Goose ad featured a number of handsome / beautiful young adults sporting very nice coats and looking as if the photographer had just said some rude things about their mothers.

I just gotta say that if I were permitted to wear a Canada Goose coat (useful about once every two years here in East Texas - must be climate change) I'd be awfully happy about it.

A brief look around the InterGossip reveals that most pictures of adults, especially clothing ads, are all cranky and snarly these days. Apparently, happiness indicates a lack of

artistry or coolness or something. If you don't make a face like you have to go to the euphemism RIGHT NOW you just aren't getting art and fashion right.

However, kid pix seem more joyful, whether a toddler at play or a high school athletic or academic team proudly showing their medals after a win.

And, no, grumpy-coots, I have never seen a participation medal. Those appear to exist only in the minds of the a.m. radio boys.

I once got a ribbon for second place in a junior high spelling bee. No one took my picture, though.

People still take pictures of their subjects lined up against a wall as if there's going to be an execution. Try to have the subjects in the open with a field or woods off in the distance, and without a telephone pole appearing to grow from someone's head. Give the auto-focus time to work, and take lots of shots from different angles. Something will come out right

Also, a cloudy day is much kinder to skin tones and all the colors of creation; bright sun washes all that out.

Finally, there's already too much snarling in the world; a smile for the camera is sometimes just right.

Happy Birthday!
Heather Hinde
December 19

Happy Birthday!
Marlene Grand
December 19

Happy Birthday!
Jeff Guidry
December 19

Happy 6th Birthday!
Ava Giles
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By: Connie Ward, MSN, RN

Merry Christmas to everyone! This article will offer recommendations from the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Cancer Society, and the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force for persons over 50 years of age. Recommendations may vary according to your age, health, and risk factors.

<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Age 50 and over</u>
Weight	Check every year
Body Mass Index (BMI)	Check every 1 – 3 years (normal fewer than 24)
Blood Pressure	Check at least every 2 years – unless you have hypertension
Cholesterol Screening	At least every 5 years – unless you have high cholesterol
Prostate Cancer Screening	Discuss risks and benefits of screening with your doctor
Colon Cancer Screening	Beginning at age 50: colonoscopy every 10 years OR Flexible sigmoidoscopy every 5 years OR Annual fecal occult blood test annually
Diabetes Screening	Those with high blood pressure should be screened. Others, especially those who are overweight or have additional risk factors, should consider screening every 3 years.
Hepatitis C (HCV) Screening	Once for adults born between 1945 – 1965.
Aspirin Use	Talk to your doctor about the risks and benefits of daily use.
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm	Screen once between the ages of 65 – 75 if you have ever smoked. Smoking causes peripheral vascular disease.
Immunizations	Tetanus (Td/Tdap): every 10 years Influenza: annually Herpes Zoster (Shingles): 1 dose over age 60 and over Varicella: 2 doses if no evidence of immunity (measles) Pneumococcal: 1 dose at age 65 and over.

Talk to your doctor about any health concerns such as: losing weight, staying fit, tobacco/alcohol, or drug use, feelings of sadness that won't go away, and sexual matters.

Let us all begin the NEW YEAR right by monitoring our health needs regularly. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." See you next year for more health tips.



Jack Frost nipping at your nose? Entergy Texas offers tips to help manage cold-weather bills

BEAUMONT, Texas – Don't let Old Man Winter take a bite out of your wallet. Now is the time to implement some helpful energy-saving tips so you can keep the cash in your wallet while keeping the cold outside where it belongs.

Heating and air conditioning can account for as much as 55% of your monthly electric bill. Setting the thermostat to 68 degrees in the winter is an easy way to reduce how much energy you use. Every degree above 68 on the thermostat can increase your bill by about 3%. So, if you crank it up to a toasty 78 degrees, you've already added 30%. Other tips include:

Seal air leaks. Install weather stripping around your doors, windows and any location where there may be a path between the inside and outside of your home or business.

Keep all doors and windows closed. Constant traffic will let out the warm air, forcing your heater to work harder to keep the room at the set temperature.

Ensure fans are turning the right way. Fans should be run at a low speed clockwise during the winter. This helps keep the cold air from blowing down on you.

Keep the air circulating. Don't block heat registers or air returns with curtains or furniture.

Leverage the sun. During the day, open your curtains and blinds to let in the warm sunlight. Close them at night to reduce heat loss.

Check out energy-efficiency programs. Visit the Entergy Texas Entergy Solutions page for energy-saving solutions and energy-efficient products.

For those struggling to pay their energy bills, Entergy helps low-income, disabled and elderly customers through its customer-assistance fund, The Power to Care, which is funded by donations from Entergy employees, customers and shareholders. In addition to The Power to Care, bill-payment assistance also is available through the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. For more information, visit entergytexas.com.

Once Upon a Time, There Was a Call for Obedience

On Christmas night, a long time ago, there actually was a girl having a baby far from her home... in a manger, on the hay.

A very young girl, in her culture and her time, every girl was considered ready for betrothal and marriage as soon as she went into her womanhood.

When Mary bore the Christ child, she couldn't have been much older than thirteen.

And Joseph, a carpenter, must have been a young man, too. He deeply loved Mary and they were engaged to be married.

And God sent his Son into this world to be raised in a home where there was love - genuine human love between his earthly parents.

If God would choose such simple, everyday folk for His great purpose, He surely has use for His humble servants today.

God has a message of great importance to you, so listen carefully and take heed.

God knows the secrets of your heart, He does not expect perfection, but through your example man can find his way back to God.

But, can you imagine being given the mission to raise God's child? Could there be any greater responsibility?

Christmas is a story of obedience, a young woman receives a call from God to take on the biggest duty ever and the young man, who could

have legitimately cast her aside, instead listened to God's direction for him.

There willingness to say "yes" to God, provides us with the greatest gift of all; our Savior, who delivers us from sin and death.

Mary was a virgin asked to give birth; Joseph was a man who was asked to care for a child that was not his by blood.

And we are asked to help give birth to new Christians through professions of faith, and we are not alone, God is with us every step of the way.

HIGH ISLAND SCHOOL NEWS



Basketball Schedule JVB - VG - VB

DEC 3	Sabine Pass	Sabine Pass	JVB/VG/VB	4:30
DEC 5, 6, 7	High Island Tourney	HIGH ISLAND	BOYS / GIRLS	TBA
DEC 10	Bob Hope	Bob Hope	JVB/VG/VB	5:30
DEC 12, 13, 14	West Hardin Tourney	West Hardin	BOYS / GIRLS	TBA
DEC 17	GSF	HIGH ISLAND	VG	4pm
DEC 17	Colmesneil	HIGH ISLAND	JVB/VB	5:30 & 7
DEC 20	HULL	HULL	JVB/VG/VB	4:30
DEC 27-28	HULL Girls Tourney	HULL		TBA
JAN 3	West Hardin	West Hardin	JVB/VG/VB	4:30
JAN 7	Zavalla	HIGH ISLAND	JVB/VG/VB	4pm
JAN 10	Burkeville	Burkeville	VG	6pm
JAN 10	Tekoa	HIGH ISLAND	VB	7:30
JAN 14	Founders Christian	Founders Chr	VB	7:30pm
JAN 14	Chester	HIGH ISLAND	VG	6pm
JAN 17	Goodrich	Goodrich	VG/VB	6pm
JAN 21	Leggett	HIGH ISLAND	VG/VB	6pm
JAN 24	Spurger	Spurger	JVB/VG/VB	4:30
JAN 28	Burkeville	HIGH ISLAND	JVB/VG/VB	4:30
JAN 31	Chester	Chester	VG/VB	6pm
FEB 4	Goodrich	HIGH ISLAND	VG/VB	6pm
FEB 7	Leggett	Leggett	VG/VB	6pm
FEB 11	Spurger	HIGH ISLAND	JVB/VG/VB	4:30
FEB 14	Burkeville	Burkeville	JVB/VB	4:30
FEB 18	Chester	HIGH ISLAND	VB	6pm

Junior High Basketball Schedule Boys and Girls

DEC 2	Bob Hope	Bob Hope	5:30pm	G/B
DEC 9	Bob Hope	High Island	5:30pm	G/B
DEC 16	Chester	Chester	G 5pm/B 6pm	
JAN 9	Colmesneil	HIGH ISLAND	G 5pm/B 6pm	
JAN 13	GSF	HIGH ISLAND	G 5pm/B 6pm	
JAN 18	High Island Tourney	HIGH ISLAND	G & B	TBA
JAN 20	Spurger	Spurger	G 5pm/B 6pm	
JAN 25	Colmesneil Tourney	Colmesneil	G & B	TBA
FEB 3	Spurger	HIGH ISLAND	G 5pm/B 6pm	

Boys' Varsity Basketball

12/3/2019	Sabine Pass	Away	7:30pm
12/5-7/2019	HI Tournament	Home	TBA
12/11/2019	Bob Hope	Home	7:30pm
12/12-14/2019	W. Hardin Tourney	Away	TBA
12/17/2019	Colmesneil	Home	6:30pm
12/20/2019	Hull Daisetta	Away	7:30pm
1/3/2020	West Hardin	Away	7:30pm
1/7/2020	Zavalla	Home	7:00pm
1/10/2020	Takoa Academy	Home	7:30pm
1/17/2020*	Goodrich	Home	7:30pm
1/21/2020*	Leggett	Away	7:30pm
1/24/2020*	Spurger	Home	7:30pm
1/28/2020*	Burkeville	Away	7:30pm
1/31/2020*	Chester	Home	7:30pm
2/4/2020*	Goodrich	Away	7:30pm
2/7/2020*	Leggett	Home	7:30pm
2/11/2020*	Spurger	Away	7:30pm
2/14/2020*(Sr.)	Burkeville	Home	7:30pm
2/18/2020*	Chester	Away	7:30pm

JV Basketball

12/3/2019	Sabine Pass	Away	4:30pm
12/11/2019	Bob Hope	Home	4:30pm
12/17/2019	Colmesneil	Home	5:30pm
12/20/2019	Hull Daisetta	Away	4:30pm
1/3/2020	West Hardin	Away	4:30pm
1/14/2020	Spurger	Home	4:30pm
2/11/2020	Spurger	Away	4:30pm



Nate pictured with the High Island Track Team and pictured below with his parents, John and Amanda Jackson



High Island Senior, Nate Jackson, has signed his National Letter of Intent to run track for the Western Colorado Moutaineers in Gunnison, Colorado



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BOBBIE SUE FAGGARD
August 4, 1939 - November 27, 2019



Bobbie Sue Faggard, affectionately known as Cooter, was granted her angel wings Wednesday, November 27, 2019 with family by her side in Galveston, Texas.

Bobbie was born August 4, 1939 in Rayville, LA. She was the daughter of George and Agnes Hartzog and one of nine children. She was married to Constable Joe N. Faggard for more than thirty years. Bobbie enjoyed spending quality time with her beloved friends and family. Her beautiful smile would light every room she walked into. Bobbie loved playing Bingo and was the QVC queen of High Island--boy did she love her jewelry! Everyone loved her cooking, especially her chicken gumbo. Her home was always open to friends and family for a cup of coffee and a slice of Sock-It-To-Me cake. Bobbie will be missed by many.

She is survived by her beloved daughter, Deborah Sue Lane; brothers, Robert Hartzog and James Hartzog (Gloria); sister, Patsy Ruth Cantu (Chizmo); grandchildren, Johnny Fletcher (Gloria); Misty Sue Ambrosio (fiancé Jose), Briana Soto (Jesus), Grady Mack Lane (Elizabeth); great grandchildren, Brittani, Ashlei & Nathan Fletcher, Angelina Thomas, Alyanna and Analysis Soto and Addilyn Lane; stepsons, Lanny Faggard and Shan Faggard (Judy). She leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews.

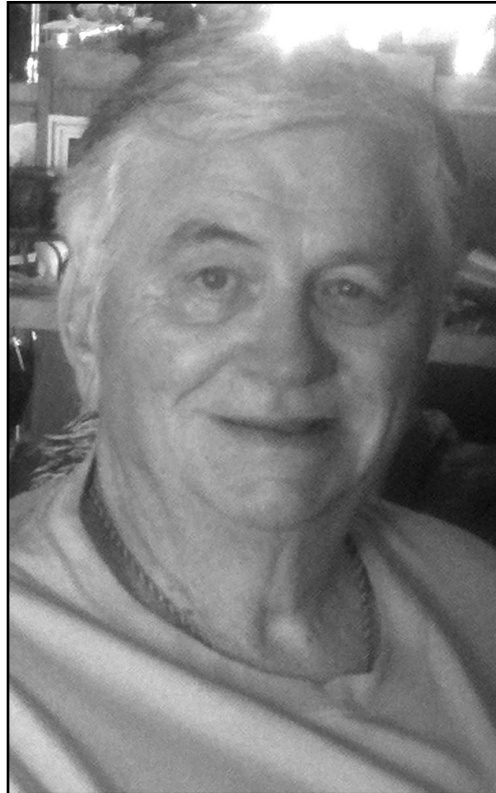
Bobbie is preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters, Beatrice Langston, Levon Mathews, Levern Courville and Betty Long; brothers, William Hartzog; son-in-law, Darrell Lane; and granddaughter, Diana Lane.

A gathering of Mrs. Faggard's family and friends will begin at 10:00 a.m., with her funeral service to follow at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 1308 Weeks Lane, High Island, under the direction of Broussard's, 2000 McFaddin Avenue, Beaumont. Her interment will follow at High Island Cemetery, High Island.

Happy 75th Heavenly Birthday!
Warren Adams
December 20



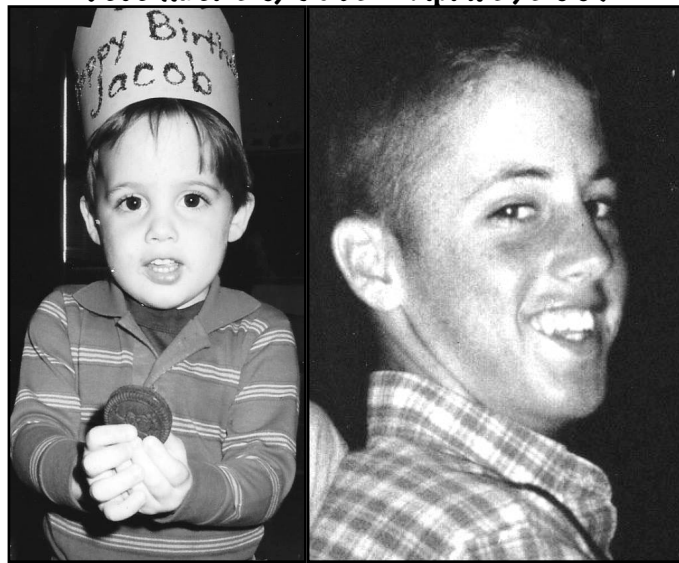
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December 8, 2017 - December 26, 2018



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In Loving Memory of
William "Bill" Silverberg
June 14, 1944 - November 24, 2018



You'll never be forgotten
That simply can not be
As long as I'm living
I'll carry you with me
Safely within my heart
No matter what the future brings
Or what may lie ahead, I know
That you will be with me
So rest my love, be at peace
And let your soul fly free...
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Glorious flight for all eternity.



Sadly missed by your
Loving wife, Raquel
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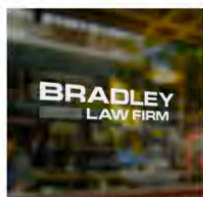
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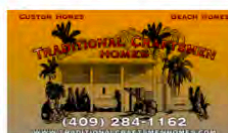


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