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Bolivar Beach Parking Stickers

ALL motorized vehicles parked on the beach MUST display a parking sticker visible at all times. The Bolivar Beach Parking Sticker is \$10.00

Purchasing a Sticker:

2020 Early Bird Beach Parking Stickers go on sale January 2, 2020 for \$5.00 each!

During the months of January and February, you can purchase your 2020 Bolivar Beach Parking Sticker for only \$5.00. Early-bird stickers are available at the customer service desk in The Big Store, Thursday thru Sunday starting January 2nd through the end of February, from 10:30am - 3pm.

You can also purchase early-bird stickers by mail.

By MAIL

Mail a self-address stamped envelope with payment (check or money order) to:

Bolivar Beach Parking Stickers
PO Box 1679
Crystal Beach, TX 77650

*Indicate the type and quantities of stickers needed: ATV/golf cart/motorcycle or a vehicle sticker.

*Envelopes must be postmarked by 2/29/20 to qualify for the early bird rate of \$5.00 per sticker.

*Please make checks payable to: Galveston County Parks Department.

In PERSON

Visit the Parks & Cultural Services Administration Office, Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm. The office is located at Carbide Park, 4102 Main Street (FM-519), La Marque, TX 77568 inside the Wayne Johnson Community Center. Cash, check or money orders accepted.

Please note that early bird stickers are not available to be purchased by credit card.

After March 1, 2020, most stores and real estate agencies on Bolivar sell the beach sticker, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, 1750 Hwy 87 in Crystal Beach.

County of Galveston

Beach Parking Stickers

All vehicles parked on Bolivar Beach, except in a free beach zone, must display a Bolivar Beach Parking Sticker.

Stickers are available for vehicles, motorcycles, golf carts and ATV's. The revenues collected from the beach parking sticker program are used to provide and enhance beach-related services on Bolivar Beach.

Free Parking Areas:

- (1) Approximately 2.5 miles east from Rollover Pass to Dirty Pelican Pier is paid parking. Traveling from there (east) to the Chambers County line is free beach.
- (2) Rettilon Road east to the washout (approximately 1/4 of a mile is free beach).

Stickers are valid for one calendar year and expire on December 31st of the same calendar year in which it was purchased.

Vehicle stickers should be affixed to the lower right-side of the front windshield (passenger side).

Golf carts/ATV's/ROV's, etc. are to display a parking sticker on the right front bumper or on their windshield (some display on the mirror bar).

For inquiries, please call (409) 934-8100 or email us at beachstickerprogram@co.galveston.tx.us

Proposed Sewer Rate Increase for Bolivar

The local peninsula sewer company, Bolivar Utility Services, has sold to Undine Texas Environmental, LLC.

Undine has proposed a new sewage rate increase to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) for several of their holdings, which includes Bolivar Peninsula residents. The rate increase

listed is quite substantial and will be added to the BPSUD water bill. (It does **NOT** include the water bill, this is **ADDED** to the water bill)

See page 17 for documents posted on the PUCT website and a Protest Form.

Prescribed Burns

A recent marsh fire in McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge reached the length of High Island to the beach, but not as close as it looks.

A controlled or prescribed burn is an intentionally set fire for ecological purposes to clear and replenish an area.

Refuge staff use a prescribed burn to manage a healthy, productive, and diverse marsh ecosystem.

The burns remove vegetation just above ground, and after a fire, most vegetation will sprout from the roots and the marsh is quickly covered with new growth.

Increased plant diversity means more food is available for a wider variety of wildlife species.

The burns also control exotic plants that can quickly reduce the diversity of vegetation found in a healthy marsh. This can negatively affect wildlife.

The pictures show the fire and smoke as it surrounds the High Island area, and over the football field.





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Through all ups and downs we stood united, we assure you we are committed to serve you better with each passing day. We would like to thank channel partners Bolivar Tourism, Beach Triton and Chamber of Commerce for all the efforts they make to promote local businesses. We would love to thank people who worked with us this last year...Jessica, Josh, Angel, Tommy and Adam.

Happy New Year 2020 to You All

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOFTBALL GIRLS.....

where are you????

Please give Leslie Lowe an idea of who would be interested in starting softball. Practice would be January, games in February and early March before our baseball season starts so they can play both.

If anyone is interested in coaching, please contact her as well...

Leslie Bell Lowe
409-429-0980

Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network

Stranding season has arrived! We typically start to see an increase in strandings this time of year through the end of March. Please be sure to report all live and dead dolphin strandings to 1-800-9MAMMAL (1-800-962-6625)!



Crystal Beach COMMUNITY CHURCH



SUNDAY PRAISE & WORSHIP
10:30 AM

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL



CrystalBeachCommunityChurch.org

1020 Diamond Road
PO Box 1862
Crystal Beach, TX 77650
Pastor Kaye Sims
crystalbeachcommunitychurch@gmail.com

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

Bolivar Peninsula AA

Crystal Beach Community Church
936-404-3401 or 281-728-8408
Mondays, Thursdays
& Saturdays @ 7pm



Sunday Services – 9:00 AM
(Including Children’s Church)
Food, Fun and Fellowship – 10:00 AM
WEEKLY EVENTS at BAYVUE UMC

Low Impact Aerobic Exercises

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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1-800-962-6625
Sea Turtle Network
1-866-887-8535
Injured Wildlife
713-861-9453

Crystal Beach Community Church FOOD PANTRY

(1020 Diamond Hill)
Hours are 10 - 2 pm
every Thursday
A proof of residence
is needed to qualify

Galveston County Mosquito Control

(800) 842-5622

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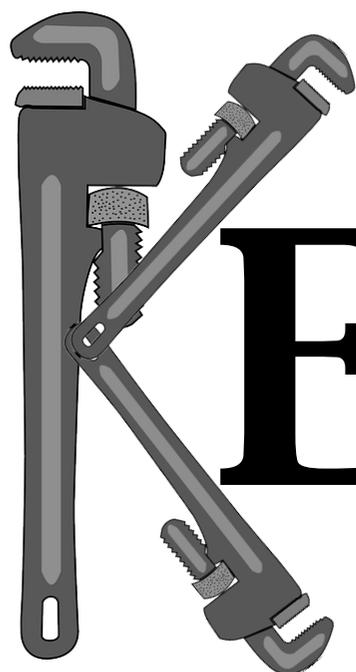
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Blast from the Past

Bryan Wolf
January 1988

Filing for the office of Bolivar Peninsula Constable following retirement of long time Constable Joe Faggard are Reuben Barrow of High Island and Deputy Constable A.C. Hilton and George "Tinker" Hughes, both of Port Bolivar.

County Commissioner Eddie Barr was named Bolivar Peninsula's Texas of the Year by a majority of the citizens of Bolivar Peninsula who participated in the poll during December 1987.

Newcomers to the beach should be advised that the official television station of this Peninsula is Houston's Channel 13 (ABC) because it is the only television station that continually publicizes (favorably) Bolivar Peninsula and it's people. Now, that's the station with Dave Ward, Shara Fryer, John Davenport, Shara Fryer, Doctor Red Duke, Shara Fryer, Ed Brandon, and Shara Fryer.

Marvin Zindler's normal Friday night restaurant report is watched by more Houston restaurant owners than any program on any television station. Now that guy from the Chicken Ran knows about it and on Friday night, everybody in the state of Texas will know about it. And by Monday morning everybody is going to know who has SLIME in the ICE MACHINE. If Marvin Zindler comes out and tell you your place of business has too many roaches, pin him down; make him tell you how many you're allowed to have.

Santa came in sleighs pulled by reindeer, shrimp and alligators in Bolivar this year. Everyone enjoyed the boat parade.

Derek and Jackie Blume went hunting with Richard Pittenhouse and Derek brought home an eight point buck.

Jean and T.J Hodge are the new T.J.'s Grocery owners (formerly Mike's). Their slogan "Small store convenience at super market prices."

JANUARY 2020

Galveston County Master Gardener Educational Programs for Interested Gardeners

For course reservations, telephone 409-281-5065 or email: galvcountrymgs@gmail.com. TO PRE-REGISTER Website: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/galveston/index.html>
The following Master Gardener Programs are free to the public

GROWING BLUEBERRIES

Saturday, January 11, 2020

email: galvcountrymgs@gmail.com to pre-register
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Presented by Dr. David Cohen, Honorary Galveston County Master Gardener and an accomplished home grower of blueberries by avocation and a practicing physician by trade. Dr. Cohen has an impressive "blueberry patch" as part of his home landscape and has gained considerable hands-on experience with successfully growing blueberries under our growing conditions.

PLANTING FRUIT TREES

Saturday, January 11, 2020

email: galvcountrymgs@gmail.com to pre-register
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Galveston County Master Gardener Herman Auer will present information to help you plant your desired fruit tree for a long, productive life with a well-anchored root system. Auer has over 45 years of local fruit tree production.

GROWING GREAT TOMATOES, Part 2 of 3

Saturday, January 18, 2020

email: galvcountrymgs@gmail.com to pre-register
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

This is part two of the three part program about Growing Great Tomatoes by Galveston County Master Gardener Ira Gervais. He reveals his secrets of successful planting and production of great tomatoes. Learn about the various varieties that do well in this area, making your selections, when to transplant your seedlings and various growing techniques. Information about soil requirements, needed nutrients and the temperature ranges for best tomato fruit set. With this knowledge, you can become the tomato king/queen on your street and be challenged by your friends.

GROWING PEACHES IN GALVESTON COUNTY

Saturday, January 18, 2020

email: galvcountrymgs@gmail.com to pre-register
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Presented by Master Gardener Herman Auer. Learn the better variety selections (both white and yellow flesh) for Galveston County, what to look for when buying your peach tree, and the best planting locations (think drainage). Topics discussed will include chill hours, rootstock, pruning to shape, and thinning methods that lead to larger fruit. Also learn how to judge ripening dates and the best time to harvest. Auer has been producing peaches in Galveston County for over 35 Years.

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Happy Birthday! Tammy Hinkle January 18	Happy Birthday! Marissa Hefty January 1	Happy Birthday! Virginia Morales January 2	Happy Birthday! Randy Kahla January 12
Happy Birthday! Kyle Rodriguez January 3	Happy Birthday! Vivian Conner January 6	Happy Birthday! Cathy Bekkema January 29	Happy Birthday! Rusty Cluck January 24
Happy Birthday! Constance Ward January 21	Happy 2nd Birthday! Carden Godchaux January 8 Daddy Love U	Happy Birthday! Doug Bekkema January 13	Happy Birthday! Wayne Dailey January 11
Happy Birthday! Mona Palmer January 18	Happy Birthday! Lisa Langston January 26	Happy Birthday! Anton Nelsen January 6	Happy Birthday! Michelle Garcia January 11

An Unhappy Review of a New MePhone

Mack Hall

*"Have you no idea of progress, of development?"
"I have seen them both in an egg," said Caspian. "We call it 'Going Bad' in Narnia"
— C.S. Lewis, Voyage of the Dawn Treader*

Decades ago we were told that little pocket 'phones would make for us a new age of connectivity. And they did. Mankind (the noun is gender-neutral) can now with the speed of laboratory lightning communicate around the town and around the world lies, gossip, misinformation, and rumors, and plan riots, revolutions, and crimes of all sorts. Say, did you know that the C.I.A. invented vaccines in order to promote off-white supremacy, that Queen Elizabeth is a programmed robot-creature from Mars, and that your husband / wife / best friend is a Fascist swine constructing bombs in the basement?

The InterGossip is so wise and learned that we no longer need district attorneys, judges, attorneys, all the deliberately ponderous mechanism of the law, or the Ninth Commandment – if someone on the Machine (O, Machine!) says you committed a crime, well, you did, and a flash mob will show up at your house to beat / shoot / electrocute you to death right then. Hey, that stuff about you was on the 'net; it must be true, right?

For Christmas a friend gave me a new Cosmic Broccoli SR-72 Buzzard MePhone to replace my old Cosmic Broccoli Thomas Alva Edison Signature Model so that I can be more effect in sharing knowledge. Say, did you know that Czar Nicholas is cryogenically frozen in a secret chamber beneath the Spanish Steps in Rome awaiting a signal from the

Dalai Lama to rise up and smite Gog, Magog, and Hyundai?

The old MePhone was no longer supported by Shanghai, although it still worked pretty well and I miss it. Granted that I am a proud Luddite (I miss my portable Olivetti typewriter, too), one of my objections to a new machine (O, Machine!) is that one loses a day in making it work. And shouldn't making it work be the factory's job?

Here, then, is my New Year's review of the Cosmic Broccoli SR-72 Buzzard MePhone:

1. My email contacts won't move over, tho' The Machine (O Machine!) says they have.
2. The home button is not a button but rather a tiny, balky, function-resistant touch screen. Double-clicking to minimize a screen for sliding away requires repeated efforts (I know, first-world problems). When trying to slide away a screen it often doesn't slide away at all, but instead becomes a half-screen to no apparent purpose.
3. The Cosmic Broccoli SR-72 Buzzard is much bigger than my old Cosmic Broccoli Thomas Alva Edison Signature Model, which fit comfortably in my pocket. The Cosmic Broccoli SR-72 Buzzard is the slab from 2001: A Space Odyssey. It is missing only the moon-monkeys with rocks and sticks.

4. I ordered a leather case for the Cosmic Broccoli SR-72; for now I am reluctant even to carry it around the house for fear of dropping it because it is heavy and greasy-slick.

5. There is no ear-phone port; one must buy the very expensive and easy-to-lose wireless Cosmic Broccoli buds. This is not important for me because I don't listen to music or books via my pocket, but for those who do and who travel or spend time in public places, this is pretty much a matter of The Cosmic Broccoli MePhonery Company being greedy.

6. The MeCloud storage is reported clear by my computer and my old Cosmic Broccoli Thomas Alva Edison Signature Model, but the shiny new Cosmic Broccoli SR-72 Buzzard says it isn't, and for a small fee each month I can have the storage I'm supposed to have now. Who runs the MeCloud storage – the House Impeachment Committee?

7. I haven't tried the camera yet; I am told I will be very happy with it, esp. the portrait mode, which flattens the focal plane.

At least that's what the Russians tell me.

The Lizard People said to wish you a happy new year and that they will reveal themselves and take over the world on that Friday 13th nearest to the waxing three-quarter moon.

Happy Birthday!
Paul Heinrich
January 27

Happy Birthday!
Mona Palmer
January 18

Happy Birthday!
Mariana Legg
January 4

Happy Birthday!
Matthew Pettit
January 17

Happy Birthday!
Dylan Harthcock
January 8

Happy Birthday!
Rhonda Ward
January 14

Happy Birthday!
Joshua Ward
January 9

Happy Birthday!
Brittany Walters
January 3

Happy Birthday!
Steven Clark
January 9

Happy Birthday!
Becky Schmidt
January 13

Happy Birthday!
Betty Sue Williams
January 4

Happy Birthday!
Taylor Ponder
January 4

Happy Birthday!
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IT'S THE MOST MAGICAL TIME OF THE YEAR!

Happens about this time every year. Sleighs (aka cars) are filled with song sheets, guitars, ukuleles, keyboard, drums, and music stands. Gerry Lang has the team organized. People sporting antlers and wild Christmas attire load up and head out on HWY 87, turn on HWY 124 and arrive noisily at The Arboretum in Winnie, Texas. Ms. Maria McMillen welcomes this riotous group and points them in the right direction. Elves, with a bit of help from others, unload, hunt for hook-ups, and set up for a musical Christmas fantasia while song leaders stand in place. Crystal Beach Musical Ensemble, Bay View UMC members, Crenshaw Honor Students, Community Church adults and youth combine as performers. They are ready for magic.

Then magic starts to happen. Residents arrive in the large dining area. Some walk, some come in

wheelchairs, and some are accompanied by Arboretum helpers. Talented pianist Susan Shafer begins playing the keyboard soon to be joined by guitars, ukuleles, singers and famous drummer L.B. Hunt. With eyes aglow, smiling inhabitants join in singing, ringing bells, keeping time with feet, and drumming in rhythm on tables. Long forgotten words flow from their lips as they pat the hands of young people who circulate or stand with them. Residents clap at the end of each carol. Some musical performers began to dance to the songs. Young people join them to add their more modern steps with intricate movements. What laughter! What joy! The magic continues.

Then quietly begins that favorite, "Silent Night". Young folk dressed in nativity costumes form a manager scene in the middle of the room. The words

repeat over and over: "Silent Night, Holy Night. All is calm. All is bright." The program is over, but the magic remains as everyone continues to clap, cheer, and say thank you. Youngsters make sure that everyone receives a pair of festive socks.

Then it is around the halls to serenade those who must stay in their rooms. More smiles and gratitude for songs and gifts. Last of all the singers enter the Alzheimer patients' dining room. Children stand by each one, hand them a gift, and let gnarled, wrinkled hands clasp their young smooth fingers. It is a magical moment.

Performance is over. Everything is packed away for another year. While presenters want to bring magic to Arboretum inhabitants, it always seems that it is the inhabitants who furnish the magic. Again, it was THE MOST MAGICAL TIME OF THE YEAR!



Mardi Gras 2020!



30th Annual Mardi Gras Parade
Bolivar Peninsula Lighthouse
Krewe

February 22, 2020
Parade Starts 11:30am
"30 Years of Beaches & Beads"



PARADE ENTRY FORM

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

- Golf Cart
- Small Float Under 19 Feet - License Plate # _____
- Large Float Over 20 Feet - License Plate # _____
- Other - Vehicle, Motorcycle, Bicycle, Jeeps, Etc. - License Plate # _____
- Free Entry for Bolivar Peninsula Lighthouse Krewe Members with 2020 Paid Dues

Description of Entry: _____
 Ribbons & Plaque Awarded to Winners of Golf Cart, Small Float, Large Float & Other Divisions
This is a Mardi Gras Parade! All Entries Are to Throw Beads & may throw other items.

PARADE # will be emailed to you. PRINT & PLACE on Front of Entry BEFORE arrival to Avocet.

February 22nd
9am Lineup at Avocet with Parade # on Front of Entry
10:30am Judging Begins - Entries Arriving After 10:30am will not be judged & placed at back of parade
11:30am Parade Promptly Begins at Avocet Subdivision located West of Jose's Cantina Restaurant East of Crenshaw School.

REGISTRATION ENTRY FEE - \$20.00 Received by February 14, 2020
LATE ENTRY FEE \$25.00 - Entry will not be judged & will be placed at the back of parade.

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Signature of Applicant: _____
Parade drivers are required to have a valid DL and be 18 years or older.
 The undersigned releases Bolivar Peninsula Lighthouse Krewe & its Members, Bolivar Peninsula Lighthouse Krewe Parade, its Parade Committee and Parade Organizers, & from all claims, demands, action, debts, liabilities, and causes of action of every nature which the undersigned might have against the above by reason of any damages, loss, theft, or injury to person or property resulting from the entry by the signer.

For Information Please Contact Lydia Spirko 832-524-7013

Bolivar Peninsula Lighthouse Krewe 30th Annual Mardi Gras Parade



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Official Mardi Gras Kick Off Dance
January 11th

Champagne Brunch
January 26th

Ball
February 8th

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2020 Mardi Gras Parade
February 22nd

Parade Theme for 2020
30 YEARS OF BEACHES & BEADS!

U.S. Life Saving Service

Jay Camp

The title of this article is what the United States Coast Guard was once called. Back in 1790 Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of the Treasury, had the idea that our maritime commerce needed to be protected from foreign and domestic incursion.

On 4 August 1790 Congress created the Coast Guard for four major reasons; coastal defense, rescue, revenue, and law enforcements. By 1860 near the beginning of the War of Northern Aggression, the Coast Guard was also known as "The U.S. Cutter Service".

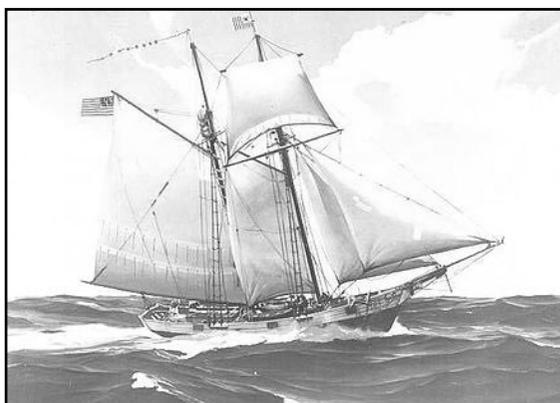
In 1878 the Eighth District Sector of the Atlantic area was created. This Sector included Houston, Galveston, Freeport, Sabine Pass, TX and Lake Charles, LA. The Galveston station#217 got its first station keeper on 24 November 1888. Joseph W. Simmons became the first of many to command in Galveston on Pelican Island.

The 1900 storm destroyed the station to be rebuilt in 1909, to be destroyed again during the 1915 storm. When the station was rebuilt again the Life Saving Service and the Cutter Service combined together, as the Coast Guard came to be after being as separate parts of the Guard.

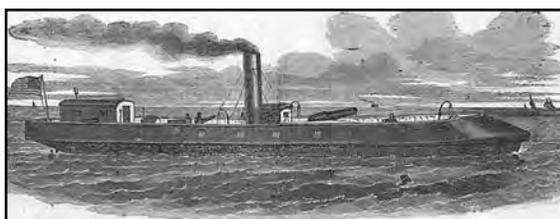
In 1938 the station was moved to it's today home across the water to Fort Point. This was once the site of the defense forts in the Galveston war era.

The President can transfer the Coast Guard to the Navy Department in times of need. This has happened only twice, once in 1917 during World War I and again in 1941 during World War II.

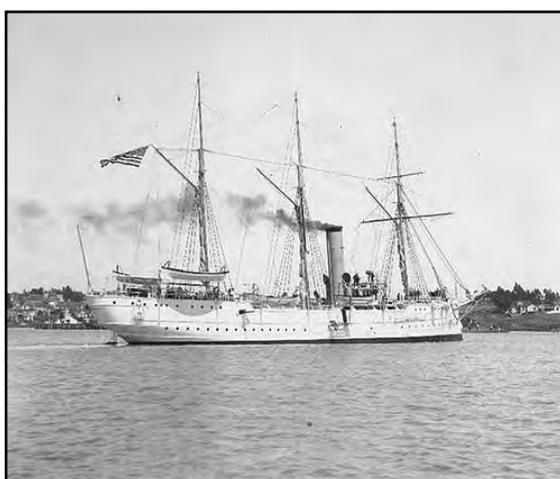
The attack on the World Trade Center on 11 September 2001 led to the creation of the Department of Homeland Security. In 2002, President George W. Bush signed the document and at that time the Coast Guard was transferred from the Department of Defense to Homeland Security.



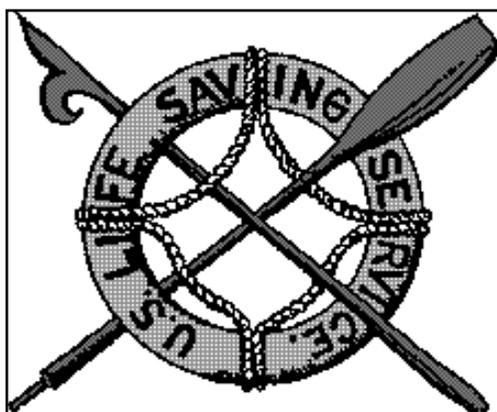
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Nurdle Patrol

Jace Tunnell

There were 303 surveys performed in November 2019, for a total of 3,515 surveys that Nurdle Patrol has performed since November 2018. A total of 1,634 different sites have been surveyed. Feel free to browse all the data on the map at www.NurdlePatrol.org.

Some key takeaways for November Nurdle Patrol data:

- We have a new partner that has joined Nurdle Patrol, Keep Bolivar Beautiful! Wonderful organization that is doing a lot to keep Bolivar Peninsula clean!

- The Nurdle Patrol sampling methodology was just accepted for publication in Marine Pollution Bulletin! This is big news! The data collection and data set will now have justification for being used in future research and could be used in litigations. Hoping the publication will be available early next year, and I'll send a link to it once available. Thanks to all the citizen scientists sponsoring the work, and to the authors and reviewers for making it happen, the list is long. More soon!

- Nurdle Patrol receives \$1M! Thanks to Diane Wilson, her volunteer heroes, team of attorneys, and support! Diane has created a platform for zero pellet loss to the environment in the state of Texas,

and possibly beyond, which is HUGE! The \$1M would go towards training, workshops, and expanding awareness of pellet loss to the environment over the next 5 years.

- 16,245 nudrles removed from the beaches in the month of November for a total of 231,460 nudrles removed to date by Nurdle Patrollers.

- A second Nurdle Patrol promo video was completed by Enlightened Images! Recognize anyone? Here is a link to the video, and please share: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZD5Zb-l5Fs>. Thanks to 11th Hour Racing for funding this, plus another one coming soon!

- Over 1,300 volunteers have conducted surveys from Mahahual, Mexico to Key West, Florida, and even in Canada!

- Facebook page Nurdle Patrol now has 1,911 followers.

- The Charleston Waterkeepers started adding their data collections into NurdlPatrol.org! We are hoping the database becomes a valuable tool for them as they continue to gather information on where the source of pellets is coming from around South Carolina. Like their Facebook page to keep up with their efforts.

Big Thicket National Preserve Announces Winter & Spring 2020 Ranger-led Program Schedule

KOUNTZE, Texas - The staff at Big Thicket National Preserve encourages you to take advantage of the cooler days of winter and early spring by visiting your local national preserve. People can explore the preserve on their own or join preserve staff on some of the many ranger-led programs being offered throughout the next several months.

Join rangers on a canoe trip on Village Creek, a hike amid carnivorous plants and longleaf pines, or a workshop to learn about local history - and more! All programs are free, but some require participants to pre-register due to limited space. Be sure to consult the 2020 Winter/Spring Ranger-led Program Schedule for details. Information on all of the public programs is available on our website at <https://www.nps.gov/bith/planyourvisit/calendar.htm>, or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BigThicketNPS.

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.

The Beach Bum says journalism is the first rough draft of history.

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

Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 12, 2019

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

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

Others Present: Ted Moor; Joe Bass

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 Mr. George Strong and cited by all present. Afterwards, a moment of silence was observed.

Item 3 Approve minutes of the October 8, 2019 General Meeting: A motion was made by George Strong and seconded by Chris Makin to approve the October 8th meeting minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Item 5 Public Comments: The oath of office was administered to Board members George Strong and Maria Skewis.

Item 6 Manager's Report: The manger's report was presented by Mr. 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 October 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 October of 8.0% and 0.03% gain for the month.

* The District has 5,295 active accounts through October. In October, 2 accounts were liquidated and for September and October 94 accounts were shut-off for nonpayment (this was for the past two months).

* Total water sales for October was \$302,919.25

* Average monthly water bill for October is \$63.57 and the 2019 average is \$62.00.

* Water pumped was 27.4M gallons and water sold was 17.2 M gallons with a loss difference of 10.2 M gallons. There were 4 leaks repaired. There was 0 reportable accident/incident for the month.

3) Review current infrastructure projects: Environmental studies are progressing and soil samples were collected on new water tank site. Work at Rollover Pass is not expected to have an impact on the District's water system

4) Personnel: Fully staffed.

5) Finances: Net income for October is - \$185,978. This was the result of the District paying several bills for September and October, because of the mail delivery problems the U. S. Post Office experienced at their Houston sorting facility.

Item 7 Discussion and possible action on new contract with Undine LLC: New contract with Undine for billing services was accepted by Undine. A motion was made by George Strong and seconded by Marcus Dickerson to approve the Undine contract for signing by the District's General Manager. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 8 Discussion and possible action on 2020 Budget: Review and discussion of proposed 2020 budget. No action needed at this time.

Item 9 Discussion and possible action on rate study: Rate study is continuing and preliminary options were presented for discussion. No action required at this time.

Item 10 Discussion and possible action on property insurance renewal: Ted Moor and Joe Bass of Higginbotham Insurance Agency presented a

property Insurance Proposal in 2019 for renewal in 2020. A motion was made by George Strong and seconded by Maria Skewis to accept the proposal as presented by Higginbotham Insurance Agency to renew the District's property insurance in 2019 for renewal in 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 11 Discussion and possible action on water billing from TBCD. Mr. Jo Ball attended TBCD Board meeting to thank TBCD for their assistance post Tropical Storm Imelda. Water the District received from TBCD will be charged at \$3.50 per 1000 gallons and will be billed through LNVA. No action required at this time.

Item 12 Discussion and possible action on health insurance renewal. Health Insurance quotes were requested by the District, but have not been received prior to the November meeting. No action is required at this time.

Item 13 Directors comments regarding future committee meetings

- 1) Audit and Finance Committee.
 - The District's outside auditor will begin collecting data in December
 - The committee will continue developing data for a rate study
- 2) Personnel and Policy. None.
- 3) Plant and Product. None.
- 4) Public Relations Committee. None.

Item 14 Directors Comments regarding future agenda items:

- 1) 2020 Budget
- 2) Rate Study
- 3) Health Insurance renewal
- 4) Audit engagement
- 5) Review Investment Policy

Item 15 Set the date for next regular Board meeting for December 10, 2019

Item 16 Adjournment: A motion was made by Maria Skewis and seconded by Chris Makin to adjourn to night's meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

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Happy Birthday!
Caylin Crawford
January 6

Happy Birthday!
Morgan Alphonso
January 19

Happy Birthday!
Benjamin Dailey
January 10

Happy Birthday!
Greg Hinkle
January 10



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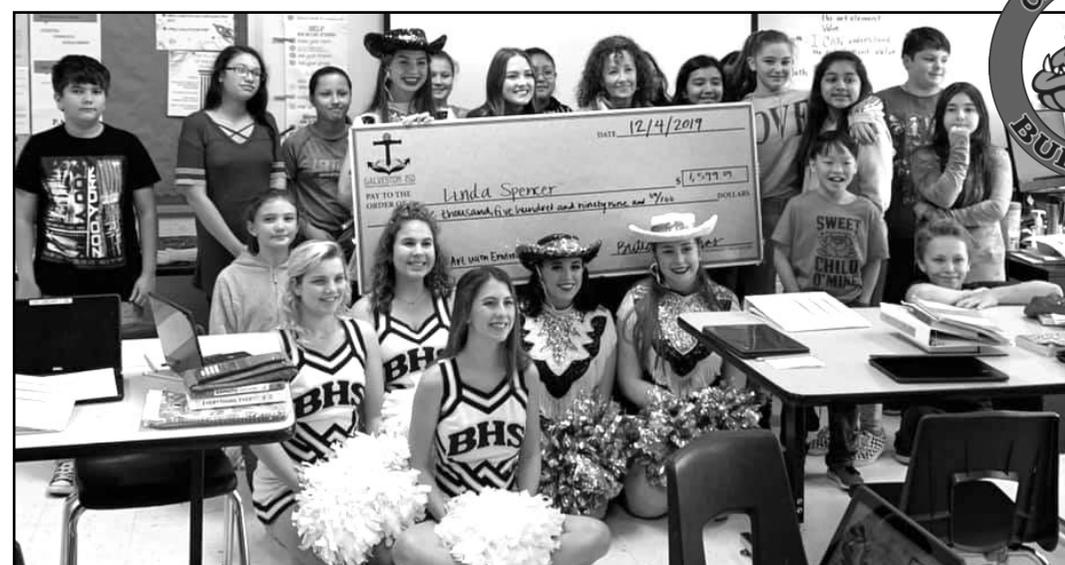
CRENSHAW SCHOOL NEWS



Crenshaw was the proud spotlight school at a recent GSD Board meeting. Check out the PACEsetters who flawlessly represented our school:
 Students: Bella, Addyson, Jeannie, Olivia, Charlotte, and Braylee; staff Mrs. Anderson, Ms. Stark, Mrs. Camp and Mrs. M. Gill (not pictured.)

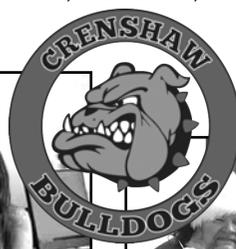


Families and friends had a great time at our ACE Clay Cup Studios environmental art night. The kids enjoyed harvesting, preparing and serving garden fresh food: farm to table, Bulldog-style!



The Galveston Education Foundation visited today and awarded Ms. Spencer a grant for equipment to be used for clay creation that she will use to bring in more of our Environmental Science theme.

Mrs. Liddell and Mrs. Packebush also received a grant for Crazy for Coding, in which students will get hands on use of a 3D printer and other technology to increase critical thinking and the desire to learn!



Santa and Mrs. Claus made a special trip to Crenshaw. What a special treat for the kids and teachers!



CHRISTMAS WITH BOLIVAR PENINSULA CULTURAL FOUNDATION

Vicki and Wayne Mouton welcomed Bolivar Peninsula Cultural Foundation members and guests to the glittering BPCF annual meeting and Christmas party at their beautiful home on HWY 87. Christmas decorations galore provided a seasonal party atmosphere. Twinkling lights, glorious Christmas tree, and a wooden soldier, who looked as if he could come alive and dance in The Nutcracker Ballet, created a magical theme throughout the house.

Everyone mingled while enjoying tasty appetizers, sparkling wines and other beverages. Each person received a ticket for possible wins of lovely poinsettia plants. Delighted Sharon Magana McCurdy won the lighthouse raffle. Others bought displayed jewelry and items.

Officers installed for 2020 are: President Ange Scheibel, Vice President Cat Holtzclaw, Treasurer Elinor Tinsley, Secretary Sherry Morgan, and Membership Marsha Fredenburg. Directors include Judy Ware, Anne Willis, and Azure Bevington.

BPCF Christmas party heralded a wonderful start for the Christmas Season and a promise of great things to come in 2020. A Merry Christmas to all from Bolivar Peninsula Cultural Foundation!



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Proposed Rate Increases for Bolivar Utility Service a.k.a. Undine Texas Environmental, LLC



December 20, 2019

Dear Undine Customers,

Attached is a Customer Notice for our filing with the Texas Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUCT") to request a rate increase for our Texas water and wastewater customers. Regulated utilities, such as Undine, are under the jurisdiction of the PUCT and are entitled to recover all reasonable and necessary costs associated with providing water and/or wastewater service.

We request that you support our rate increase at this time to help cover the costs of the many improvements that we are incurring in our efforts to bring these aging utilities into regulatory compliance. The revenue generated by current rates do not cover costs of the necessary improvements or the day-to-day operations and maintenance expenses. We are committed to providing all of our customers with the utility services they deserve. This rate increase is necessary to achieve that commitment.

Reason for Requesting an Increase

In order to comply with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") and Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") rules and regulations, necessary costs of operations and maintenance procedures have significantly increased. These regulations and procedures are designed to ensure a safe, clean, consistent water supply, as well as environmentally safe wastewater collection and treatment processes.

The increase in these operations and maintenance costs, as well as the physical improvements that are being made to our utilities, such as new wastewater collection and treatment equipment, water wells, storage tanks, and pressure pumps, require us to seek a rate increase at this time.

The PUCT has total jurisdiction over utility rates and must approve any change in rates. Their audit of our expenses and capital improvement costs will determine whether or not we are entitled to an increase in rates. The Customer Notice suggests an increase could be effective 35 days after the filing of the request. Please know that we DO NOT intend to put a rate increase into effect until it is approved by the PUCT. Additionally, you have the right to protest this proposed rate increase. To this end, we have attached a Ratepayer Protest form for you to complete and mail to the PUCT.

For more information on this proposed rate increase and the rate process please see the RATES PRESENTATION, found on the Undine website at <http://www.undinellc.com/>

Respectfully,

Undine Management

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE -SEWER			
CURRENT RATES		PROPOSED RATES	
Monthly base rate including	-0- gallons	Monthly base rate including	-0- gallons
Meter Size:		Meter Size:	
RESIDENTIAL		RESIDENTIAL	
5/8" or 3/4"	\$ 40.00	5/8" or 3/4"	\$
1"	\$	1"	\$
1 1/2"	\$	1 1/2"	\$
2"	\$	2"	\$
3"	\$	3"	\$
Other:	\$	Other:	\$
GALLONAGE OR FIXED CHARGE:		GALLONAGE OR FIXED CHARGE:	
\$ 6.00 per		\$ 131.65 per	
<input type="checkbox"/> month; OR		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> month; OR	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for each additional 1,000 gallons over the minimum.		<input type="checkbox"/> for each additional 1,000 gallons over the minimum.	
Gallage charges are determined based on average consumption for winter period which includes the following months:		Gallage charges are determined based on average consumption for winter period which includes the following months:	
MISCELLANEOUS FEES		MISCELLANEOUS FEES	
Tap Fee	\$ 550.00	Tap Fee	\$ 1,200.00
Reconnect fee: Non-payment	\$ 25.00	Reconnect - Non-Payment (Maximum - \$25.00)	\$ 25.00
Customer's Request	\$ 45.00	Reconnect - After Hours	\$ 50.00
Transfer Fee	\$ N/A	Customer's Request	\$ 50.00
Late Charge	\$ 5.00 or 10%	Transfer Fee	\$ 65.00
Returned Check Charge	\$ 25.00	Late charge: (Indicate either \$5.00 or 10%)	\$ 5.00 or 10%
Deposit	\$ 50.00	Returned Check Charge	\$ 30.00
Meter Test Fee	\$	Deposit (Maximum \$50.00)	\$ 50.00
		Meter Test Fee	\$

Regulatory Assessment of 1% is added to base rate and gallonage charges. Additional fees and meter sizes may be shown on a separate page.

If applicable, list any bill payment assistance programs to low income ratepayers.

Not currently available.

PUCT DOCKET NO. 50200
 NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE
 PURSUANT TO
 TEXAS WATER CODE §§ 13.1871 AND 13.18715

Undine Texas Environmental, LLC 21026
 Company Name CCN Number(s)

has filed a rate change application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission or PUCT). The application may be reviewed online at interchange.puc.texas.gov. You may also inspect a copy of the rate change application at your utility's office at the address below or at the Commission's office (1701 N. Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701). The proposed rates will apply to service received after the effective date provided below, unless modified or suspended by the Commission. If the Commission receives a sufficient number of protests, separately or in a combined protest letter, from at least [number of] ratepayers (10 percent of the utility's customers over whose rates the Commission has original jurisdiction) or from any affected municipality before the 91st day after the proposed effective date, the matter will be set for hearing. See **Protest Form on the next page for instructions on how to protest.**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSED INCREASE: January 24, 2020
 (must be at least 35 days after notice is provided to customers and 35 days after application is filed)
 (Proposed rates requested by the utility are not final. The Commission may modify the rates and order a refund or credit against future bills all sums collected during the pendency of the rate proceeding in excess of the rate finally ordered plus interest.)

Reason(s) for Proposed Rate Change:
 Combining tariffs of recently acquired water and sewer systems and increasing revenue requirement to recover costs of improvements.

BILLING COMPARISON

Water	Existing	5,000 gallons:	\$	/mo	Proposed	5,000 gallons:	\$	/mo
	Existing	10,000 gallons:	\$	/mo	Proposed	10,000 gallons:	\$	/mo
Sewer	Existing	5,000 gallons:	\$	70.00	/mo	Proposed	Flat Rate:	\$
								131.65 /mo

Affected systems are those formerly known as Bolivar Utility Services
 Subdivision(s) or System(s) Affected by Rate Change

17681 Telge Road Cypress Texas 77429
 Company Address City State Zip

(713) 574-5953
 Company Phone Number

\$684,397 December 20, 2019
 Annual Revenue Increase Date Notice Delivered

January 23, 2019 Various
 Date of Last Rate Change Date Meters Typically Read

* Prior to providing notice, the utility shall file a request for the assignment of a docket number for the application.

PUCT DOCKET NO. 50200
RATEPAYER PROTEST

If you wish to PROTEST the proposed rate change, you must submit this form and 10 copies to:

Filing Clerk
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 North Congress Avenue
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, Texas 78711-3326

Unless protests are received from at least 10% of ratepayers or from any affected municipality, or the Commission Staff requests a hearing, no hearing will be held, and the rates will be effective as proposed.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION (to be completed by customers submitting protests)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____
 Address, City, State: _____
 Location where service is received: _____
 (if different from the mailing address)

Please fill out the following:

I wish to PROTEST the following proposed rate action(s):
 Water Rate Change Sewer Rate Change Both Water and Sewer Rate Change
 Other (please specify below)

Signature of Protestant: _____ Date: _____

Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al
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Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones may contact the PUCT's Customer Assistance Hotline at
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Insight Into Eyesight for 2020 and Beyond

In the last decade, great strides were made in technology and research in the eye care industry that now promise a clearer future and new hope for aging eyes. This is an exciting time for vision specialists and patients alike because these advances change the way major age-related disorders are treated. As we age, specific symptoms arise that indicate problems and that should be called to the attention of your eye doctor/

CATARACTS

Poor night vision and a sensitivity to glare may indicate the beginning of a cataract. With age, a buildup of protein on the eye's light-focusing structure, which is called the lens, make it impossible for light to travel through the lens and focus on the retina. This causes our vision to become cloudy, blurry, and sensitive to glare. It is very common for cataract patients to require post-surgical revisions to tweak the result because of shifts that occur in the refractive error during the normal healing process. If you have already had cataract surgery, you may need to upgrade your existing lens one day. An emerging technology by Perfect Lens uses a laser to change the correction on a standard lens that is already in your eye. If your eye changes over time, it is possible to keep adjusting the same lens without needing to have another invasion surgical procedure.

MACULAR DEGENERATION

Age-related macular degeneration (ARMD) has a genetic component, but weight gain, smoking, and not wearing sunglasses are among the lifestyle factors that increase your risk for the disease. Some of the first hints of beginning macular degeneration include difficulty adjusting to the dark and not seeing well when you enter a dim area. Distortion is another symptom. Straight lines that look wavy could signal macular degeneration. For the wet form of AMD, regular injections of drugs into the eye can inhibit a protein which promotes the growth of abnormal blood vessels. There are also surgical options available. Though none of these treatments will stop the progression of ARMD which can result in severe blindness, we are nearing the day when genetic causes of diseases such as ARMD can be prevented or cured with gene editing. Until then, the FDA has approved the first and only surgical device with people with end-stage macular degeneration. It is called the Implantable Miniature Telescope and it replaces one's lens and it magnifies your field of view and improves central vision. When it was initially approved in 2010, the device was limited to people who had not already undergone cataract surgery. A new study is investigating whether swapping the telescope with an existing intraocular lens can safely help people who have had previous cataract surgery.

For more information on eye care trends, new technologies, and products, read the Aug/Sept 2019 issue of AARP The Magazine.

Coast Guard advises owners to use Paddle Smart identification sticker

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — The Coast Guard is advising paddle-sport enthusiasts to mark their canoes, kayaks, and rowboats with a waterproof Paddle Smart vessel identification sticker that lists the owner's name as well as phone numbers to be reached if the watercraft is found unattended.

A Coast Guard Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi MH-65 Dolphin helicopter aircrew searched for approximately two hours for a potential missing kayaker after an empty kayak carrying fishing gear washed up along the shore in the vicinity of the JFK Causeway near Corpus Christi, Texas.

The search was called off after Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi watchstanders received a call confirming that the kayak's owner had reported their kayak missing earlier that morning.



"When used effectively, the sticker can help save lives, recover missing property, and reduce resources expended on non-emergency SAR activities related to deploying limited resources on someone who is not in danger," said Lt. j.g. Dave Froning, a marine inspector at Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi.

A Coast Guardsman holds an identification sticker used by mariners to properly identify vessels, Dec. 25, 2019. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Sector Corpus Christi.

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Second Place - Jane and CJ Ewing



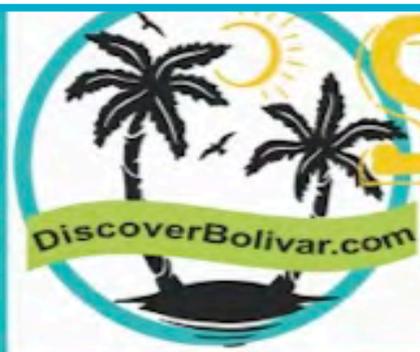
Third Place - Mary Billiot



Second Place Business
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In Remembrance of
David Goode
 Celebration of Life
 January 11, 2020 ~ 2 p.m.
 FOE Eagles, Crystal Beach, TX

David Goode was born October 10, 1941 in Geneva on the Lake, OH and passed away December 3, 2019 in Crystal Beach, TX.

David loved to recycle. But every fall of the year, David would quit shaving and allow his beard to grow, get his red suit ready, and play the part he loved the most, Santa Claus.

For 15 years, David was Santa Claus for countless peninsula children at the Eagles in Crystal Beach with Mrs. Claus, Dixie Rohan, by his side.

For three years Mr. and Mrs. Claus, David and Dixie, greeted the excited children enjoying the Chamber festivities after the Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Annual Crystaland Parade.

And for a few years, David sat patiently at the Big Store listening to the Christmas requests of children sitting on his lap, whispering in his ear.

It wasn't just the children, the adults loved their Santa Claus, also. Everyone has a Christmas wish and everyone wants Santa to know.

David arrived in Crystal Beach in 1983 and left in 1995, returning in 1999 and leaving this last one time December 3, 2019.

He leaves behind his companion of 16 years, Dixie Rohan, Crystal Beach, TX; daughter, Debbie Goode, North Carolina; step brother, Jim Tamblyn, Pasadena, TX; and step sister, Margaret Espailot, Orlando FL.

A Celebration of Life will be held January 11, 2020 at 2 P.M. at the Eagles in Crystal Beach.



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THE BIG STORE!

"There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays," may be true, but THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THE BIG STORE for CHRISTMAS! Gulf Coast Market once again thrilled children and adults with a special visit to Santa Claus's home. Elves abounded everywhere. Elf Patty Stockton welcomed guests as they entered through the front doors. Elves Shelley Harris, Darla Williams, Kathy Dodds, Barbara Perkins and Dee directed folk to Santa's house. Santa Claus (aka Michael Stark) discovered each guest's Christmas wish for 2019. Santa and friends posed for a photo by talented photographer Danny Norrid. (Pictures will be displayed on Facebook.) Jo Della Netterville once again showed off her query, "What The Elf?" whenever she bent over to retrieve a sack full of presents for a child. Recipients were then directed to Cookie Man Larry Netterville for yummy sweets.

Christmas music permeated throughout the store. All workers were clad in festive gear which added to the joyous atmosphere. Smiles decorated delighted youngsters and oldsters' faces as they excited. It proves again, "THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE THE BIG STORE for CHRISTMAS



Letter to Santa

By Mei

The letter to Santa was written by Mei, a student at Crenshaw School. The letter does not ask for one thing except for Santa to consider moving his headquarters to Bolivar.

This is definitely positive publicity for the Bolivar Peninsula through a child's vision.

In a reference about Mei, Maria Mitchell says, "She's developed a LOVE and APPRECIATION for where she lives and is able to articulate it so well!"

Dear Santa Clause

I think you should move your toy making headquarters to Bolivar because, first of all, you get a GREAT beach view. Second of all, you can find cool shark's teeth and sometimes shells with medium-ish holes, that you can put a string through and make a necklace.

Another reason you should move to bolivar, is that you can mostly always wear short's. Also, if your up at six you'll experience an FANTASTIC sunset.

There's sometimes pink clouds and mostly rainbow-ish skys. It's so Beautiful! There are stores nearby like Family Dollar, The Big Store (a grocery store), and Dollar general in case you need milk. There are also marvelous restaurants like La Playita (a mexican food), Ocean Grill, G's Marohote (another mexican restaurant)

Lastly when it's summer there's a water park called Fun Town. It's so cool! There's a lazy river and an AWESOME water slide. Plus, there's food there. Oh, by the way, a lot of days it's windy and that wind is great for flying a kite. As a bonus if you do move here, in stead of reindeer, how about octupi. Their names could be Gabriella, Ella, Kate, Sunny, Snowy, Abigail, BELL, and Theresa. It doesn't get better than bolivar.

Merrily yours,
Mei

BayVue Methodist Church



The Nativity presented by BayVue United Methodist Church
1411 Hwy. 87, Crystal Beach, TX

Happy Birthday!
Baylor Billiot
January 22

Happy Birthday!
Casey Bouse
January 8

Happy Birthday!
Holly Hunstiger
January 10

Happy Birthday!
Casey Frey-Dean
January 28

Happy Birthday!
Audrey Werner
January 23

Happy Birthday!
Hunter Guerin
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Happy Birthday!
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**WE HELD THE LINE:
 TWIA ABANDONS RATE INCREASE**

December 10, 2019, the Board of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) met in Corpus Christi. I was there strongly opposing ANY rate increase on ratepayers. Earlier this year, we successfully defeated increased rates, and now we have done it again. If adopted, the board would have decided while there are two vacancies on the 9-person board—both citizen-Representatives. It would have been immoral to vote on rate changes with these vacancies, and thankfully they did not! I am glad that Texans in Galveston and Chambers counties will not face a rate hike for the foreseeable future, but we must always remain vigilant! Below are some pictures from the meeting.



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**Fraternal Order of Eagles
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**Men's Aerie Mtg - 1st Wednesday @ 7 PM &
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**Women's Auxiliary Meetings - 2nd & 4th
 Wednesday @ 7 PM**

Weekly Events - Everyone is Welcome

Wednesday - 1 - 4 PM Ladies LCR

Thursday - 7 pm Doubles Dart Tournament

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Cooking with Miss “Obler”

Janice Oliver, Retired Home Ec Teacher, HIISD

Now that Christmas is over, it is time to get back into a "normal" eating routine. Jan asked me to share some diet recipes. Weight Watchers (now WW) changes continually, but here are some Weight Watchers recipes that I have used over the years and love--just because they are good. Just use self control and portion control. Hope you will try some of them!

PUMPKIN MUFFINS

1 cup pumpkin
2 eggs
2/3 cup powdered milk (dry)
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
1 teaspoon cinnamon
8 packages Sweet & Low
6 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
4 tablespoons raisins
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup carrots (shredded or canned)

Mix all dry ingredients together and add to the other ingredients together and add to the other ingredients.

Pour into lined muffin cups and bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes in muffin tins. Serves 2.

1 serving = 6 muffins.

You can eat these all at once or eat throughout the day. I love them!

BUTTERMILKSICLES

1 1/2 cups buttermilk
1 cup crushed pineapple
1 whole (6 ounce) banana
sweetener to taste (usually about 2 packets)
1 teaspoon vanilla

Put in blender with 6 ice cubes. Freeze in paper cups with stick inserted in each one. Divide mixture evenly for four servings.

I was skeptical of these at first but they are yummy. Let them thaw just enough to make them slushy.

APPLE SNAP

1 small package sugar-free Jell-O, any flavor
3/4 cups boiling water
1/4 cup cold water
1 cup unsweetened applesauce
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Prepare Jell-O according to package directions. Add remaining ingredients and chill.

You can eat the whole thing!

FRIED CHICKEN AND ONIONS

1 broiler-fryer (2 1/2 - 3 pounds), cut in serving pieces
1 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
2 onions, peeled and sliced
1/2 cup water

Place chicken, skin side down, in a single layer in a large frying pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper; place onion slices on top; cover tightly. (No need to add any fat). Cook over low heat 30 minutes.

Tilt lid slightly so liquid will evaporate; continue cooking 20 minutes longer, or until chicken is tender and golden. Place chicken on a heated serving platter, pushing onions back into pan.

Stir in water, mixing with browned bits from bottom of pan (mushrooms may be added at this point and cooked until done). Cook until liquid evaporates. Spoon over chicken.

Serves 3 to 4.

I often add bell pepper strips with the onions--and any other vegetables too.

TERIYAKI BROILED CHICKEN

1 1/4 pounds (20 ounces raw) boneless chicken breasts, skin removed
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger

Place chicken in a shallow pan. Add soy sauce, garlic powder, and ginger. Marinate several hours, turning occasionally. At cooking time, place chicken under a preheated broiler.

Broil 6 to 8 inches from heat for 7 minutes. Turn chicken and broil 7 more minutes or until done to taste.

Serves 4.

My family loves this one!

ORIENTAL RICE SKILLET

1 1/2 pounds ground turkey
2 tablespoons onion flakes
1/4 cup soy sauce
3 packets instant beef broth (or 3 teaspoons granules)
1 1/2 cups water with 2 teaspoons cornstarch, dissolved
4 ounces uncooked regular grain rice
2 cups sliced mushrooms, fresh or canned
salt, pepper to taste

Brown turkey in skillet. Add all remaining ingredients and bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer until rice is tender and liquid is cooked out. Cook about 30 to 40 minutes. Stir occasionally.

Makes 4 big servings.

CHEESEBURGER MACARONI SKILLET

1 pound ground turkey
1 cup tomato sauce
1 tablespoon minced onion flakes
2 packages instant beef broth
1 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
4 1/2 ounces uncooked pasta
1 1/2 cups water with 2 teaspoons cornstarch, dissolved
4 ounces grated cheddar cheese
salt/pepper to taste

Brown turkey in skillet. Add remaining ingredients except cheese. Bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer until macaroni is tender and liquid is cooked out, about 20 to 30 minutes. Stir occasionally while cooking. Add grated cheese last few minutes of cooking.

MOCK POTATO SALAD

1 medium head cauliflower, broken into flowerettes
1/3 cup chopped green pepper
4 radishes, chopped
1 teaspoon parsley flakes
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 medium dill pickle, chopped
3 tablespoons prepared mustard
1/4 cup chopped onion
Sugar substitute to equal 1 tablespoon sugar

Place cauliflower in 2 quart casserole. Cover with plastic wrap or glass lid.

Cook in microwave on Full Power for 8 to 10 minutes, or until cauliflower is tender.

Stir in remaining ingredients. Chill for 2 to 3 hours before serving.

CABBAGE CASSEROLE

1 pound ground turkey
1 onion, chopped
1 bell pepper, chopped
1 small head cabbage, chopped
1 - 8 ounce can tomato sauce
1 cup picante sauce
2 cups water
salt, pepper to taste
4 ounces raw rice

Brown turkey and onion in stew pot. Add all other ingredients. Simmer on low temperature until rice is tender and most liquid is cooked out. (about 30 minutes).

This is one of my favorites!! The larger the cabbage, the more you get for your serving.

CRUNCHY FISH FILLETS

5 ounces fish fillet (Cod is my favorite)
3/4 ounce Rice Krispies, crushed
4 teaspoons diet margarine, melted
1/8 teaspoon salt
dash pepper
1 teaspoon parsley flakes

If frozen fish is used, thaw, rinse, and pat dry. Set aside.

Place crushed Rice Krispies cereal in shallow dish or pan. Stir in salt, pepper, and parsley flakes. Set aside.

Pour margarine into a second shallow dish or pan. Dip fish fillet in margarine.

Coat with cereal mixture. Place in single layer in shallow baking pan sprayed with cooking spray or lined with foil.

See **OBLER** page 26

24th Annual Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest



2nd, 3rd – 4th, 5th, and 6th) for a total of 40 winners. One grand prize winner will be chosen from among the 40 finalists. Winning artwork will appear together in a 2021 calendar, which will be distributed throughout the state. This year's grand prize winner will receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines to any United destination in the 48 contiguous United States, Alaska, Canada, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, one 7-night Caribbean cruise from Royal Caribbean International departing out of Galveston, Miami, Tampa, Ft. Lauderdale, Port Canaveral or Puerto Rico, and a class party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in Galveston. The grand prize winner's teacher will also receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines, and one 7-night Caribbean cruise courtesy of Royal Caribbean International. All 40 winners will receive two tickets to the Houston Zoo, a ticket to the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi, a ticket to the Texas State Aquarium, two all day passes to Schlitterbahn Waterpark in Galveston, prizes and a certificate of recognition from the Texas General Land Office and a calendar displaying the winning artwork.

WHO: All Texas students (public, private, and home-schooled) in grades K-6 are invited to participate.

WHAT: 24th Annual Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest. Artwork should be based on the theme "Treasures of the Texas Coast" and should depict why the Texas coast is important or special to the student.

Artwork must be original and must be a horizontal or vertical drawing or painting measuring approximately eight and a half (8 1/2") by eleven (11") inches. The size should not include a mat or border. Entries must not be framed, under glass, or have a protective covering that is attached to the art.

Acceptable art media are paint (acrylic, water color or oil paints), colored pencil, colored markers, ink, crayon, and chalk or pastel (fixed). Collages, computer printouts, photography, or photocopies are not eligible. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the front of the artwork in any way. For display purposes, colorful entries are preferred. No use of company logos, product brands, or store names. Any entries with use of such items will be disqualified. Only one entry per student.

All entries must have a completed parental release form affixed to the back of the artwork. Use a clear glue stick or tape the form. Do not staple or paper clip the form as it damages the artwork.

Ten winners will be chosen in mid-April from each of four grade-level categories (K –

WHEN: All submissions must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 and mailed to the Texas General Land Office. Late submissions will not be accepted.

HOW: Review the contest guidelines and sign the entry/parental consent/student pledge form, and attach the form to the back of the entry. Mail all entries to the Texas General Land Office.

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For more information, please see our FAQs, or contact the Adopt-A-Beach program at 877-TXCOAST (892-6278) or at beach@glo.texas.gov

OBLER continued

Bake at 375 degrees or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Do not cover pan or turn fish while baking.

You can adapt amounts, seasonings to your taste. I do not miss fried fish at all!

PEANUT BUTTER ICE CREAM SANDWICH

- 6 ounces coffee or vanilla flavored dietary frozen dessert, softened
- 3 tablespoons chunky-style peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 graham crackers, 2 1/2 inch squares

In small bowl, thoroughly combine frozen dessert, peanut butter and vanilla.

Spoon 1/2 of mixture onto each of 2 graham crackers; top each with 1 graham cracker square. Seal each sandwich tightly in plastic wrap. Freeze until hardened.

Serves 2.

I love this for breakfast.

BROWNIES

- 4 tablespoons cocoa
- 1/3 cup liquid vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon margarine, softened
- 4 teaspoons Hershey's Syrup
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 6 packages Equal (or other sweetener)
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Mix together first six ingredients. Beat in eggs. Mix flour, baking powder, salt, and stir into batter. Spread in 8" square pan that has been sprayed with nonstick cooking spray.

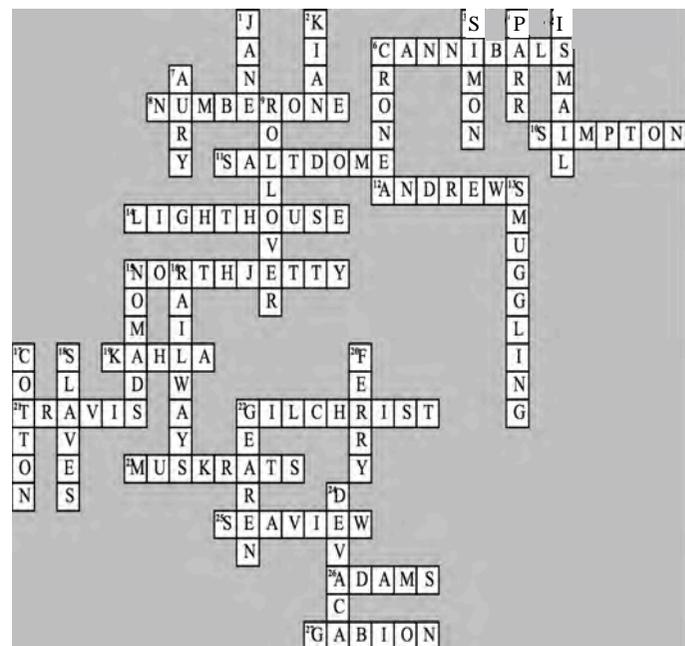
Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Top should be dull and a slight imprint will be left when touched with a finger. Cool slightly and cut into sixteen (16) 2" squares.

VARIATIONS:

If desired, frost with: 8 tablespoons extra crunchy peanut butter (melted over hot water or in microwave)

Or: frost with 8 tablespoons extra crunchy peanut butter (melted, 8 teaspoons powdered sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla. Mix ingredients together and frost brownies.

Enjoy!



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 January 4

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Christmas Tree Blessings

If a question is asked, depends on who is asked and what the answer might be. A little research provides a variety of narratives on the origination of a Christmas tree, expanding from pagan to Christian.

But as a child the Christmas tree was one of the beginning festivities to the celebration of Jesus' birth. The family pursuit of the perfect tree, the fresh evergreen smell filling the home, and the excited expectation of the gifts placed under the tree.

The Trees-R-Us family delivered free Christmas trees on Christmas Eve to Bolivar Peninsula, from Bolivar to High Island, joyfully sharing their Christmas Spirit with others.

It was a family event with their children donating their day, loading trees, and smiling the entire time. A blessing to many with this kind gesture to complete a Christmas tradition.

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Paul Ray Grizzle

October 07, 1956 - December 03, 2019



Paul Ray Grizzle age 63 of Galveston died Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at Jennie Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

Paul was born Sunday October 7, 1956 in McLean, Texas. His parents, Walter Ray Grizzle and Wanda Lee Stewart Grizzle were always proud of his many accomplishments. He was

a 1975 graduate of South Grand Prairie High School before going on to earn his degree in Music and Education from Howard Payne University. After his education he taught school for a couple of years before he attended paramedic school in Dallas where he first worked for Daniels Ambulance Service in Arlington, Texas. He then moved on to Pearland where he worked for P. & S. Ambulance Service before he went to Galveston to become a Paramedic with the Galveston EMS, a job he dearly loved. After a wonderful career with Galveston EMS he retired with over 22 years of service. He continued to serve as a paramedic on the Port Bolivar Peninsula for the last 5 years before surgery prevented him from working. Paul and his wife Jan were faithful members of Trinity Episcopal Church. They loved to cruise the ocean together and work in the garden. Paul was an avid Dallas Cowboys Fan and he always enjoyed cheering on his team. His kind and giving spirit will be felt for many years to come and his memory we will cherish and never forget. Rest in peace Paul.

Preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles survivors include his loving wife of 30 years Janyce Elizabeth Grizzle; daughters Sarah Grizzle both of Galveston; Colleen Tennyson and husband Jeremy of Hitchcock and Katt Smith and husband Curtis of LaMarque; granddaughter Kira Tennyson and fiancé Josh Vela of Houston and grandson Alex McGurr; numerous other relatives and friends.

Bolivar Christmas Dinner

2019 Bolivar Peninsula Christmas Dinner served approximately 150 Christmas dinners to local residents.

This dinner is held annually in honor of Bolivar Peninsula residents who have passed, many prior to starting this tradition.

In Memory of.....

Max Watson
whose passing started this tradition
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Mable Beatrice Grantz
April 26, 1938 - December 11, 2019



Mable Beatrice Grantz age 81 of Crystal Beach, Texas passed into eternity peacefully at her home on Wednesday December 11, 2019. She was born April 26, 1938 in Houston, Texas, the daughter of Mabel Beatrice Urban and William Robert Morin, Jr. Raised in a loving Baptist home; "Bebe" as she was affectionately known was loved by many people in her community.

She was the owner and operator of Gulf Haven Fishing Pier for more than 13 years. Always willing to babysit and take care of so many children who still continue to love her as a mom. She had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way. She also loved to sit around and talk, drink coffee and smoke her cigarettes while sharing her many years of gained wisdom with her many friends and family members.

Preceded in death by her parents, Bob and Mabel Morin, her husband, Walter Lee Grantz, and sister, Elinor Lee Horn.

Survivors include five children, Pam and her husband Don Sharrock; sons, Martin Pike and Bobby Pike; daughter, Crystal and husband Angelo Tolentino; and daughter, Deena Callender; sister, Barbara Willis; 8 grandchildren, Bill Sharrock and wife, Katie; Randell Lee Sharrock; Chancey Lee Sharrock and wife Reagan; Rev. Matthew Pike Sharrock and wife Liz; Garrett Anthony Dickerson and wife, Amanda; Kole Alan Rodriguez; Ethan Noel Rodriguez; and Serinity Faith Callender; 8 great grandchildren, Kaitlyn; Tori, Austin; Alyssa; Arwen; Alexis; Joseph and Eliana; and many friends.

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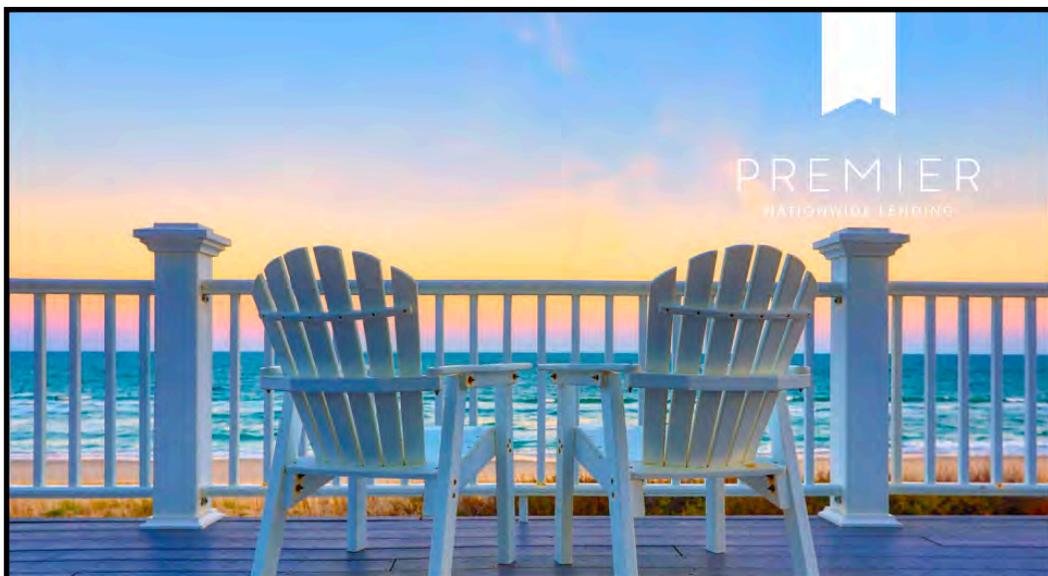
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Houston Audubon Getting Ready

The mural painting was underway at the Hulsey Coastal Operations Center (COOP) in High Island. Special thanks to Doug Hiser for this beautiful work of art, and thanks to his Houston Gateway Academy students and alumni for their help painting!

Doug Hiser, famed art teacher at Houston Gateway Academy, created a beautiful wildlife mural sketch and prepared for months transferring the rough draft to a 50 foot building in High Island, TX.

On Christmas Eve a few of Doug's students and alumni students, along with several other volunteers brought the mural to life with full color.

Richard Gibbons, Conservation Director and Research Associate of the LSU Museum of Natural Science, works with his team to manage and restore habitat in 17 nature sanctuaries, including the famed High Island and Bolivar Flats sanctuaries. Richard and his family were part of the painting excursion on Christmas Eve.

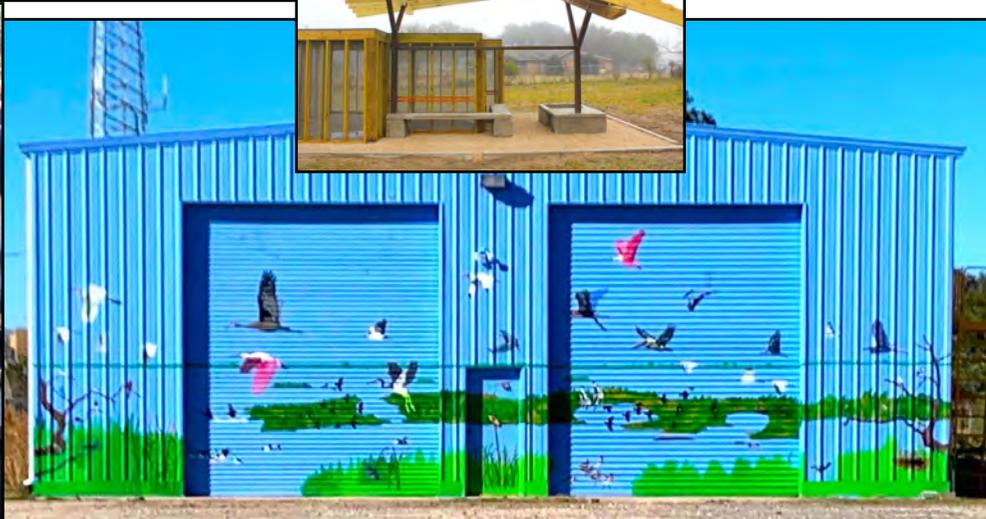
Houston Sliger, High Island resident, prepared lunch for the entire volunteer crew, serving grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings.

Local students are welcomed and encouraged to participate in Houston Audubon events as well.

Also pictured is the Katherine C. McGovern Canopy Walkway currently under construction at Smith Oaks Bird Sanctuary.

Birding season is almost here.

To view more of Doug's art see doughiser.com



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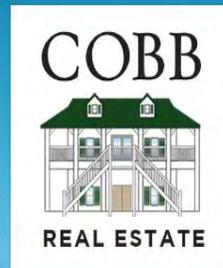
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Frisky “Fossils”, Very Much Alive

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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”.

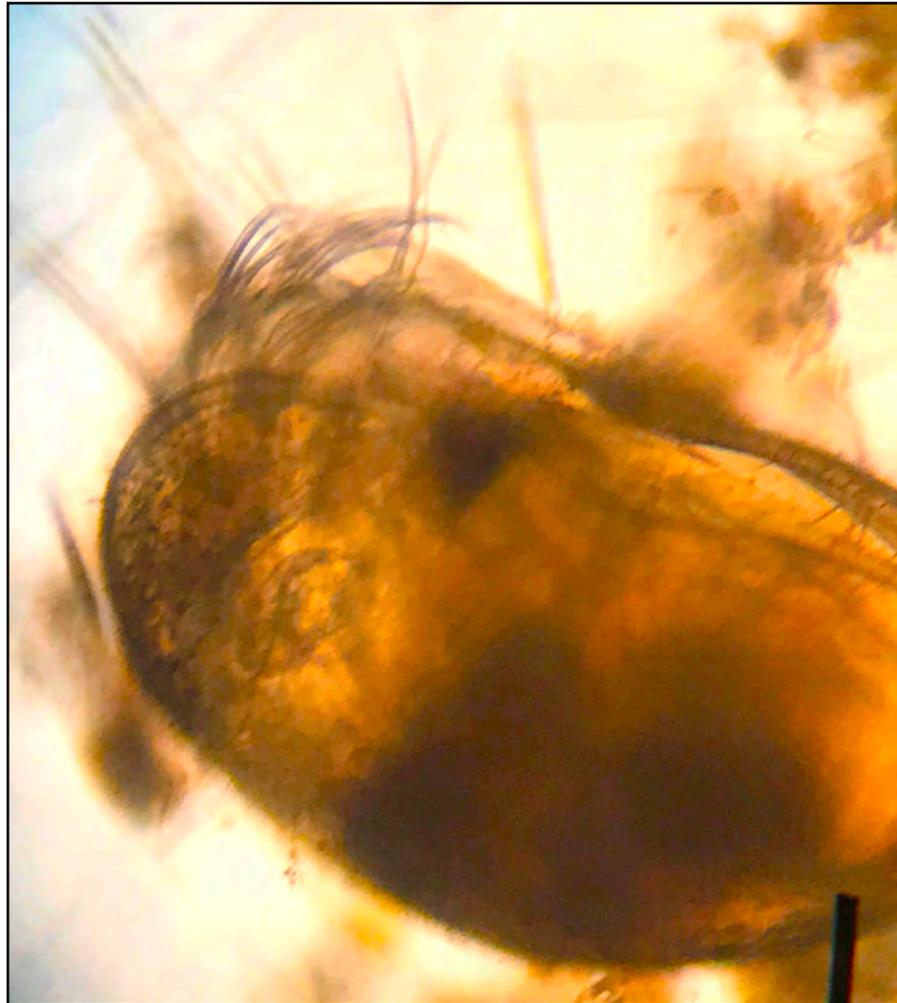
Have any questions, photos, or observations about nature on the Bolivar Peninsula? Please send them to Vince at vbrach@sbcglobal.net and he'll try to answer them.

I've always held a fascination with organisms that earn the nickname “living fossils”. The term is usually applied to creatures that appeared early in the fossil record and have survived more or less unchanged to the present, usually in diminished numbers. Creatures such as brachiopods, the coelacanth fish *Latimeria*, and the horseshoe crab *Limulus* come to mind. But what about those creatures that not only appeared early on, but have survived and prospered through numerous mass extinctions and are with us in great strength today?

Bryozoans, those peculiar colonial creatures commonly called “sea mats”, are examples of such evolutionary success. First appearing in the Ordovician about 480 million years ago, these curious animals have prospered over the eons and have thousands of living species today. Examples of their skeletons are common on Texas beaches, usually attached to floating seaweed or shells. Since I have covered the Bryozoa elsewhere, in this column I want to concentrate on another, highly successful group of “living fossils”: the ostracodes.

You have probably never seen an ostracode unless you keep aquariums. These tiny crustaceans, sometimes called “seed shrimps”, suggest tiny swimming pills. Under the microscope, an ostracode (also spelled “ostracod”, but ostracode is a better rendering of the Greek, suggesting a pottery fragment) looks like a tiny clam swimming by virtue of its rapidly-beating, feathery appendages. Most are 1 mm or less in size. They live in practically any type of water: salt, brackish, fresh, clear, or stagnant, as long as there is some sort of substrate on the bottom to hide in. Old uncleaned aquariums sometimes become thick with ostracodes, which are rarely eaten by fish because of their hard shells. A cup of water with a little bottom mud dipped up from practically any permanent body of water is practically guaranteed to contain them.

The ostracode fossil record extends back to the early Cambrian, about 540 million years ago, making them among the very oldest surviving animals. Fossil ostracodes are of tremendous importance to oil men,



Pinhead-sized ostracode under the microscope

who use them to help find strata likely to contain drillable oil. Since many species are characteristic of freshwater habitats, ostracodes offer an advantage over other index fossils in that they can reveal rock layers that were formed in non-marine environments. However, there are surprisingly few studies of the biology of living ostracodes, suggesting an extensive area of study for the inquisitive aquatic naturalist.

Of course, most ostracodes are tiny creatures that can just barely be seen with the naked eye, so any serious study of them (living or fossil) will require a microscope. However, even a fairly unsophisticated instrument that can magnify to 100x will do for many species of ostracodes. Such a microscope can also show some of the other fascinating creatures of the ostracode's world such as foraminifera, water fleas, copepods, and other

microscopic life. We'll take up how to obtain and use a naturalist's microscope in another column.

Since ostracodes live their lives inside thin, clam-like shells, their internal operations can often be easily seen. Many species have long, feathery antennae which they use as “oars” for swimming. Others have hardened, claw-like appendages that are used to grasp and creep about between seaweeds and algae, almost the way fleas move through the hairs of their hosts without falling out. Where sexes exist, they are usually separate, with the females carrying several eggs inside their shells to release as they ripen. Some of these will hatch immediately, while others are “winter eggs” meant to hibernate in dried or cold mud until conditions are more favorable. The famous crustacean biologist G. O. Sars solicited packets of dried pond and lake bottom mud from all over the world so that he could hatch out the ostracode eggs they often contained. You might try something like this if you happen upon a dry lake bed during a drought. Simply add distilled or collected rain water to a sample of mud and wait!

Ostracodes are among the easiest of aquatic creatures to keep alive for study. A quart jar of water from the desired habitat enriched with some bottom sediment is likely to “bloom” with ostracodes. These will probably increase in numbers for a few weeks. However, a small amount of flake fish food added every other day will prolong the culture almost indefinitely.

As the ostracodes grow from egg to adult, they regularly shed their shells as they pass through several larval stages or instars. These shells will lie on the bottom and can be sucked up with a dropper and arranged in a series by size. How many instars are there?

Classification of ostracodes is difficult, depending on minute features of shell ornamentation. One very common species that turns up almost everywhere in fresh- or brackish-water habitats is *Cypridopsis vidua*, a small, greenish-gray ostracode with two dark spots visible on the dorsal surface. Most of the identification guides in the literature are for fossil forms. However, many of the living genera are represented in the fossil record, so it may be possible to make a rough identification of your specimens from such classic works as the *Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology (Q)*, *Arthropoda 3* (Univ. of Kansas Press, 1961).



Happy 22nd Birthday!
Ethan McAlpin
January 4



Happy Birthday!
Emma Grace
January 28



Happy Birthday!
Julie Schroeder
January 6



Happy 10th Birthday!
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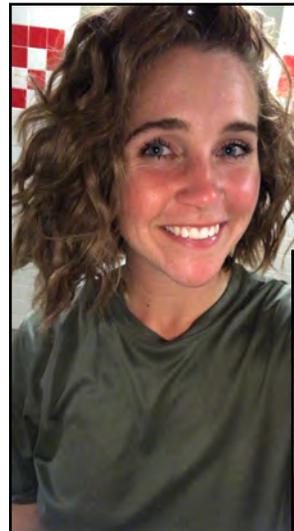
Happy Birthday!
Rochelle Pires
January 6



Happy 10th Birthday!
Rowan McKinley
January 28



Happy 2nd Birthday!
Aurelius Hue Diggs
January 6



Happy Birthday!
Cearra Darnell
January 8



Happy Birthday!
Darla DeMoss
January 15



Happy Birthday!
Elsie Devers
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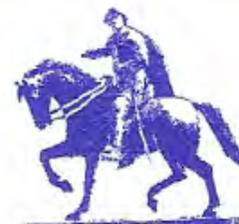
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Let's Talk Video Stores

Derrick "Doiner" Reed

Crystal Beach, TX. had its share of video stores and looking back they were all great in different ways...

My earliest memories renting movies comes from The Big Store. This was probably in the late 80s, early 90s. I remember always renting Masters of the Universe, since Who Framed Roger Rabbit was never in stock. It was a popular rental from what I can recall, it being the first time Disney and Warner Brothers shared the screen together... Also, Little Pair grocery had a rental section as well in High Island.

The video store that I call home will always be One Stop Video. I remember the original red building location, walking in seeing posters and a Cool World clock behind the counter, it was fantastic! Each genre had its own section, yellow and blue tags hanging underneath the VHS boxes letting you know said movie was in stock. I spent a lot of my time deciding what I wanted to watch for the weekend.

If movies wasn't your thing One Stop also rented video games and I rented my share of them. They were known to have a huge selection of SNES and Genesis' titles.

One Stop Video did move to another location. I think a lot of people are more familiar with because there was a water park beside it, and before that bumper boats. Those years for me were fun, Friday after school I would rent a video for the night or take it to a friends house and after watching it we would discuss what we liked or what we would change, becoming real cinephiles.

With One Stop Video being the place to rent the latest new release, Beach Buster Video on the other hand was just the opposite. To me they were known to have movies that wasn't in the mainstream. They had the Phantasm series, UFC compilations, and Faces of Death. Not every mom and pop video store carried those titles, but Beach Buster did... My memories of Beach Buster comes towards the end when they were closing. They had a blowout sale and I did stop in to buy a few movies before it become a computer repair shop... The building for Beach Buster Video still stands, but you may know it as Nauti's Beer and Liquor Barn.



After a while I stopped renting movies and video games. I still watched them but went to the theater or bought them. I do miss those days, not knowing what to watch. Reading the back of the box or trying to find a movie with your favorite actor in it. It was always a gamble if a movie would be five stars or not.

As for One Stop Video, they are closed. Been closed since Hurricane Ike hit. The location for One Stop Video still stands, it's the yellow building behind RE/MAX.

*By: Derrick "Doiner" Reed
Doiner.com is a blog all about vintage and modern day action figures, with life stories sprinkled in between.*

Vapor Town December Drawing Winners



Vapor Town's winner for the \$500 cash prize held December 31 is Wes Wallace, pictured above.

Other winners winning \$50 each are:

1. Jordan
2. Debbie
3. Hunter
4. Milo
5. Glenda
6. Chandler
7. Bryan
8. Shre
9. Zack
10. Tye



The Beach Bum says he longs for the summertime on the beach, when there's nothing much on TV..or on the women.

The Beach Bum says some women got together and are sponsoring a weight-loss clinic with the woman who loses the most weight getting the NOBELLY prize.

The Beach Bum says common sense would prevent many divorces. It would also prevent several marriages.

The Beach Bum told his wife she was driving him to his grave and she said, "Would you rather walk?"

The Beach Bum says the best way to improve your memory is to lend people money.

The Beach Bum says the best way to get the last word in is to apologize.

The Beach Bum says the most economical way to add a room to the house is to marry off one of the kids.

The Beach Bum denies mosquito as the original skin diver.

The Beach Bum says the best way to learn how to do it yourself is to criticize the way the committee is doing it.

The Beach Bum says he found a suppository in his ear, didn't take him long to figure out what he had done with his hearing aid.

The Beach Bum defines conscience as the still small voice inside you that makes you feel still smaller.

The judge asked two beach residents why they didn't settle their differences out of court and one of the defendants said, "That's what we were trying to do when we were arrested."



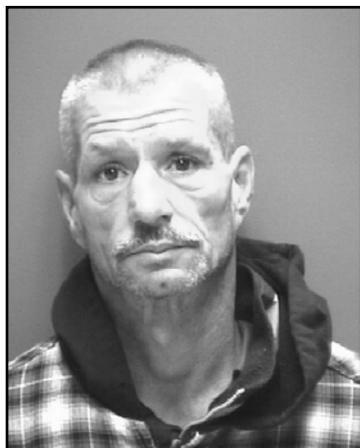
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Roberts, Brandon Michael (W /M/ 34) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication (M), at 800 Alberdie Drive, Crystal Beach, TX, on 12/4/2019 00:27



Hipp, Anthony Ray (W /M/46) Arrest on chrg of Terroristic Threat Cause Fear Of Imminent Sbi, M (M), at 961 Crystal Beach Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 12/7/2019 09:24.



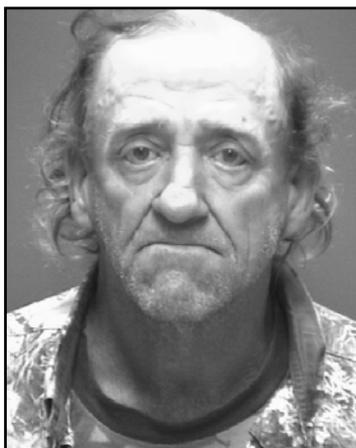
White, Carrie Leigh (W /F/36) Arrest on chrg of Criminal Trespass, M (M), at 1241 N Loop, Crystal Beach, TX, on 12/7/2019 06:36.



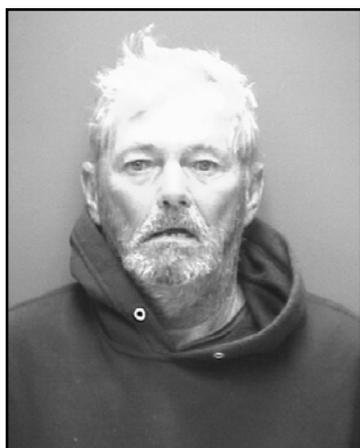
Castillo, Gustavo Asaph (O /M/25) Arrest on chrg of Display Fictitious License Plate (M), at 800 Crystal Beach Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 12/8/2019 07:58.



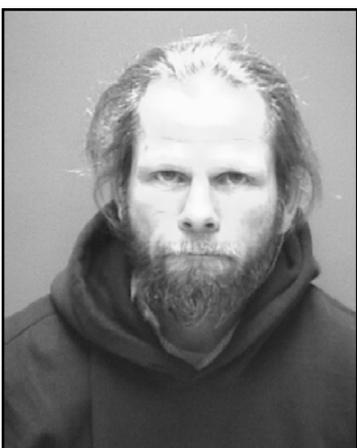
Tilson-barnes, Lara Rae (W /F/48) Arrest on chrg of Theft Prop >\$2,500<\$30k (F), at 2715 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 12/10/2019 21:43.



Sledge, Lewis Terrelle (W /M/53) Arrest on chrg of 1) Assault Peace Officer/Judge (F) and 2) Unauth Use Of Vehicle (F), at 2715 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 12/10/2019 21:43.



Johnson, Dante Gray (W /M/64) Arrest on chrg of 1) Public Intoxication (M) and 2) Leave Refuse On Highway (M), at 1799 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 12/12/2019 14:40.



Sarles, Charles Frank (W /M/44) Arrest on chrg of Poss Cs Pg 1 >=1g<4g, F (F), at 600 59th St, Galveston, TX, on 12/17/2019 09:52.



Bolin, Sean Eric (W /M/51) Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication (M), at 875 Surf St, Crystal Beach, TX, on 12/19/2019 19:15.



Sartin, Ashley Nicole (W /F/36) Arrest on chrg of Driving While Intoxicated (M), at 1 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 12/19/2019 21:47.



Dye, Connor Aaron (W /M/25) Arrest on chrg of Theft Prop >=\$100<\$750, M (M), at 2101 Hwy 87, High Island, TX, on 12/20/2019 10:27.



Vasquez, Alfredo Jurado (W /M/28) Arrest on chrg of 1) Driving While Intoxicated/open Alch Container (M), 2) No Drivers License (M), and 3) Immigration Hold (M), at 2385 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 12/23/2019 19:04.

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BOLIVAR'S MARVELOUS MARY ELLEN SMITH!

There are many citizens of whom our peninsula can be proud, and Mary Ellen Smith is one who represents all that is best in our Bolivar community. She is presently the first Bolivar Realtor to serve as President of the Galveston Association of Realtors (GAR). However, Ms. Smith has always been a person of accomplishments. She worked as sales manager for AT&T/Southwestern Bell before moving here in 1983. The Corner (a multi-faceted retail business) was her first business. Then she became a licensed Real Estate Agent in 1995; a Broker in 1997. Mary Ellen worked as Broker and President of Beach or Bay Real Estate Inc. for 10 years and was associated with Cobb Real Estate for over 12 years.

Ms. Smith is a member of the GAR Board. Continuing real estate education has earned her designations such as e-pro (Knowledge of use of technology tools), GRI (Graduate Real Estate Institute), SSFR (Short Sales and Foreclosure), RSPS (Resort & Second-Home Property Specialist), SRES

(Senior Real Estate Specialist) and ABR (Accredited Buyers Representative).

She has served as President of the Bolivar Chamber of Commerce, President of Galveston County Park Board, been on Bay Vue United Methodist Church Advisory Council and on the Board for Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District. Mary Ellen was a member of the Bolivar Blueprint Committee after Hurricane IKE. And, if that is not enough, she is currently the Broker/Owner of Mary Ellen Smith Realty Inc. (ME Realty).

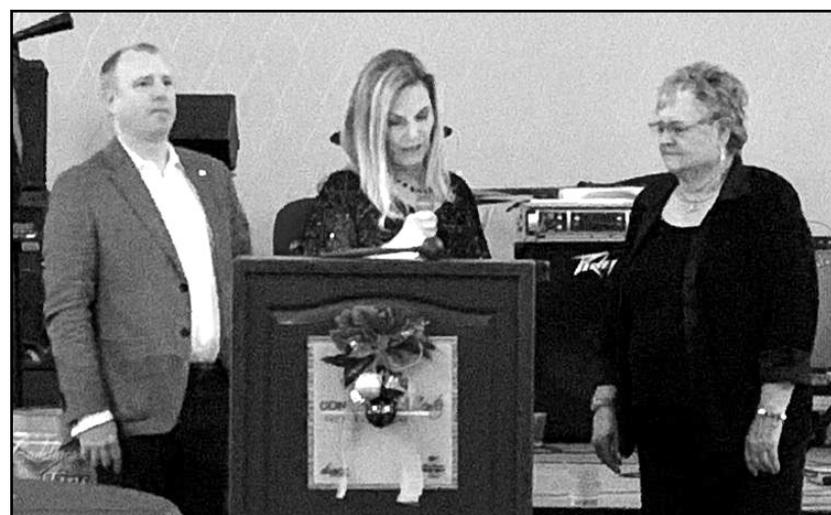
M.E. (as some friends call her) is far more than all her titles. She is a devoted friend who helps in time of need. Many are the folk who receive financial gifts from an "anonymous" donor. Her favorite charities include Global Giving, and two animal rescues Best Friends and Beaumont Pets Alive. She loves her two exuberant rescue dogs Maltipoo Brandy and Corgipom Zen. While cooking is not her favorite talent, she makes sure that no one ever goes hungry. This busy lady does enjoy downtime by reading, going to

movies and plays, watching TV, and just spending time with her myriad friends.

Ms. Smith verbalized her pride in the GAR with her acclaimed acceptance speech. She expressed her gratitude to the late Greg Cobb who had served as friend and mentor and thanked everyone for the privilege of representing the oldest Real Estate Association in Texas. Mary Ellen Smith is a great representative for Bolivar Peninsula, and we are proud of her. She is indeed BOLIVAR'S MARVELOUS MARY ELLEN SMITH!



Mary Ellen Smith



Mary Ellen Smith being sworn in by Texas Realtors Region 10 VP, Gail Robinson with Lesley Sommer, Account Executive for the Galveston Association of Realtors

This picture showing the 4 handsome gentlemen, all from or with Bolivar roots were present at the Banquet. From left to right, Greg Fountain with Swedes RE, Clint Drodgy and Tyler Coco with Cobb RE and Gary Kramer, husband of Linda Kramer who is with Cobb RE.

Happy Birthday!
Cindy Guidry
January 3

Happy Birthday!
Harold LeBlanc
January 11

Happy Birthday!
Jan Foster
January 31

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By: Connie Ward, MSN, RN

A few quick studies!

Sodas & Heart Disease

"Diet soft drinks are linked to heart disease," ran the headline in the New York Times in 2012.

But a second larger study found no link. The first study released tracked 2,500 middle-aged and older men and women living in Upper Manhattan for 10 years. Those who drank diet sodas every day had 43 percent higher risk of heart attacks, strokes, or other "vascular events" than those who drank NO diet sodas. Those who drank sugar-sweetened sodas had no increased risk.

The second study followed more than 42,000 male professionals for 22 years. Those who drank the most sugar-sweetened sodas (at least one a day) had a 20 percent higher risk of heart disease than those who drank none. However, those who drank diet sodas (1 per day) had no higher risk than non-diet-soda drinkers.

Why did the results differ? First, the Manhattan study's results are less reliable because so few of its participants drank diet soda. Only 163 New Yorkers -compared to 10,000 health professionals-drunk diet soda daily. Second, the New Yorkers who drank diet sodas were more likely to have high blood pressure, diabetes, high triglycerides, a large waist, or a previous diagnosis of heart or peripheral heart disease than the New Yorkers who drank no diet soda.

It's possible that "people at increased risk of vascular events due to pre-existing vascular conditions may be advised to switch from regular to diet soft drinks," note the authors of the research. If so, those conditions – not the diet soda-could have caused their heart attacks or strokes.

What to do:

It is worth limiting diet sodas to avoid their aspartame and/or acesulfame potassium, two poorly tested artificial sweeteners, but not to lower your risk of heart attack or stroke.

Vitamin D & Diabetes

A new study offers one more clue that vitamin D helps prevent diabetes. Researchers studied 2,000 people. After three years, people who had the highest blood level of vitamin D (30 ng/ml) had about a 30 percent lower risk of diabetes than those with the lowest blood levels (about 13 ng/ml).

What to do:

To play it safe, take the recommended amounts of vitamin D: 600 IU a day for people over 70.

Triglycerides & Stroke

In a study of 1,500 participants in a woman's health initiative. Those with the highest triglycerides (192 mg/dL) were 50 percent more likely to have an ischemic (lack of oxygen to part of the brain that has a clot) stroke over an eight-year period than those with the lowest triglycerides (104 mg/dL).

What to do:

If your triglycerides are over 100 mg/dL, lose excess weight, cut back on sugars, and replace saturated and trans fats with unsaturated fats. Omega-3s from fish oil capsules can lower triglycerides at doses of 2 to 4 grams a day.

Happy New Year to all of you on beautiful Bolivar Peninsula! Stay healthy, exercise (include walking the beach) and give some thought to where you can improve on diet, read the labels on food packages and consider a healthier lifestyle!

See you next month for more health tips!!!!



JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK'S PASSPORT DAY SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020

The Jefferson County District Clerk's office will open its doors on Saturday, 1/18/20 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a special Passport Day. On Passport Day, no appointments are needed to apply for a passport, and customers can request routine or expedited service. Information on how to apply for a U.S. passport, including necessary documents and fees, is available at travel.state.gov. Applications are available online and at our office. Completed forms must be signed in the presence of one of our agents. Additionally, passport photo services will be available.

U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone, in English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.

Event: Passport Day
Date: Saturday, January 18, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Where: District Clerk's Office

Jefferson County Courthouse 1085
Pearl Street, 2nd Floor, Room 203
Beaumont, Texas 77701
Call (409) 835-8580 for information



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	Passport Card:	\$ 30.00
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HIGH ISLAND SCHOOL NEWS



Basketball Schedule JVB - VG - VB

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

Boys' Varsity Basketball

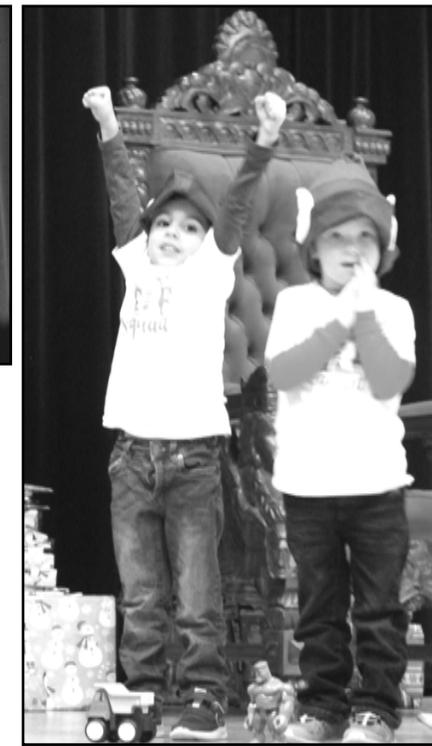
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1/7/2020	Zavalla	Home	7:00pm
1/10/2020	Takoa Academy	Home	7:30pm
1/17/2020*	Goodrich	Home	7:30pm
1/21/2020*	Leggett	Away	7:30pm
1/24/2020*	Spurger	Home	7:30pm
1/28/2020*	Burkeville	Away	7:30pm
1/31/2020*	Chester	Home	7:30pm
2/4/2020*	Goodrich	Away	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

Junior High Basketball Schedule Boys and Girls

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	

JV Basketball

1/3/2020	West Hardin	Away	4:30pm
1/14/2020	Spurger	Home	4:30pm
2/11/2020	Spurger	Away	4:30pm



High Island Christmas Play

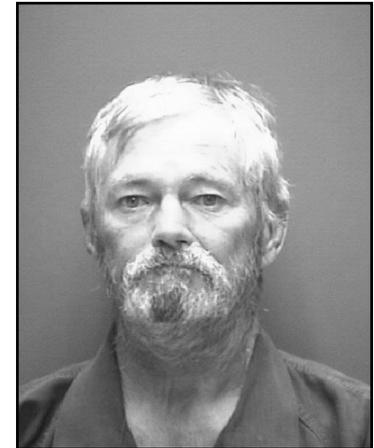
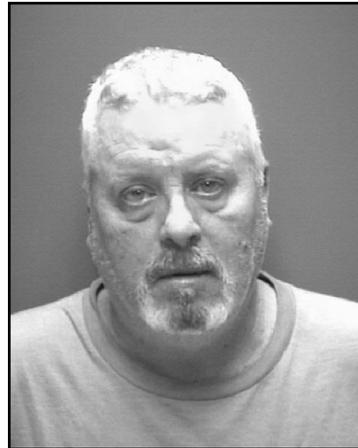




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Custer, Dalton Conley (W /M/18)
Arrest on chrg of 1) Poss Marij
<2oz (M) and 2) Unl Carrying
Weapon (M), at 4155 Hwy 87, Port
Bolivar, TX, on 12/24/2019 16:00.

Landrum, Alexander Joseph (A /M/
27) Arrest on chrg of Municipal
Hold - Gpd (M), at 1315 21st St,
Port Bolivar, TX, on 12/27/2019
09:15.

Collins, Daryl Duane (W /M/57)
Arrest on chrg of Driving While
Intoxicated 3rd Or More lat (F),
Arrest on chrg of Unserve Bond
Condition Hold (M), at 2385 Hwy
87, Crystal Beach, TX, on
12/28/2019 02:29.

Flowers, David William (W /M/38)
Arrest on chrg of Municipal Hold -
Gpd, M (M), at 1400 23rd St, Port
Bolivar, TX, on 12/30/2019 21:25.

Johnson, Dante Gray (W /M/64) Arrest
on chrg of 1) Public Intoxication (M)
and 2) Theft <\$100 (M), at 800 Gulf
Shores/ Beach, Crystal Beach, TX, on
12/31/2019 16:30.

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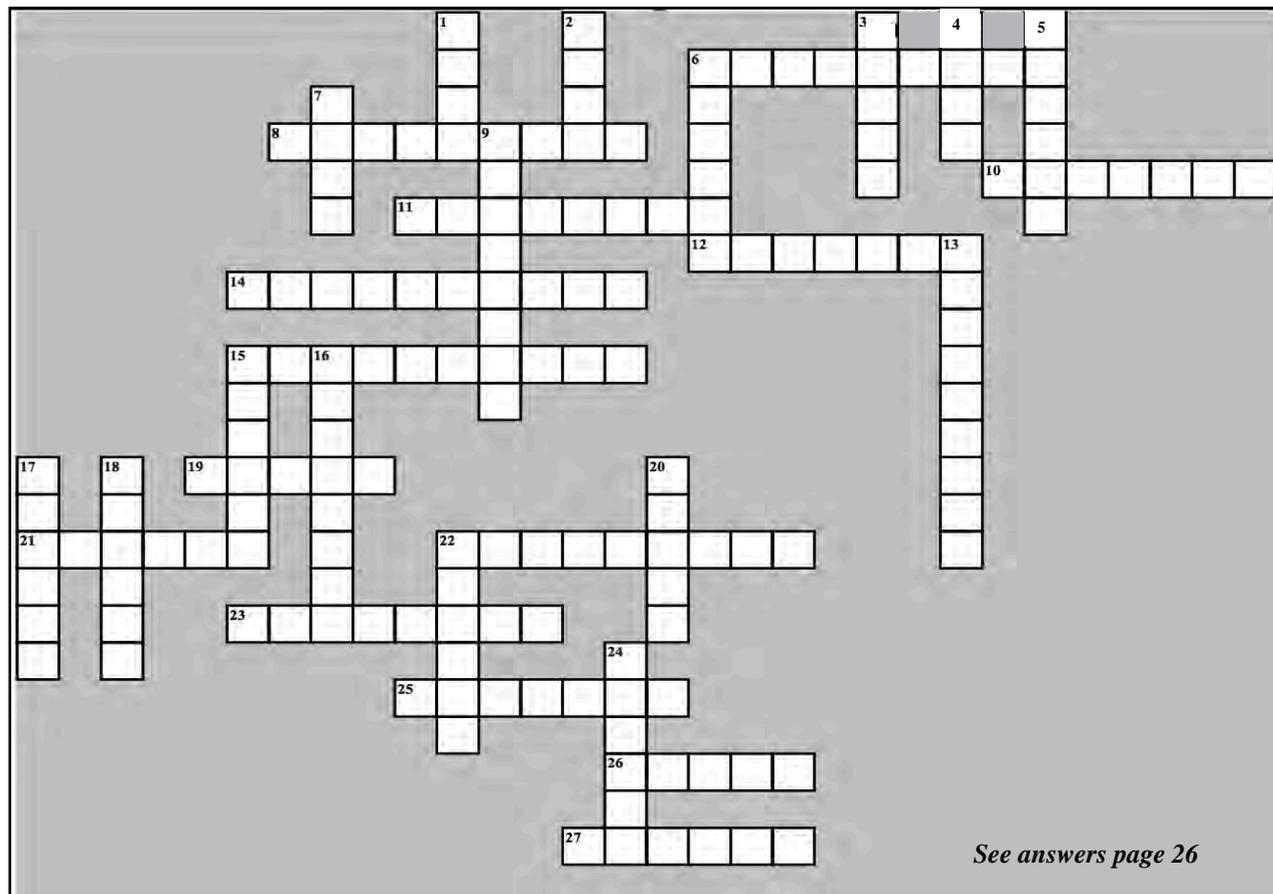
Bolivar History Crossword Puzzle

Friendly Reminder concerning upcoming Citizen Sheriff's Academy to be held in Galveston. We are filling quickly and only have a few openings remaining. WANTED Your Presence At The Galveston County Citizen Sheriff's Academy

The Galveston County Citizens Sheriff's Academy is a 37 hour block of instruction designed to give the attendees a working knowledge of the Sheriff's Office structure and function and law enforcement in general. The academy is 12 weeks with classes held Monday evenings from 7PM to 10PM. The presentations are conducted at a location that is convenient for the participants. Enrollment is limited to 50 participants. All attendees must be at least 16 years of age. Deputies, supervisors and personnel with specialized expertise as well as the Criminal District Attorney, U.S. Marshal's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will provide the instruction.

The academy is designed to provide detailed information to the citizens of Galveston County concerning the role of the Sheriff's Office within their community. It is also the goal of the academy to increase law enforcement awareness and to forge partnerships between law enforcement and the community through the educational process. This allows the Sheriff's Office to be more aware of the feelings and concerns of the community. The academy is truly a two-way learning experience. This exciting course is free!!

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See answers page 26

Across

- 6 Karankawas
- 8 Longest train ride in the world
- 10 Master of the cutter
- 11 High Island base
- 12 Gilchrist Postmaster
- 14 Familiar landmark
- 15 Entrance to Galveston Bay
- 19 1880 settler
- 21 Fort
- 22 Narrow part

23 Trapper hides

- 25 High Island hotel
- 26 Last house standing
- 27 Original Post Office

Down

- 1 Mother of Texas
- 2 Long servant
- 3 South American leader
- 4 First settler Down
- 5 Townsite

6 Cabin Boy

- 7 Famous Galveston Bay pirate
- 9 Fishing hot spot
- 13 Rollover business
- 15 Orcoquisa
- 16 Gulf
- 17 1885 cash crop
- 18 Overland route purpose
- 20 Crossing over
- 22 Unsolved murder
- 24 First European visitor



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