

Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet
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Citizen of the Year ~ Bruce Mitchell P.A.
Presenter - Jeanie Millender; Brenda Flanagan -
President; Bruce Mitchell
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Volunteer of the Year ~ Billy Shipp
Presenter - Michael Lange; Brenda Flanagan -
President; Billy Shipp
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Business of the Year ~ Jose's Cantina
Presenter - Tim Byrom; Brenda Flanagan -
President; Jose and daughter, Cristina



Educator of the Year ~ Anna Liddell
Brenda Flanagan - President; Anna Liddell,
Crenshaw Teacher; Presenter - Tracie Camp

**PSP Field Dedication
Gregory Park**



It's official, first pitch thrown by Commissioner Darryl Appfel for the dedication of the new baseball field in Gregory Park, Crystal Beach.

Julie Diaz, Director of Parks for Galveston County, had the honor of cutting the ribbon for the ceremony with William Comeaux, Road and Bridge Commissioner, and members of the parks maintenance crew.



**Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting
Crystal Beach Golf Carts**
2902 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX

The doors are open and The Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting was held April 20th.

It wasn't your typical Ribbon Cutting, it was a Texas sized and Texas style with the pits smoking full of free smoked sausage, boudin and ribs for everyone.

Approximately 200 people celebrated with Randy and Holly Martin, owners, Crystal Beach Golf Carts.

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Continuing with our Monthly Raffle series,
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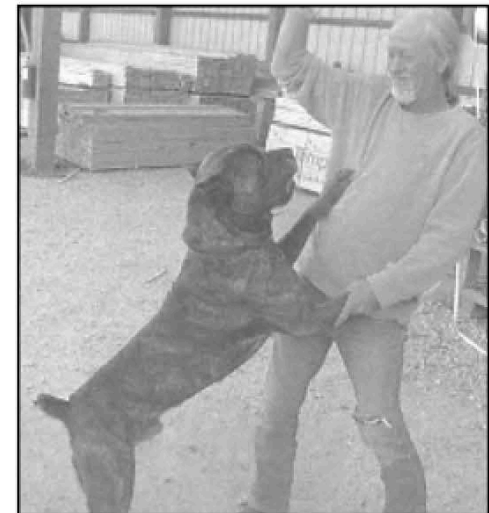
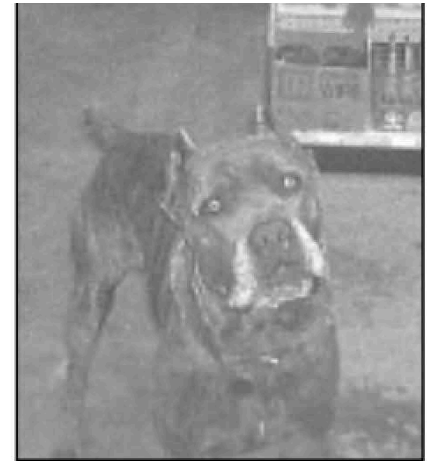
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Cain left us on June 5, 2018. Longtime mascot and official greeter, he was always diligent in his duties. With a wag of his tail and a quick smile, he always made you feel welcome!

Cain, also, had a love of the Ranch Golf

Course, volunteering endless hours helping care for the course and keeping the varmints properly scattered.

Cain was a special soul, I had the pleasure of him being part of my life.

He will be missed! Rest in Peace.

HIGH ISLAND CARDINALS



Congratulations to our Regional Track Qualifiers!

Bája Guidry, Madison Peek, Mary Giangrosso, Ahkaylah Barrett, Alayna Nicole, Dana Cowie, Mackenzie Catching, Nate Jackson, Hunter Guerin, Brandon Isaacks, Billy Palmer, Ty Munsch, Ethan Rodriguez, Gavin Barnett and Alt. Laynee Barrow.

Madison Peek placed 8th in 100 Meter Hurdles

Nate Jackson placed 3rd in 100 Meter and 5th in 200 Meter Dash

Madison and Nate pictured above



Justin Barrow received the Leslie P. Daughtry Scholarship awarded by the Galveston Daily News.

He plans to attend Lamar Institute of Technology majoring in Operational Safety and Health.

The Leslie P. Daughtry Scholarship is awarded to each of the 14 high schools in Galveston County.

High Island High School Seniors 2019 Information Sheet

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIPS:
scholarships are on-line application only

HS Counselor has Due Dates and most applications-some

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Al's Formal Wear College Sch. Alsformalwear.com/scholarships-apply.asp



Area One Act Play Results:

All-Star Technician: Julian Blume

Honorable Mention: Mary Giangrosso

All Star Cast: Nate Jackson and Zenn Taylor.

Please mark your May calendar:

May 7-10: EOC testing, High School

May 13-16: STAAR testing, Grades 3-8

May 17: Elementary Field Day, Schlitterbahn Trip

May 20: Elementary Awards Program, 9:00 am; JH

Awards Program, 1:30 pm; Academic and Athletic

Recognition Program/Dinner, 6:45 pm

May 27: No school/Memorial Day

May 28: Kindergarten and 8th grade Graduation

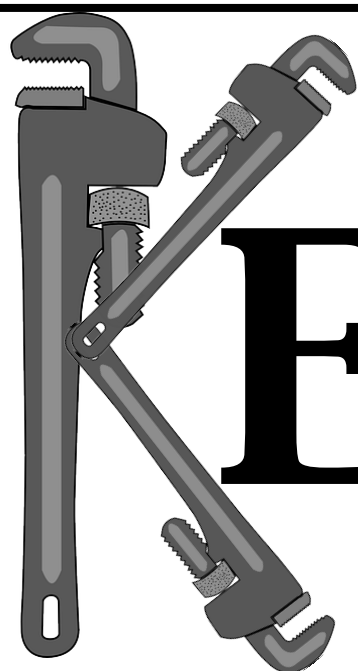
Ceremony, 7:00 pm

May 31: High School Graduation, 7:00 pm

Please remember that students' selected college scholarships are also available based on acceptance and class ranking. FAFSA must be completed.

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Galveston County Everyday Hero

MANAGER OF THE YEAR



Dr. Azure Bevington was selected as Galveston County's "Everyday Hero" for her efforts to inform everyone on the the proposed plans for a coastal spine along the Galveston Bay and Bolivar Peninsula. She was nominated by Keep Bolivar Beautiful.

Azure is pictured above with Brenda Flanagan and Carlis Cole, representing Keep Bolivar Beautiful.

Jo Ball, Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District General Manager, was the 2019 recipient for the Manager of the Year in Excellence in System Management at the Texas Rural Water Association Conference and Banquet.

They are dedicated to helping water and wastewater systems provide efficient service and clean, safe drinking water to their customers.

This award recognizes a manager who displays exceptional leadership and oversight skills.

They have an active membership of approximately 750 retail public utilities that provide water and wastewater service to 2.5 million customers throughout Texas. They also have nearly 200 water/wastewater industry suppliers that make up their Associate Membership.

The individual awards recognize the shining stars of the TRWA member utilities, seeking to honor their dedication and achievements in support of their system and the larger community.

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The Texas Rural Water Association is a statewide educational and trade association that represents the full spectrum of the rural water community.

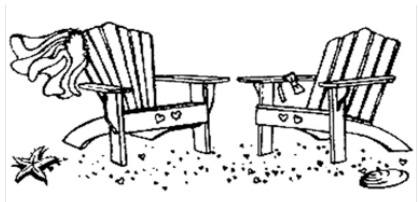
KILO 19



KILO 19 - A Walk to Remember is an emotionally charged trip down Crystal Beach where we come together in solidarity to both remember those we've lost and to demonstrate our commitment to walk strong beside our wounded service members.

Come walk beside Gold Star families, veterans, active military, and military supporters on Sunday, May 26, 2019. The walk is lead by Ken Meyer, the veteran who marched 628 miles across Texas to raise awareness for Post Traumatic Stress and veteran suicide prevention.

Jeeps and vehicles capable of traveling through sand are welcome. We will meet at the Tiki Bar prior to the walk and shuttle to the start by Jeeps and other vehicles. After we walk down Mr.G street, we will head back over to the Tiki Bar for some fun and excitement. Thank you Chris and Karen Gatlin at the Tiki Bar for offering to be a sponsor.



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Big Thicket National Preserve Hosts Youth Summit – Summer 2019

In June of 2019 Big Thicket National Preserve, in partnership with Conservation Legacy, the Texas Historic Commission, Caddo Mounds State Historic Site, and others will be hosting the 2019 Preserve America Youth Summit. During this four day youth summit, more than 50 middle and high school students from around Texas will travel to multiple historic sites and park areas in Nacogdoches, Mt. Pleasant, Kountze, and Beaumont, Texas. Guided by trained educators, park rangers, and other professionals, the youth will critically analyze some of the greatest challenges each site faces in the long-term preservation and conservation of the sites.

Students from 13 to 18 are encouraged to apply for this dynamic and interactive leadership program designed to provide engaging, on-site interactive study of historic preservation, conservation, and heritage tourism. Interested students must apply for a limited number of spaces in the program. More information can be found at www.preservationyouthsummit.org. Application deadline has been extended to May 15th, 2019.

The Preserve America Youth Summit Program began in 2007 with the goal of creating an opportunity for young people aged 13 to 18 to get out of the classroom and into the field to learn about history, archaeology, heritage tourism, and preservation. Interacting directly with community partners such as federal, state and local governments and agencies as well as non-profit historic preservation, tourism, community, and education organizations, each Youth Summit provides interactive, outcome-driven learning experiences and service opportunities. As part of the program, the students reflect what they learn in the field so that they may provide critical feedback and policy advice to then help partners develop meaningful and relevant methods to reach younger audiences.

Established in 1974, Big Thicket National Preserve is located in Southeast Texas, near the city of 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 global interest.

The preserve offers over 40 miles of developed hiking trails, suitable for all skill levels. Numerous creeks and rivers provide visitors the opportunity to kayak and canoe on over 100 miles of accessible waterways. For the more adventurous visitors, back-country camping opportunities are available in most units of the preserve. Birding, photography, hunting and fishing are just a few of the other common activities visitor enjoy.



Thank you Bolivar for helping our young entrepreneurs! It was a great afternoon of work and fun for the adults as well as the children. Thank you Ms. Reese for getting the children involved. Thank you to everyone from the person who picked up kits in Galveston, volunteers, parents, teachers, our Celebrity Judges, and the Bolivar Businesses in supporting this event. Thank you Bolivar Peninsula Lions Club for purchasing the kits. These children are future business owners on Bolivar!!!

Thank you
Brenda Flanagan
President
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7 - 10 PM

May 10 - The Cadillacs

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May 11 - Tone Posse

7 - 10 PM

May 17 - The Lawless

7 - 10 PM

May 18 - Jamie Talbert and the Band of Demons

7 - 10 PM

May 24 - David Beck's Tejano Weekend

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May 25 - Los Mighty Hooks

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May 26 - The LineUp

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May 31 - Bobby Enloe and the Texas Hold'em Band

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**Congratulations Texas Custom Carts
Bolivar Peninsula Chamber Business of the Month**

Pictured from left to right, Luke, Jay McCurdy, Dana Deckerlegand, Michael Lange, Jim Walters, Sharon McCurdy - Treasurer, and Brenda Flanagan - President

Texas Custom Carts
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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH AWARD

The Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month Award recognizes outstanding achievements of "for-profit" organizations in our community. This award is presented to a Chamber member business that excels in the areas of community involvement, economic growth, customer service and/or professional relationships. Selection Process: Deadline for nominations is the 15th of each month for the next month. Nominations are verified by Chamber staff and are selected by the Community Outreach Committee.

Companies can be nominated by any Chamber member business and/or companies may nominate themselves. This award is available only to Chamber members. All nominations must be submitted on the Business of the Month Nomination form. All verified nominations will remain for consideration for three months from the date of submission.

Eligibility Criteria: Be in good standing and fit at least one of the following selection criteria: Have demonstrated outstanding support to the community and the Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce; Provide superior customer service and/or products; Be Considered a successful and professional business by peers.

PLEASE NOMINATE BOLIVAR PENINSULA CHAMBER MEMBERS ONLY

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 Why are you nominating this company? _____

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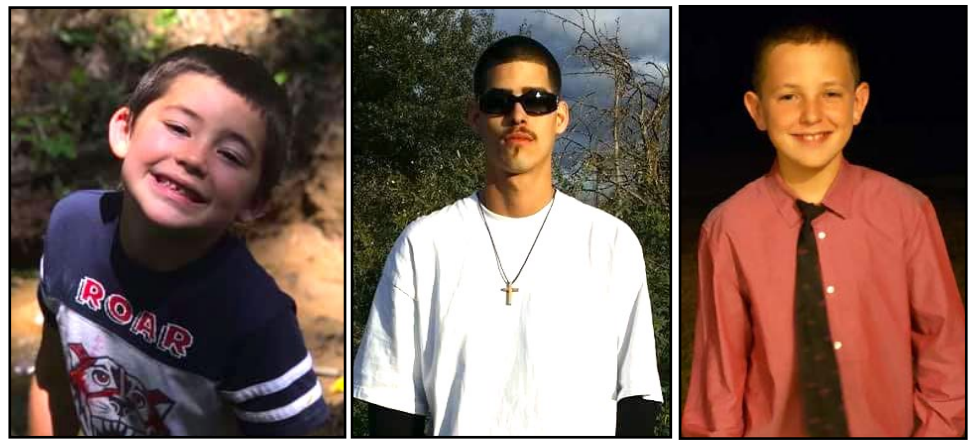
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Happy Birthday!
Joseph Rossel
May 5

Happy Birthday!
Mason Peek
May 8

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**New Lanes on “Transmission Highway”
Ready for Traffic**

Entergy Texas completes new projects to benefit customers

Imagine driving to the Bolivar Peninsula from the western part of Beaumont, but a traffic pileup stops you dead in your tracks. You feel stuck until you remember there is a new route to take. You start in the town of China, just west of Beaumont, and travel about 25 miles to the town of Stowell. Suddenly, you’re back on the road and cruising toward the Gulf Coast.

Thanks to a recent project by Entergy Texas, electrons will have another pathway on the way to power homes and business across Southeast Texas. The China-Stowell Transmission Project is a new 25-mile, 230kV transmission line that provides an “additional lane” to provide reliable and affordable electricity to the area.

“This new line will help relieve congestion on the ‘transmission highway,’ as well as provide more resilient infrastructure that directly benefits customers across Southeast Texas,” said Stuart Barrett, vice president of customer service for Entergy Texas.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas approved the line route along with Entergy Texas’ application for a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) on May 9, 2017. The high voltage line was energized on May 1 – exactly one year after Entergy leaders and local government and community leaders “cut the wire” to begin the project.

“With the additional transmission we are putting onto the electrical system, we are allowing potential growth in the area, bringing with it new jobs and a stronger economy,” Barrett said.

Additionally, Entergy Texas recently completed a major upgrade of another part of the transmission highways of electricity. The company just rebuilt 25 miles of the existing 138kV line from the Newton Bulk substation in Newton to the Leach substation near South Toledo Bend. This enhances the current transmission infrastructure with more modern and efficient technology to better serve the region.

Upgrades began in 2018 and the line went into service on May 1, 2019. This project is part of the Western Region Economic Project, which also includes a new 230kV line in Montgomery and Walker counties.

It is designed to provide Entergy Texas customers better access to lower-cost sources of power, as well as upgrade the electric transmission system to more effectively move low-cost power into and within the Southeast Texas area for all customers served from Entergy Texas’ transmission system.

“All of this work is setting up Southeast Texas for even more success, as well as enhancing reliability for existing and future customers,” Barrett said.

Over the next three years, Entergy Texas is investing more than \$2 billion to power the future of Southeast Texas. This includes construction of a new power plant, transmission lines, substations and distribution enhancements to transport electricity to nearly half a million homes and businesses.

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Vapor Town April Winner



Jamie Campbell picked up an Apple iPad for Billy White, winner for the April drawing at the Vape Shop.

Remember in order to win, you have to play.

The next drawing will be held on May 11th!

They are giving \$500 plus of amazing gifts including Apple Beats WireLess Headphones worth \$300+ as the top give away. Other prizes include a digital MOD, a cologne and premium vape juices.



The Vapor Shop is pet friendly. Pictured above are happy, beautiful people Jessica and Gabriel with Amazing Roxxy!

**Volunteer of the Year
Billy Shipp**

Michael Lange



Billy Shipp became a full time resident of Crystal Beach in 2006 and joined the CBVFD in 2013. He was quickly voted into the Chief’s position.

Billy focuses on safety training, making sure the Volunteer Fire Fighters have the knowledge to safely get the job done, so that everyone returns home to their families. He is an advocate for fire prevention awareness, spending lots of time at the schools teaching the kids what to do in the event of a fire. Billy selflessly gives his time to answer fire and emergency calls day and night, holidays and weekends, whenever and wherever he is needed. And he has been doing this for over 6 years now, quietly, with no expectation of recognition.

He is what makes Crystal Beach a great community. He is our own "local Hero".

Blast from the Past

**Bryan Wolf
May 1981**

Hank Marsh has been meeting with city department heads since he took over as Mayor of Crystal Beach, familiarizing himself with the various details necessary to running the city.

Shirley Barrow is the new manager of Shirley’s Restaurant and Bait Camp in Port Bolivar and after a month in business she claims she can flip eggs

with the best of ‘em.

Floyd Hunter, owner of McDaniel’s Grocery in Port Bolivar

sponsored an Easter egg hunt for the children of Port Bolivar.

Liz Byrom is back on the beach and she has opened the barbecue drive in store.

A deli has been added at Fisherman’s Cove in Port Bolivar.

There will be live music at Stingaree Marina on Saturdays.

**Happy Birthday!
Jennie Lemley
May 6**

**Happy Birthday!
Gary Lambert
May 5**

**Happy 13th Birthday!
Madalyn LaRue
May 10**

**Happy Birthday!
Jane Ewing
May 11**

**Happy Birthday!
Glenn Campbell
May 27**

**Happy Birthday!
Beau Alphonso
May 7**

**Happy Birthday!
Paula Lowry
May 14**

**Happy Birthday!
Konnor Brindley
May the 4th be with you!**

*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, March 12, 2019

Directors Present: George Strong, Vice President; Steve Barnett; Dennis Stafford; Wayne Turk; Kurt Ploeger; Hollis Gassen, President; Maria Skewis Secretary

Staff Present: Jo E. Ball, General Manager; Donald Crawford; Clifford Howard; Barbara Cowie

Others Present: Doug Sanders

Item 1 Call to Order: At 6:00 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 February 12, 2019 General Meeting: A motion was made by George Strong and seconded by Steve Barnett to approve the February 12th minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

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

Item 5 Public Comments: Doug Sanders, manager of ESD, presented an overview of emergency services on the peninsula.

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 Trail Balance Report,

Comparative Budget Report and the Account Balance Summary through February and found everything to be in order.

- 2) Review System Operational Reports: * District Water Losses. The District experienced a four-month average water loss through February of 13% and 12% loss for the month. There were 2 leaks. * The District has 5130 active accounts through February. In February, 1 account was liquidated and 41 were shut-off for non-payment. * Total water sales for February was \$283,407.75 *Average monthly water bill for February is \$61.38 and the 2019 average is \$59.27. * Water pumped was 19.9M gallons and water sold was 10.2M gallons with a loss difference of 9.7M gallons. * There was 0 reportable accident/incident for the month.
- 3) Review current infrastructure projects: Engineers are reviewing the cost to relocate the District's twenty inch water line located at the intersection of Highway 124 & 87. The water tower project is with the Governor's Office for approval.
- 4) Rollover Pass: There is no additional information available.
- 5) Personnel: One maintenance and one meter reader positions are open.
- 6) Finances: Net income for February was a negative \$53,251. These numbers include a \$115,000.00 interest payment on three of the District's bonds.

Item 7 Consideration and possible action to accept or reject salvage sale items: One sealed bid was received for the District's surplus back hoe for \$6,501.00. A motion was made by Wayne Turk and seconded by Dennis Stafford to accept the bid. Motion passed unanimously. One sealed bid was received for the District's surplus F550 truck for \$4,001.00. A motion was made by Wayne Turk and seconded by Kurt Ploeger to accept the bid. Motion passed unanimously. One sealed bid was received

for the District's surplus goose neck trailer for \$950. A motion was made by George Strong and seconded by Steve Barnett to reject the bid. Motion passed unanimously. Two sealed bids were received for the District's surplus F150 truck with a high bid of \$3,501.00. A motion was made by Dennis Stafford and seconded by Kurt Ploeger to accept the high bid. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 8 Discussion and possible action on the Moody Bank Contract renewal for 2019: This item was tabled until the April meeting as the Moody Bank representative is on vacation and the District has not received the documents from Moody Bank.

Item 9 Directors comments regarding future committee meetings

- 1) Audit and Finance Committee. The external audit is in progress and a report is anticipated to be presented during the April meeting.
- 2) Personnel and Policy. The General Manager's 2018 job evaluation report is in progress.
- 3) Plant and Product. None.
- 4) Public Relations Committee. None.

Item 10 Directors Comments regarding future agenda items:

- 1) Update new water tower project
- 2) Highway 124 & 87 water line plans
- 3) Employee health insurance buy-back program
- 4) BUS contract renewal
- 5) Moody Bank contract
- 6) Audit report
- 7) Manager evaluation

Item 11 Set date for next regular Board meeting for April 9, 2019

Item 12 Adjournment: Motion by Wayne Turk and seconded by Maria Skewis to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM.

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NURSE ON THE BEACH

By: Connie Ward, MSN, RN

Heart disease is still the No. 1 killer in America. Below are the healthier BEST ways you can boost your heart health and reduce your risk of heart attack and stroke by loving your heart with every meal!

Replace these with fried foods. Replace these with healthier fats like polyunsaturated or monosaturated fats. Cook with olive or canola oil instead of margarine or butter. Eat fish, like salmon and tuna twice a week. Add sliced avocado to your sandwich instead of cheese. Sprinkle nuts or flaxseed on your salad instead of bacon bits. Make this a goal and stick to it. Olive oil can be used in place of butter or margarine on toast or bread.

Don't let excuses like: I don't want to give up the foods I love; I'm busy, and cooking healthy meals takes too much time and effort; I don't know how to make healthy choices; or I need healthy food ideas the whole family will enjoy.

Four steps to a healthy heart: More fruits and vegetables. Two cups of fruit and 2 1/2 cups of vegetables per day. Leading the list: blueberries, cantaloupe, oranges, strawberries, sweet potatoes, asparagus, broccoli, red cabbage, spinach and bell peppers. (One serving size is equivalent to a tennis ball).

Dish out proper portions. This important step will prevent from overeating and gaining weight from excess calories. Sizes: 1 cup = tennis ball * 1/2 cup = computer mouse * 1 ounce = 4 dice

3 ounces = a deck of cards for meat * 2 tablespoons = ping pong ball for sour cream, peanut butter, cream cheese.

Healthier fats, Less sodium (salt) Cut back on saturated and trans fats!!! NOW. These fats are lining your blood vessels with fats that turn into plaque. (Like the cement they chip off your teeth at the dentist's office). Yuk!

An example of the bad fats is: butter, lard, cream, shortening, bacon fat grease, fatty meat, deep

Check labels. Calories per serving. Fats: choose foods that get less than one-third of their calories from fat. Sodium: Seventy percent of consumed salt comes from packaged foods, processed foods, and restaurant food. Pick products that have low salt/sodium content. Aim for 140mg or less. Lemon, vinegars, red or white wine can substitute for salt on your food. Fiber: Get at least 25-38 grams per day. Your colon will thank you. Sugars: Watch for high amounts of added sugar, fructose, corn syrup, sucrose or glucose they are all sugar. Many juices contain as high as 38mgs of sugar! This is way too much. Don't forget to walk whenever possible on that beautiful beach! Spring is here and much more sun! Walk in the morning or evening and stay hydrated. Sun block use (liberally) apply every 2 hours when outside.

See you next month for more health tips!

Happy Birthday! Paula Lowry May 14
 Happy Birthday! Amalia Lopez May 9
 Happy Birthday! Ricky Guerrero May 3
 Happy Birthday! Jennie Edith May 20

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Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. During October 2018 and November 2018, sufficient levels of chlorine residual were not met in more than five percent (5%) of monthly samples.

The following actions are being taken to address this issue:

Operators have started a more aggressive flushing program and adjusted chemical feeds to ensure disinfection levels stay above the minimum requirement level of 0.50mg/L in the affected areas of Crystal Beach and Port Bolivar. However, there have been no tests that were positive for Total Coliform Bacteria and at no time has there been a need to boil the water for consumption.

Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses).

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Jo Ball - General Manager or Clifford Howard - Plant Manager at 409-684-3515

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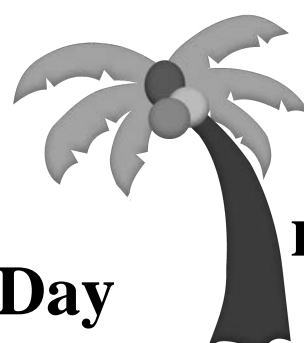
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The Beach Bum says one of the most wonderful things in life is to wake up and enjoy a cuddle with somebody; unless you are in prison.

The Beach Bum says the only difference in my life when I'm on a diet is instead of saying, "I ate nachos," I say, "I accidentally ate nachos."

The Beach Bum says a wife is like a hand grenade. Take off the ring and say good bye to your house.

The Beach Bum says all my life I thought air was free...until I bought a bag of chips.

The Beach Bum says I called a suicide hotline in Iraq. They got excited and asked if I could drive a truck.

The Beach Bum says I only seem to remember I want to lose weight after eating 9 cookies.

The Beach Bum says I'm certain there are female hormones in beer. When I drink too much, I talk nonsense and I cannot control my car.

The Beach Bum says I put so much more effort into naming my first Wi-Fi than my first child.

For President of the United States - Me

Mack Hall

For fear of being the only American not to run for office this election cycle, I now announce that I want to serve me I mean...You The People...of this great land as your next president.

my lawn in all sorts of weather protecting me and my family, they should pay me rent, okay? Just like the previous president.

I also want the fleet of presidential jets, the garage of great big SUVs, the household staff, an armored train with great big nuclear cannons that go "BOOM!", a bunch of helicopters, and a gold-plated toilet that lights up and plays "Hail to the Chief" when flushed, just like the Constitution says.

As your president I will hang around with and pay off only those dictators with a good fashion sense. When Kim Jong Ill ditches the mousey-dung play-school outfit and learns to wear a coat and tie like a grownup, then we can talk. And no Justin Trudeau socksies, either.

I solemnly swear that if you elect me as your next president I will let you little people look at all the jet airplanes, SUVs, the armored train, and the helicopters you pay for.

As your president I will tell you what's in Area 51. And Area 50. It stands to reason that if there is an Area 51 then there must be an Area 50. It's so secret that you haven't even heard of it. That's what The Voices tell me.

The Gold-Plated Toilet of The People is off-limits, though.

As your president I will develop a national health and exercise program whose core strategy is having everyone run laps around former Governor Christie of New Jersey.

As your president I'm not going to ride Amtrak, carry my own suitcase, or eat in a roadside diner. I want all the goodies. I want my presidency to be a reflection of my America. And you can look at your reflection in a mirror.

As your president I will build a big, beautiful, yuuuuge wall built around the Internal Revenue Service.

As your president I will see to it that my family and my friends fly on presidential airplanes to London, Paris, Rome, Saint Petersburg, Saint Moritz, and Tokyo on shopping trips and vacations so that you can be inspired by how your tax dollars are making my buddies happy. Just like some of the previous presidents.

As your president I will sign an executive order banning the death penalty except for telemarketers - for them death by throwing them into a pit of ravenous dachshunds will be mandatory.

As your president I will bill the Secret Service for protecting me at the best rate quoted by the Deutsche Bank. After all, if those guys are going to hang around on

As your president I will ask Snoop Dogg and Willie Nelson to form a select committee for writing lyrics for "Hail to the Chief, and I am the Chief."

And remember, my fellow Americans, a vote for me is a vote for, well, me.

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BOLIVAR BEACH BLOOMERS NEWS BY VICKIE GOSS AND ANGIE SCHEIBEL

Angie has a lot to say this month so my contribution is announcing our next plant sale at the Eagles Trade Days Saturday June 22nd @10:30am, come visit us!

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

You may be interested in the following links:

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

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

The Lazy Gardener Newsletter <http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/email.jsp?m=1112503958110>

Monthly Quote: "“In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.” Margaret Atwood

Angie's Corner Monthly Tip:

I've seen awareness grow about the plight of monarch butterflies and am proud of the response from Bolivar Peninsula. The dangers this amazing species face are complex. From climate change, habitat loss, predators, and parasites the hazards are varied. As gardeners become aware of the need for milkweed, host plant for monarch caterpillars, conscientious gardeners have been adding milkweed to their garden essentials. For this article I will focus on the difference between tropical milkweed and other native species. The scientific name for all milkweed is 'asclepias'. Their 2nd name will identify the specific species; as in 'asclepias tuberosa'.

Many plants are referred to by 'common names' like 'Butterfly Weed'. Common names are fine as long as all who are discussing a plant are in agreement as to what plant they are discussing. When it is important to distinguish between specific plants it is essential to know both scientific names, also referred to as 'botanical name'.

Most of us who have responded to the plight of monarchs have planted tropical milkweed. These plants originate from Mexico and would not occur naturally in the US. They do host monarch caterpillars and have added many generations to this highly threatened creature. Any time a non-native species is introduced there is always risk involved. It is always best to GO NATIVE WHEN POSSIBLE. Scientists have been studying effects of non-native milkweed. I read all I can find about it and attend every training I can. I still don't have definitive facts. I know the tropical species will freeze dead in northern zones. Here on the coast it may freeze back but still not die. Sounded like a plus to me! Unfortunately

there is some question as to whether the tropical species on our semi-tropical coast might encourage the butterflies to winter-over here instead of migrating on to Mexico. There have always been a few that don't migrate but I personally have seen many wintering-over with tropical milkweed. IF we do get a hard freeze they WILL die. They don't fare well below 40°.

Another major threat to monarch butterflies is a parasite known as OE (Ophryocystis elektroscirrha). The parasite can be transferred between butterflies & caterpillars at various stages of their life cycles. OE can also be transferred from the milkweed plants! Infected butterflies don't survive the migration to Mexico so the risk is lower there even though they gather in mass with close proximity to each other. IF tropical milkweed hasn't frozen back during our winter, when healthy migrating butterflies return to the states they can become infected and spread the parasite all the way to Canada! So much for good intentions.

So why have we planted a tropical species? Because it was readily available. It is easy to propagate from seed or rooting stems it makes a pretty potted plant that nurseries can sell to masses. Even some conservation organizations gave away seeds of the tropical variety!

Native milkweed does require patience to establish. It is difficult to root from cuttings and doesn't transplant well from the wild. Once established they can be beautiful, very hardy plants. Most have deep root systems which allow them to survive harsh conditions. Commercial growers haven't figured out a profitable way to grow these

awesome plants. If there is a high enough demand they will come around!

I am not about to rip out all my tropical milkweed! I consider it a great ambassador for monarch butterflies. It was a 'first step' we could do to help a threatened species. Now, it is important to make our demands known to the places where we buy plants. Often the retail nurseries don't know the difference and think they have complied with our wishes. We have to learn the difference ourselves! Local nurseries can't sell us natives if the big farms aren't growing them!

We all can grow our own from mail-order seeds. I understand some of the difficulty growers have as I've been trying to grow them myself for several years. I'm discovering my own do's & don'ts. Growers won't get a profitable product the first year but whoever gets it right first will have a product in demand.

ALWAYS ask for native milkweed. You can buy tropical if you want, just be sure to educate yourself, nurseries and growers as to what we really should be planting. I suggest not paying for tropical because if you know ANYONE who already has it in their gardens, you can get a start from them until you CAN get native established. I

I'll write more next month about specific milkweed species and names. Meanwhile I suggest a little online research to begin sorting through names, images and sources.

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Bolivar Peninsula Cultural Foundation (BPCF) leaders Margo Johnson and Marsha Fredenburg noticed symbols that represented different towns as they traveled around Texas. What better to represent our community than our iconic lighthouse? Concrete lighthouses come in 3 and 6-foot sizes. Some are glazed. Others are unfinished so that owners may create their own unique designs. Costs are \$150 for small ones, and \$275 for the larger versions.

You can purchase statues by emailing the Cultural Foundation at bolivarpc@gmail.com. Order forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce Office, Bolivar Tourism and The Big Store. The good news is that you can purchase one, or more, at the BPCF booth during TEXAS CRAB FEST. Jane Long jewelry will also be available. Crab Fest has moved to an exciting new permanent venue at 1605 HWY 87. This glorious festival is held from May 10 – May 12,



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Miss Houston 2019 Blaine Ochoa

High Island graduate, Blaine Ochoa, was crowned Miss Houston 2019 April 20, 2019.

She competed against 53 contestants in three different categories, including, evening gown, fitness and interview.

Blaine is a native of Crystal Beach and currently employed with 12NewsNow.

As the winner of the Miss Houston pageant, she will compete for Miss Texas in September.

Blaine is the daughter of Casey and Steven Ochoa, and sister to McKail and Seth.

The event was held at the Hilton Post Oak Hotel in Houston.

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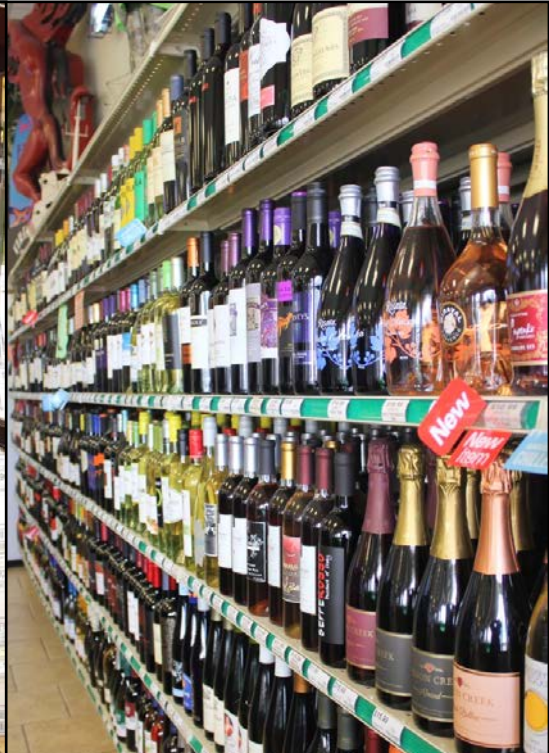
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Thursday: Crispy Tacos, served with rice and beans.

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Dinner Specials

Monday: Ground Beef Crispy Taco Night
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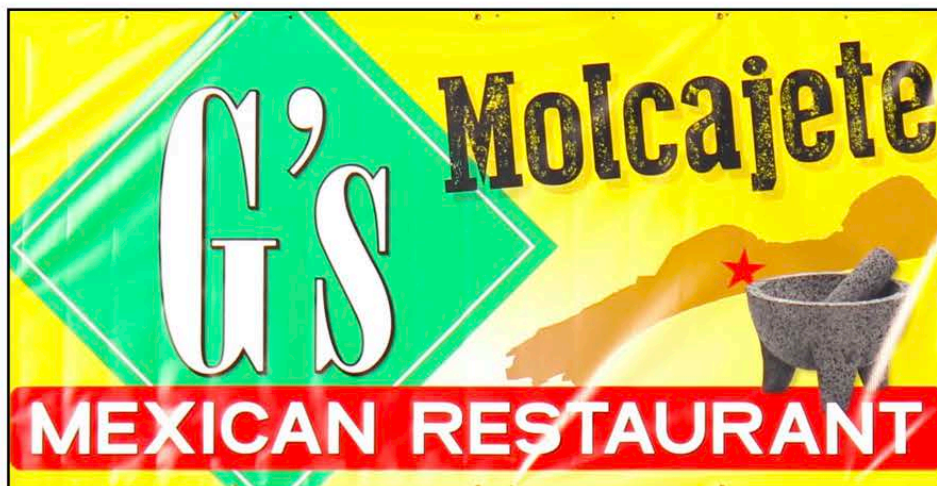
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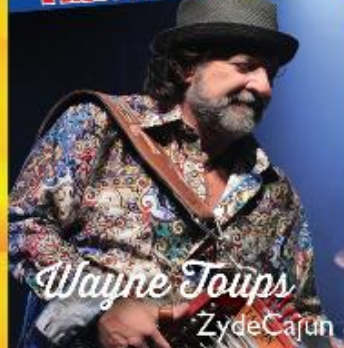
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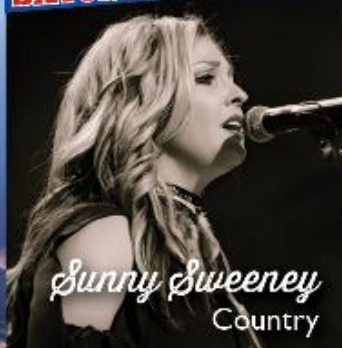
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SUCCULENT PROPAGATION

(a hands-on demonstration)

Saturday, May 4

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

email: galvcountrymgs@gmail.com to pre-register

Want to learn how to expand your succulent collection? Certified Texas Master Gardeners from Dallas County Master Gardeners, Paula Spletter and Marilyn Hill, will present a hands-on class that will give you all the tools you'll need, class materials will be included. Paula is the Creative Director and Marilyn the Container Specialist with the prestigious Northaven Gardens in Dallas.

Location of workshop: Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office in Carbide Park, 4102-B Main Street (FM 519), La Marque 77568.

MODERN SUCCULENTS WITH TILLANDSIAS WORKSHOP

(a hands-on demonstration)

Saturday, May 4, 2019

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Join Dallas County Master Gardeners, Paula Spletter and Marilyn Hill, for a creative class mixing succulents and tillandsias with a modern twist. Paula is the Creative Director and Marilyn the Container Specialist with the prestigious Northaven Gardens in Dallas.

****Course fee of \$30 to cover materials,*

*you will get to keep your succulent creation****

****Class size will be limited to 40 participants, and pre-registration is required****

Location of workshop: Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office in Carbide Park, 4102-B Main Street (FM 519), La Marque 77568.

HOME FRUIT GROWERS' TOUR

Saturday, May 18, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Three fruit orchards are on the tour this year. Vegetable gardens at each site will also be open. The tour sites contain a wide variety of fruit trees, ranging from a peach orchard in Dickinson, the Galveston County Master Gardener Discovery Garden Orchard in La Marque, and a sizeable home orchard in Santa Fe. Each site will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. No pre-registration needed; visit sites in any desired order. There is no RAIN DATE for this event. It will occur, rain or shine. Wear appropriate shoes and bring other rain gear as needed.

Orchard locations:

1. Galveston County Master Gardener homeowner at 5202 Highland Road, Santa Fe, TX 77517.
2. Galveston County Master Gardener Demonstration Orchard and Garden, 4102 Main Street (Hwy 519), La Marque, TX 77568
3. Wilson and Renee Hillman's Fruits 'n Such orchard at 6309 Ave. U, Dickinson, TX 77539; located off Bowerman Road and FM 517; ph. 832-443-6733

ALL ABOUT LOUISIANA IRISES

Saturday, May 18, 2019

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

This program builds on our previous presentation "Irises for the Gulf Coast Garden" by Galveston County Master Gardener Monica Martens. Focusing specifically on this hardy species for our climate, this presentation addresses how to obtain Louisiana Irises and share/trade.

Location of presentation: Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office in Carbide Park, 4102-B Main Street (FM 519), La Marque 77568.

Beachcombing with Stefanie "What Makes a Community"

Stefanie Voss

I'm the world's worst about getting stuck in the way back when time machine. Maybe it's because I'm a woman of a particular age. Maybe I'm still grieving over the loss of Gilchrist after hurricane Ike. Who knows?

I keep thinking of all that Gilchrist used to be. We were a real town, a real community. We had a post office for 58 years. We had a fire department. We had convenience stores, a deli, community association, a liquor store, bait shops, shell shops, churches, bars, restaurants, fishing pies, a glass shop, RV parks and mechanics. We had all the businesses a small fishing village could hope for.

Gilchrist had a special breed of people. Everyone had their own little tiki, but when we came together it was beautiful. If you raised children here, you could count on getting phone calls from all over town, letting you know what your kids were up to, good or bad.

We were so wonderful during storms. People pitched in to help board up homes and businesses before a storm. Some would stay during the storms, guarding against mother nature and looters alike. And we were like a well oiled machine immediately following a storm. Without power, we would hustle up a generator and take it to our make shift shelter, the bar. We would grill the contents of our freezers and camp on the dance floor. We would gather at the fire department and unload trucks full of ice and packages from the red cross. We helped each other rebuild.

I've been bogged down with grief over our community since Ike hit. Our entire town, wiped off the face of the earth. We don't even have a commemorative plaque saying we were here. But, ya know what? Our community is still here, better than ever.

It's not the businesses that make the community, it's the people. Tad Vega, president of the Gilchrist Community Association, had been , and is, tirelessly fighting a legal battle to keep Rollover Pass open. Curtis Morgan keeps Gilchrist together with music and fellowship. A certain neighbor whom anonymously buys space heaters in the winter for those who need. Beckie Sosa, who works 4 days a week instead of 5, trading in that day to volunteer with the food bank, delivering to folks in Gilchrist. Pamela Adam's, Facebook's very own roving reporter, keeping us all informed on the comings and goings ons in Gilchrist. Dorman Brones, who should be named neighbor of the year. From atop her 38 foot tall deck, she surveys her neighborhood. She knows all her neighbors, and does not hesitate to call if an unfamiliar car is parked at an empty neighbor's house. On numerous occasions she has saved her neighbors from being robbed, all because she cares about her neighbors and her community.

I am so lucky to live in such a rich community.

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The Faggard and Millender families created this special welcome to Easter morning 30 years ago. It grew from a small gathering to a huge crowd who arrive in golf carts or bring lawn chairs to watch the sun rise over white capped Crystal Beach waves. This year a full moon remained to join the sun in its glory. Three wooden crosses were silhouetted against the sky. Made of cypress from McKinney Texas and set up by Kevin Kavanaugh, they provided a perfect backdrop.

Against this backdrop, Pastor Kaye Sims welcomed the ever growing group of worshipers. Craig Lang had orchestrated the setup of a new sound system which augmented the entire service. Steve Collazo gave the opening prayer. Linda and Frank Hodges led everyone in "Amazing Grace." Janet Leigh and Vicky Mouton provided their always popular, "Ain't No Grave", and Mark Ivey's melodious voice enchanted all with his original composition - "The End Of The Story". Led by Millie Coffee, the youth glowingly performed, "Shackles". Unity choir's renditions of "Celebrate Jesus" and "My Sweet Lord" were enjoyed by the crowd spread out over beach and dunes. Tamia Cooper, Susan Shafer, and Millie Coffee touched hearts with "When He Was On The Cross". Then Tamia Cooper and choir had all clapping their hands to "O Happy Day". Pastor Valerie Hudson delivered a most moving Easter message. "People Get Ready" with world renowned drummer Michael Feighan and Millie Coffee was the closing musical number. (By the way, Michael's talented and beautiful daughter, Tatiana, displayed her skill with those drum sticks.) The high school seniors' scholarship offering totaled over \$8,000 this year. Dennis Allen presented the closing prayer. Golf carts, trucks, cars, and folk carrying lawn chairs left rejoicing in the uplifting message they received at the Easter Service.

This SON-RISE presentation certainly honored Easter's true meaning. "Christ The Lord Is Risen. Alleluia! Alleluia!"



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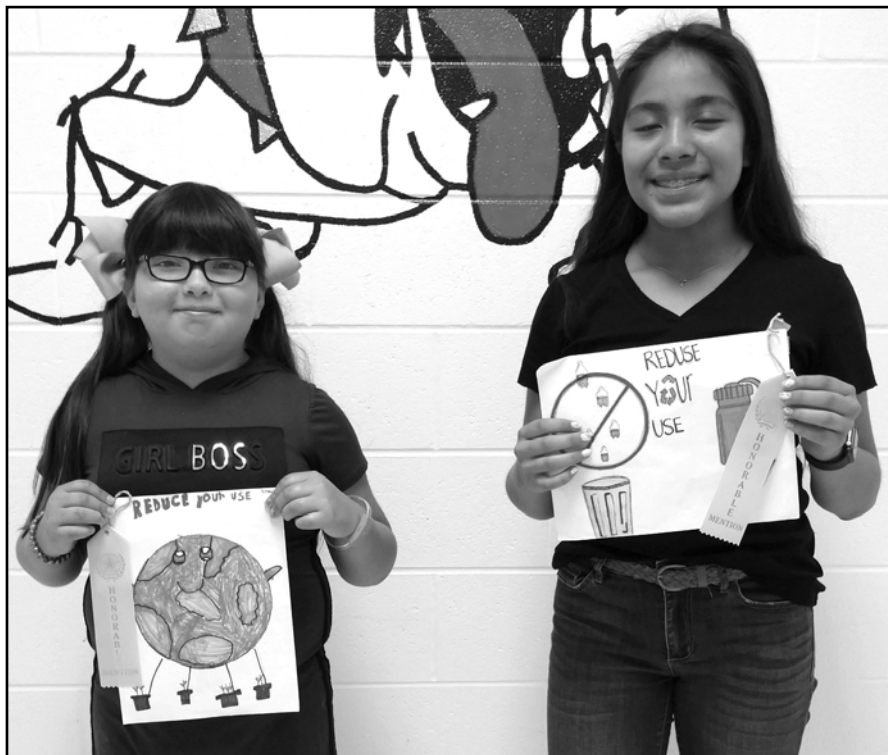
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CRENSHAW SCHOOL NEWS



Terri Ward, Crenshaw School's amazing Secretary, has been selected as the district-wide Paraprofessional of the Year!! She is 'SIMPLY THE BEST' and truly the hardest working office manager in Galveston ISD! Congratulations Ms. Terri!



Congratulations to Maritza Botello, 3rd and Ana Liz Castillo 8th for Honorable Mention in the UTMB Earth Day T-shirt contest.



Congratulations to: L-R - Jules Rawson - Kindergarten - 2nd Place, Trenton Hammond - 2nd, Armando Tovar- 3rd - Honorable Mention, Devin Santillanes - 6th, Breanna Browning - 7th, Not Pictured: Ana Liz Castillo - 8th for having artwork chosen for competition in the Galveston Art League Contest. Addyson Payton, 3rd won Honorable Mention in the Grand Kid's Festival Art Contest.



The Crenshaw NJHS members and new inductees served their community at the CBVFD Crawfish Bash.



An amazing gift for our teachers arrived yesterday from Hearsay on the Strand. Each teacher was given a \$50 gift certificate to say 'thanks' for a job well done. It was a surprise and they were so grateful to Hearsay!



The Crenshaw Garden is underway! Thanks to the many selfless volunteers and the Bolivar Peninsula Chamber of Commerce for supporting the start of this incredible school-community venture. What an amazing little community we live in!

Cooking with Miss "Obler"

Janice Oliver, Retired Home Ec Teacher, HIISD

In the United States, Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of Mexican-American culture. What better way to celebrate than to try some new recipes! Enjoy!

EASY WHITE QUESO

12 ounces evaporated milk (1 can)
1 tablespoon cornstarch
3/4 pound white American cheese (chopped into small squares)
4 ounces mozzarella cheese (shredded)
2 tablespoons canned jalapenos (chopped) or canned chopped green chiles
1 teaspoon chili powder (or cumin)
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg (optional)
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
chopped cilantro, tomatoes, and jalapenos for garnish

1. Heat evaporated milk over medium/high heat in a small saucepan. Stir in the cornstarch and whisk to combine.
2. Once simmering (bring to just before boil . . . when it starts bubbling up the sides it's ready), reduce heat to low immediately.
3. Immediately stir in the cheese in batches, starting with the white American cheese. As you stir in the cheese, increase heat to medium/low and whisk constantly while cheese melts.
4. Once each batch is melted/creamy, add more. Don't stop stirring. You have to whisk the entire time while adding cheese.
5. Once done with the white American, add in the shredded fontina or mozzarella. Again, whisk constantly while the cheese melts, insuring you have a creamy blend. If you prefer the cheese a bit thicker, add a bit more of the mozzarella.
6. Once all the cheese is melted, stir in the jalapenos, chile powder, nutmeg, red pepper, and salt and pepper. (See note).
7. If you want the queso to be browned, pour the queso into a small nonstick skillet and place in the oven. Broil for 3-4 minutes or until cheese begins to bubble and brown (optional).
8. Top with cilantro, tomatoes, and more jalapenos if desired.
9. Serve with tortilla chips and enjoy!

NOTE:

(Dip can be kept in an airtight container in the refrigerator for 3-4 days. Microwave with a splash of half and half or milk to keep it creamy).

OVEN BAKED CHICKEN TACOS RECIPE

1 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 pound cooked chicken (shredded) (can use cooked Rotisserie chicken)
1 ounce Taco Seasoning
1/2 cup onion (diced)
1 can diced tomato (14.5 ounce, fully drained)
1 can chopped green chiles (4.5 ounce can, fully drained)
10 Stand and Stuff taco shells (like Old El Paso)

8 ounces refried beans (1/2 can)
2 cups Mexican blend cheese (shredded)
Toppings such as Old El Paso sliced jalapenos, sour cream, salsa, chopped cilantro, shredded lettuce, or any of your favorite taco toppings

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a 9" x 13" baking dish with nonstick spray.
2. Heat olive oil over medium heat in a medium skillet.
3. Add onion to skillet and cook for 2-3 minutes, or until the onion is translucent and fragrant.
4. Stir in the chicken, taco seasoning, tomatoes (fully drained, and green chiles (fully drained)* Stir to combine fully. Reduce to simmer and allow to cook for 5-8 minutes.
5. Place the taco shells in the baking dish, standing up. You should be able to fit 10 taco shells in the dish if you add 2 on each side.
6. Bake the taco shells for 5 minutes by themselves to allow them to crisp up. Remove from the oven.
7. Spoon 1 tablespoon of beans into the bottom of each taco shell. Top with the chicken mixture, almost to the top of each shell.
8. Sprinkle each shell generously with shredded cheese, the more the better!
9. Bake for 7-10 minutes or until cheese is fully melted and the edges of the shells are browned.
10. Remove from the oven and top with your favorite items such as jalapenos, sour cream, cilantro, and salsa.

NOTE:

Be sure to drain the tomatoes completely. This will help the taco shells to not get soggy while baking.

If you prefer your tacos unspicy, just omit the green chiles and use regular Old El Paso Taco Seasoning.

Just as delicious.

CHICKEN ENCHILADA CASSEROLE

2 tablespoons olive oil
3 pounds of bone-in chicken thighs (Trim all the skin and bone and discard
(3 pounds of chicken thighs should equal jut over 1 pound of meat
1 to 2 Poblano peppers (diced)
1 to 2 red peppers (diced)
1/2 sweet onion (diced)
salt and pepper to taste
19 ounces of Homemade Enchilada Sauce (recipe follows) or store bought Enchilada Sauce
6 corn tortillas
1 package (8 ounces) Sargento 4 Cheese Mexican blend

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Cut all the usable meat off your chicken thighs. Discard any skin and bones. (Tip: Save chicken bones to make chicken stock or soup). Cut into small, even pieces.
3. Cut up all the vegetables.
4. In a large skillet heat the olive oil over medium heat, then add chicken. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the juices run clear. Add the diced Poblano

peppers, diced red peppers, and diced onions to the pan. Continue to cook, stirring often, until the chicken starts to brown and the vegetables are soft. Add salt and pepper, stir until well combined. Remove the chicken mixture from the pan. Set aside.

5. Heat up the enchilada sauce in a saucepan over medium heat. Set aside.
6. In a casserole dish, line two corn tortillas on the bottom; they can overlap slightly if needed.
7. Spoon 1/3 of the chicken mixture from the pan. Set aside.
8. Pour 1/3 of the enchilada sauce over the chicken mixture.
9. Sprinkle 1/3 of the cheese over top top of the enchilada sauce.
10. Repeat all layers two more times.
11. Place casserole dish in the oven and cook for about 15 to 20 minutes.
12. Remove from oven and slice immediately.

EASY HOMEMADE ENCHILADA SAUCE

1/4 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons flour
1/4 cup chili powder
1 tablespoon tomato paste
8 ounces tomato sauce
1 1/2 cups liquid vegetable stock
1/4 teaspoon cumin
1/4 teaspoon onion powder
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon salt

1. In a large skillet cook the olive oil, flour, chili powder and tomato paste over medium heat. Stir while cooking until everything comes together and the color deepens a bit. This should only take a few minutes.
2. Add the tomato sauce, vegetable stock, cumin, onion powder, minced garlic, and salt. Continue cooking over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the sauce comes to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer and continue to cook for about 10 minutes, or until sauce thickens.
3. Use sauce immediately, or store in an air-tight container in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks, or in the freezer for up to 2 months.
4. Serve over enchiladas, or enchilada casserole.

EASY CHURRO FUNNEL CAKES

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/3 cups milk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 egg

*Oil for frying (amount depends on your skillet size. You may use peanut oil)

COATING:

1 1/2 cups sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons cinnamon

See **OBLER** page 34

Captain Jim and Mary Campbell

Jay Camp

Continued from the April edition of The Beach Triton
Among these huts were beer and gin joints supporting nearly one hundred mixed race and nationalities of various languages. In the beginning, there were only two wives and a few mistresses for female company. When Lafitte left for good in 1820, the population grew to over two thousand.

Lafitte was so glad to see Jim that he entrusted him with staff officers duties which included Assistant Treasurer, Admiralty Court Judge, and Head of the Bolivar Port Depot.

In 1818 Lafitte gave Jim his own ship to captain. During his first six weeks in the command of the "Concord", he captured five Spanish Galleons carrying over one hundred thousand dollars worth of gold, silver and dry goods. This one hundred and twenty ton ship had a crew of seventy-five men and five cannons. On the second voyage, the "Concord" captured a Spanish slave ship with three hundred and eight slaves onboard.

From time to time Lafitte sent Jim to New Orleans to negotiate with bankers, merchants, lawyers and whatever connection he could make to sell or trade the goods that were obtained on the high seas. When the summer of 1819 rolled around, Jim was sent to Baltimore (his home town) to supervise the building of a new vessel Lafitte had ordered, like the "Concord", A Brigitnine, this ship had schooner qualities that allowed it to sail in

shallow water carrying a full set of sails and six cannons.

Back in Galveston by the fall of 1819, Jim went on two short cruises along the Coast of Tampico and Vera Cruz. Several Spanish ships were taken but always their crews were set ashore. A number of French navy deserters were going the privateers and here is where a fourteen year old cabin boy, Cronea, who is buried in High Island, also joined up.

One fateful day in January of 1821 an American flag vessel appeared off the coast of Galveston. Lafitte asked Jim to row out and meet the ship. Aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, Lieutenant Lawrence Kearney said his frigate had been sent to evict the "pirates" from Galveston. When Kearney went ashore to wine and dine with Lafitte, he informed the residents they were to abandon the island at the end of three months under orders from President Monroe. By the end of March 1821, no trace of Campeche remained. Lafitte had ordered the village be burned to the ground when he left.

Jim and Mary Campbell were invited to join Lafitte but sailed their schooner to New Orleans. Jim sold his ship there and used the money to start a life as a merchant. After a year or so, he bough another schooner called the "Creole" and sailed to Orange, Texas to be a farmer and raise livestock. This proved to be not what they expected, so later on they moved to Double Bayou in Chambers County where

he met William Barrett Travis (the commander of the Alamo). The family finally ended up in Deer Island near Texas City in 1836 where he bought 1,500 acres to raise cotton and cattle. Here and around Swan Lake the family planted gardens, fruit trees and built a log cabin with windows that had shutters and a oyster shell floor. Jim died n 1856 and Mary died in 1892. In 1855 Mary dictated her

memoirs to Mirabeau B. Lamar. They are buried n

the Campbell Cemetery off Loop 197 south of Texas

City.

What a guy! War of 1812 hero, a Privateer Captain under Jean Lafitte and one of the earliest residents of the Bolivar-Galveston area.



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The 2019 Citizen of the Year

Janie Carter Millender



Doc Bruce

Bruce Mitchell, has a long history of service to the people of Crystal Beach/Bolivar Peninsula. Throughout his 40+ years of service to others, he has become playfully known here as aka: Doc Bruce. He is a person who gives unselfishly of himself, his talents, time, and energies to bring healthcare to the people in our community. Bruce is married to Joan Mitchell and she has worked beside him both as his nurse and his wife for over 21 years. He retired from the United States Army in 1990. He served 23 years. And he has earned his way through education as well as experienced life that few others could ever begin to understand or uphold. Being a veteran is no easy task for anyone but to be a Veteran as an Army medic puts him in a class of special caring. Danny Thompson is who brought Bruce to the beach, he told him one day in October 1993, "Have I got a place for you", they are people who need someone of your character (and we all know Bruce is a character), they need someone who can deal with the type of people who live on the beach. Apparently, those who live here were in need of someone they could trust and count on.

He has proved to be a valuable asset in this community, as he has helped to ensure good health for everyone in this community. Furthermore, he has worked diligently to help all of the citizens of Chambers, Jefferson, and Galveston Counties and he has patients all over the state of Texas. He has shown a true commitment to everyone. During his tenure as Physician Assistant he has saved numerous lives. He works tirelessly to help others and is in constant study. He does this on a per patient basis. He's not one to just generalize a patient, disease or illness. I have seen him stress about one of his patients where others may not see what the patient actually (feels) not just what they say and makes sure they don't see what he puts into a person's health our our community's health. He is a very humble man. He is committed to preserving, maintaining and improving the quality of life in our community.

I have seen him reach out to patients in many ways that another would never do, not because it is required but because he honestly cares. The talks with other doctors, the talks with insurance companies, pharmacies, and he talk with patients not AT them. The true commitment he has for each and every one is like no other. These are things no longer done, but he does. The deepest form of care is CARE...He actually cares. He's generous with his time and attention and devotion to each and every patient individually. Bruce has lived a tremendous life of love and service. He believes in others when they don't believe in themselves and he courages those around him, he leads by example. His contributions to his community go far beyond his immediate actions and will continue to better the world around us for years to come.

There aren't enough words to describe this year's recipient and his accomplishments.

Not many of you know this is the man who works in the truest description and practice of a real doctor. Many times, without pay. He had dedicated his life to keeping healthcare here on the Bolivar Peninsula for his patients that he respects and calls friends. He even opened his home as a clinic after Ike, this is his home and we are his people.

He served as a prominent voice for healthcare here on the Bolivar Peninsula especially of our senior citizens unable to care for themselves. He is one of the few who have actually made a HOUSE call. He calls and talks with patients. He is one of those that actually cares what you have to say and how you feel physically and emotionally.

2019 Citizen of the Year - Mr. Bruce Mitchell



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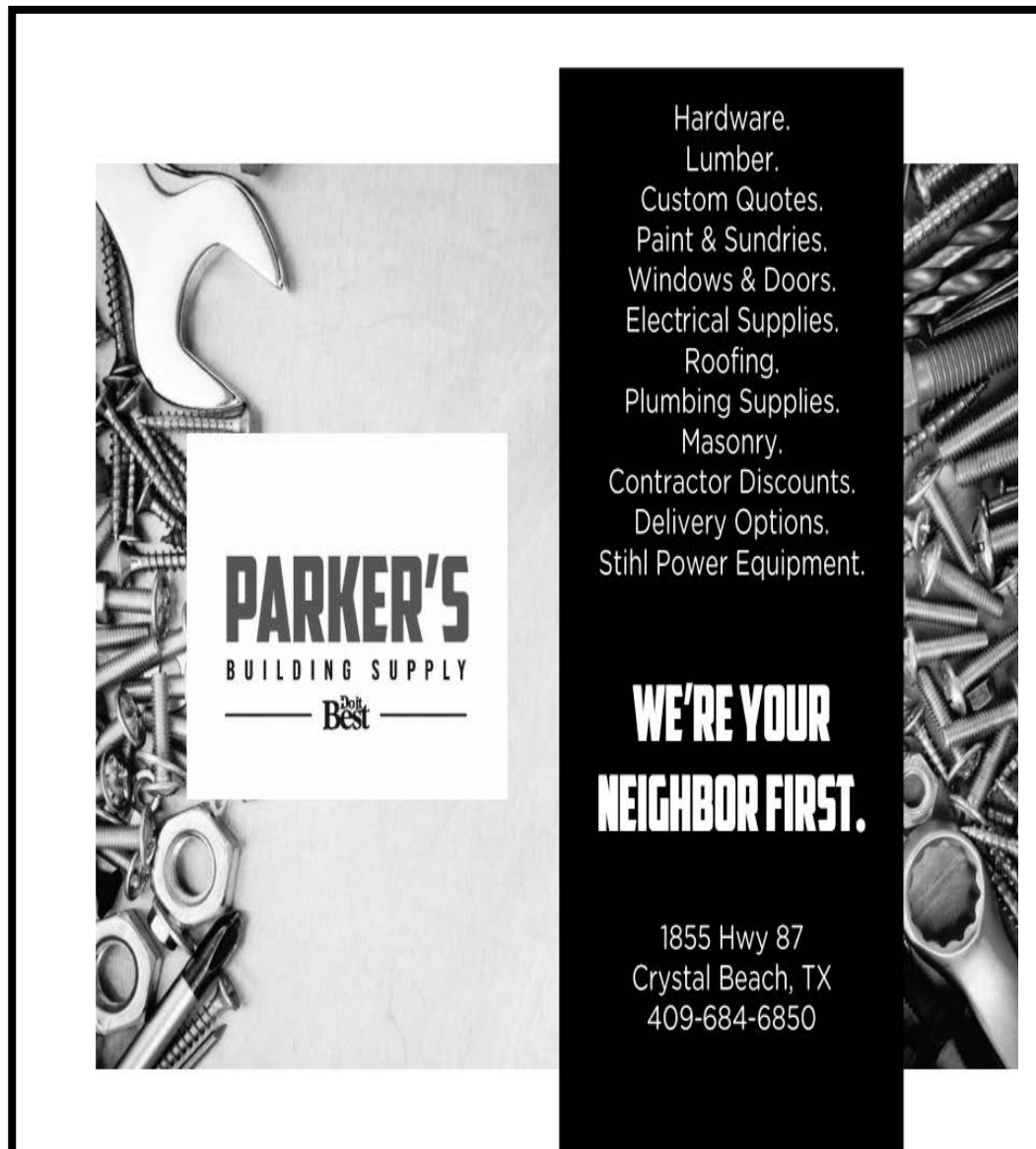
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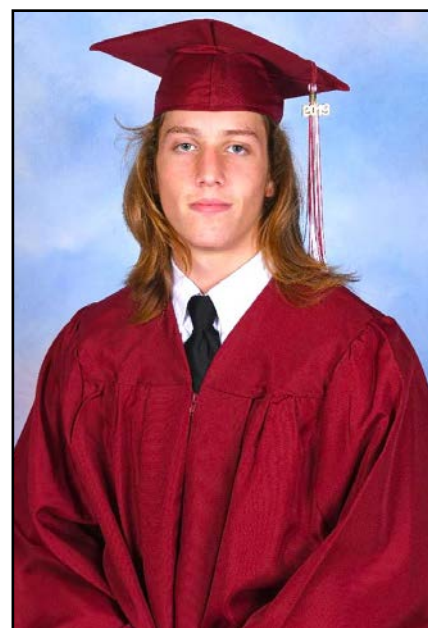
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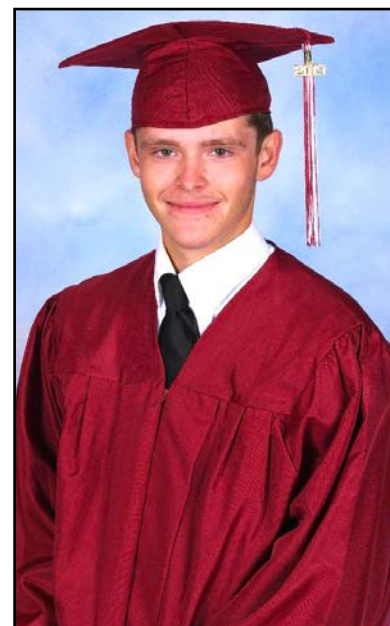
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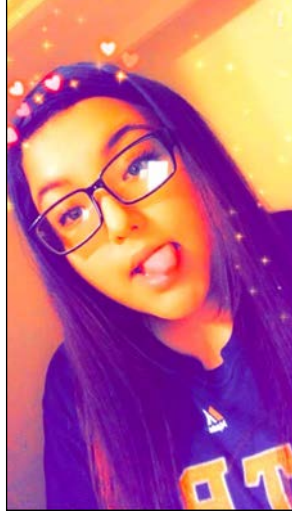
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Happy 10th Birthday!
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Have any questions, photos, or observations about nature on the Bolivar Peninsula? Please send them to Vince at vbrach@sbcglobal.net and he'll try to answer them.

Pretty Little Parasite

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Among the spring roadside wildflowers, there is little dispute that the breathtakingly blue swathes of the Bluebonnet (*Lupinus texensis*) are closest to the hearts of Texans. This is especially true if you live away from the coast near the interior of the state where this wildflower covers acres of roadside. But when spring wildflowers bloom along the Texas coast, another gorgeous annual wildflower tends to dominate: the spectacular Entire leaf Indian paintbrush (*Castilleja indivia*).

that at least in part, the Indian paintbrush draws some of its sustenance from the roots of other plants.

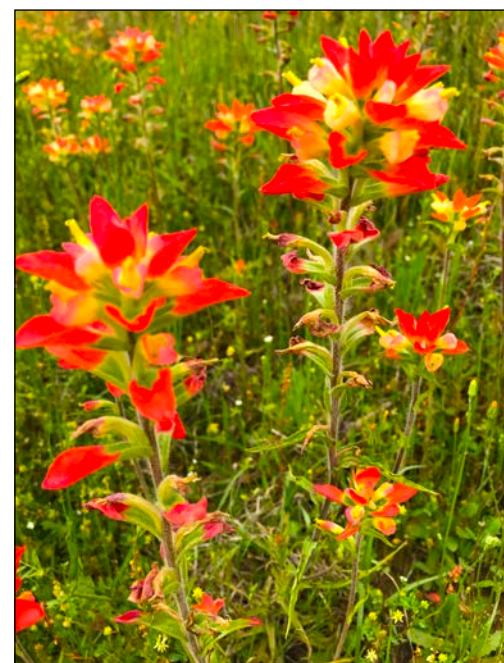
Parasitism is surprisingly common in the plant world. All of the broomrape family are parasitic, some even attacking our crops and requiring control measures. The exotic Mediterranean Hemp broomrape (*Orobanche ramosa*) may have pretty blue flowers resembling snapdragons but is now a pest of commercial tomatoes in Texas. Dodder (*Cuscuta* spp.) is an abundant pest along the Texas coast that has lost almost all of its chlorophyll. It may resemble a huge pile of orange wire dumped among the plants along a roadside. Mistletoe (*Phoradendron* sp.) is a commonly-seen tree parasite that is slightly less parasitic, since it has

chlorophyll to manufacture sugars but draws its liquids from its host.

The much less destructive "hemiparasitism" of the Indian paintbrush appears to be confined to stealing water from the various grasses and wildflowers which grow around it. The paintbrushes accomplish this theft by inserting tiny suckers called haustoria into the root tissues of their neighbors. Deliberate seeding of this wildflower fails if it is not planted with seeds of other plants. However, the damage they produce appears to be slight, since meadows dominated by paintbrushes do not appear sickly. A landscaping advantage for native-plant gardeners is that the Indian paintbrush is listed as "drought-resistant", no doubt a consequence of its water-stealing activities.

A close examination of the flower heads of the Indian paintbrush reveals interesting details. Almost all of the color is found in the bracts that surround the flower petals—in fact, the flowers themselves are small and an inconspicuous yellow-green. On occasion, bright lemon-yellow forms appear among the normal salmon-pink flower heads. I suspect that these may be caused by virus infection since the leaf color of these plants is also affected.

For lovers of butterflies, Indian paintbrush has another plus: it is butterfly-pollinated and attracts a wide variety of species. But the best thing about this lovely wildflower is that once you have it, it requires no attention at all to provide a beautiful reminder of spring that often lasts well into the summer.



Indian Paintbrush

The Indian paintbrush genus *Castilleja* (named in honor of the great Spanish botanist Juan Domingo Castillejo) is a big one covering over 200 species, one of which (*C. linariifolia*) is the state flower of Wyoming. Formerly classified by botanists in the family Scrophulariaceae or figworts, the genus has recently been moved to the broomrape family (Orobanchaceae) due to molecular genetics studies and a singular ecological peculiarity: like the true broomrapes, all of the paintbrushes are parasitic. This means



An enlarged Indian Paintbrush head showing stamens



Yellow form of Indian Paintbrush

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Citizen of the Year - Bruce Mitchell P.A., Presenter - Jeanie Millender, and Brenda Flanagan - President



Galveston Bay Foundation receives \$2.3 million grant to restore marsh along Galveston Bay
Award builds on Galveston Bay Foundation projects to restore area in Moses Lake and Dollar Bay and boost resilience

Galveston Bay Foundation received a \$2.3 million National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) award to continue to restore and create marsh habitat in the Dollar Bay/Moses Lake complex in Galveston Bay. The funding comes to Galveston Bay Foundation through the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund, a funding source created from Deepwater Horizon oil spill penalties.

This funding builds upon years of tried and developed techniques for marsh protection and restoration within the same project area including a 1,600-foot section of rock breakwater structures constructed in 2002, a 2,400-foot section constructed in 2012, and 1.3-mile section completed in 2018. Following these projects, Galveston Bay Foundation volunteers planted smooth cordgrass to reestablish fringing marsh and will continue to do so in this next phase.

The newly-funded project phase will complete the coastal habitat restoration initiated under the previously funded phases and leverage \$1 million recently awarded under NFWF's National Coastal Resilience Fund, for a total investment of more than \$5.7 million. Through the new phase, Galveston Bay Foundation will construct breakwaters to protect and restore estuarine emergent marsh along 1,500 feet of shoreline and 47 newly created marsh terraces, which will support emergent marsh vegetation. Construction work will restore 72 acres of intertidal marsh complex and create suitable habitat for oyster growth within the Dollar Bay/Moses Lake complex in Galveston Bay.

Protection of this critical coastal habitat will contribute to the larger landscape scale conservation efforts in Galveston Bay, which has lost more than 35,000 acres of intertidal wetlands since the 1950s.

The project is also supported by: USFWS Coastal Program, Texas GLO, Accenture, NFWF Gulf Coast Conservation Grants Program, Shell, Ducks Unlimited, Texas Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Habitat Today for Fish Tomorrow and CCA Building Conservation Trust.



DENNIS ROLLFING IS 60!

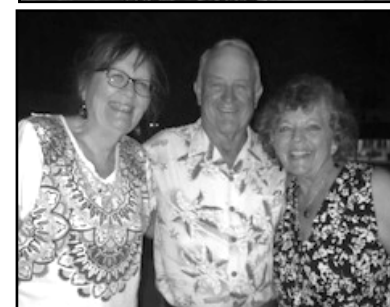
*Dennis, Dennis, he's our man.
If he can't fix it, no one can.*

Dennis Rollfing just turned 60. It seems fitting that this very special person had around 60 family and friends at his wonderful birthday party planned by lovely wife Elaine. His buddies Greg Holcombe and Jason Waggoner cooked up prize winning barbecue that had folk heading back for second, and third, helpings. Of course, there were succulent side dishes and desserts to please all palates. Heaven's Love band rhythms kept young, old and young at heart up and dancing.

Dennis and Elaine Rollfing moved from Montgomery to Bolivar Peninsula 4 years ago where they quickly became a part of our community. They have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Dennis is known for his generosity and willingness to help any in need. (Elaine says that he'd rather help other people than work on the projects she wants done around the house.) One of his current projects is working with Tom Osten to get the new location ready for this year's Texas Crab Festival.

Dennis always has an opinion. One of his friends once said that Dennis doesn't let his lack of knowledge get in his way of having an opinion. Another characteristic is his phrase, "What would Shorty say?" He has about 500 sayings for that, and if you hang around him for a short time, you will know what Shorty would say.

The Rollfings have been married for 40 years. They are still a real love story. Elaine stated, "He is a sweetheart, and I am happy to have him in my life. I wish a happy birthday to my knight in shining armor. I love you, sweetheart!" We love her sweetheart too. Happy 60th Birthday, Dennis! We wish you many, many more.



HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY

OBLER *continued*

1. Combine coating ingredients in a medium bowl; stir together and set aside.
2. Add dry funnel cake ingredients into large bowl.
3. Add in eggs, milk, and vanilla and whisk until fully combined and there will be very little lumps.
4. Add about 1/2 inch oil to skillet and heat to 350 degrees, watching closely.
5. Transfer batter into the funnel.
6. Once oil has reached drying temperature, pour batter into funnel cake pattern.
7. Allow to fry 30 seconds or until golden brown. Flip and cook the other side for another 20-30 seconds.
8. Keep watch of your oil temperature as this can fluctuate.
9. Once both sides are done cooking use tongs to remove and place immediately in cinnamon and sugar mixture. Toss to coat and then transfer to drying rack to cool slightly.
10. Continue with remaining batter.
11. Use a little raspberry jam mixed with a tiny bit of water stirred together to make a sauce for dipping or sprinkle with powdered sugar while still warm.

TRES LECHES CAKE

INGREDIENTS FOR THE CAKE:

- 1 1/2 cups cake flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter at room temperature
- 1 cup + 2 tablespoons sugar
- 5 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

INGREDIENTS FOR THREE-MILK GLAZE:

- 12 ounce can evaporated milk
- 14 ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup half-and-half

INGREDIENTS FOR THE WHIPPED CREAM:

- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup + 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS:

1. Make the cake: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9" x 13" baking pan; set aside.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the cake flour, baking powder and salt; set aside.
3. Beat the butter with an electric mixer on medium speed until fluffy, about 1 minute. Decrease the speed to low and with the mixer still running, gradually add the sugar over

1 minute. Stop to scrape down the sides of the bowl, if necessary. Add the eggs, 1 at a time, and mix to thoroughly combine. Add the flour mixture to the batter in 3 batches and mix just until combined. Transfer the batter to the prepared pan and spread into an even layer. (This will appear to be a very small amount of batter).

4. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the cake is lightly golden and reaches an internal temperature of 200 degrees. Remove the cake to a cooling rack and allow to cool for 30 minutes. Poke the top of the cake all over with a skewer or fork. Allow the cake to cool completely and then prepare the glaze.

5. Make the Three-Milk Glaze: In a 4-cup measuring cup, whisk together the evaporated milk, sweetened condensed milk and the half-and-half. Once combined, slowly pour the glaze evenly, over the cake. Refrigerate the cake for at least four hours, or overnight.

6. Make the Whipped Cream: Using an electric mixer, whisk together the heavy cream, sugar and vanilla on low speed until stiff peaks form. Increase to medium speed and whip until thick. Spread the topping over the cake and allow to chill in the refrigerator until ready to serve. Leftover cake should be covered and refrigerated for up to 1 day.

EASY HOMEMADE SOPAPILLAS

- 1 package or 1 tablespoon yeast
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 3 tablespoons shortening, melted
- 1 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 5 cups flour
- oil for frying
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- honey

Mix first 7 ingredients. Knead, about 10 times, until smooth. Cover with a dish towel and let rise 1 hour.

Roll dough to 1/8 inch thickness.

Cut into squares or triangles.

Fry one at a time in hot oil (385 to 400 degrees), turning once until brown.

Drain on paper towels.

Mix 1/2 cup sugar with 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon in a bowl.

Roll sopapillas in cinnamon and sugar and serve with honey. Make sure your oil is hot enough and the dough is 1/8 inch thick or your sopapillas won't puff.

Makes about 20

Tax & Voter Registration Deadlines Approaching

Don't miss the following important property tax and voter registration deadlines as well as the 2019 Effectively Protest Your Property Value class schedule. Mark your calendars!

- May 2nd** Effectively Protest Value, Learning Resource Center (Room L-131), College of the Mainland, 1200 Amburn Road in Texas City starting at 6 pm
- May 7th** Effectively Protest Value Class, Commissioner Courtroom 2nd floor County Courthouse, 722 Moody in Galveston starting at 6 pm
- May 15th** Deadline to call to schedule protest meeting, mail protest form or file online protest at County Appraisal District

Voter registration applications are available at all County Tax Office branches (8 am to 5 pm in Galveston, League City, Santa Fe and Texas City and satellite offices in Friendswood open every Thursday and Friday and Crystal Beach from 8 am to 4:30 pm the third Tuesday of each month), the Voter Registration Department in Galveston or online at www.galcotax.com (under the Voter Registration tab). We are more than happy to mail or email at application to you. Call the Voter Registration Department toll free at 1-888-976-2280. For directions to branch offices, please call (toll free) 1-877-766-2284.

Tax payments may be mailed to GCTO, PO Box 1169, Galveston, Texas 77553, left in GCTO drop boxes (outside each full time branch location) or paid online (www.galcotax.com) via electronic check (\$1 fee) or credit card (2.5% merchant fee). Credit card telephone payments are possible by calling 1-866-865-1433 (English) or 1-866-865-1435 (Spanish). For directions or locations, call the GCTO Administration Department at 1-877-766-2284. All calls are toll free.

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Galveston County Tax Office Receives Coveted TxDMV Silver Performance Quality Award

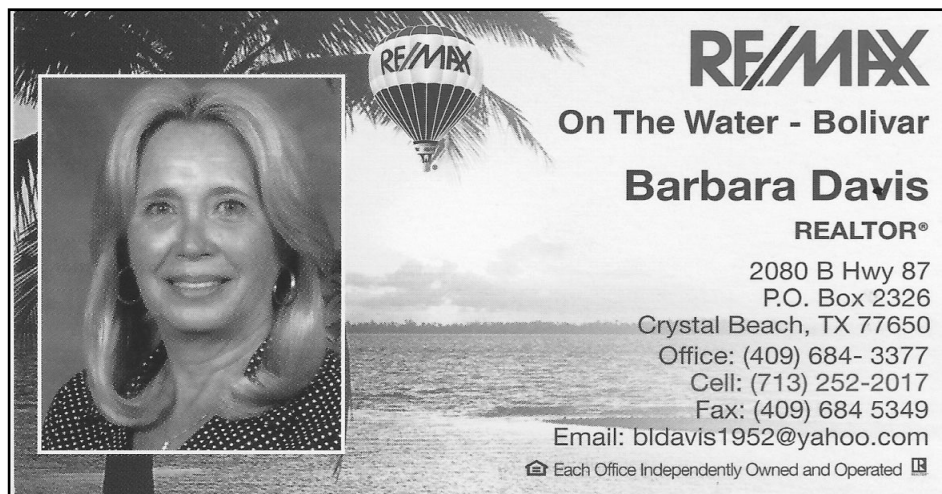
The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) established the Performance Quality Recognition Program to recognize county tax assessor collectors that go above and beyond in complying with Texas laws, rules and procedures and that provide exceptional customer service. There are three levels of performance – Bronze, Silver and Gold.

March 11, 2019, Whitney Brewster, Executive Director of TxDMV, notified County Tax Assessor Collector Cheryl E. Johnson that her office has been awarded the Silver Level, recognizing her office for its outstanding performance and efficiency in providing title and registration services. Silver recipients have demonstrated compliance with statutory requirements as well as shown a commitment to preventing fraud, providing a high level of customer service and training employees.

"Your office is in an elite group among your peers as one of only five offices to achieve Silver Level recognition...it is clear in reviewing your office's application that you have a culture of continuous improvement and embrace positive change," wrote Ms. Brewster. She thanked Ms. Johnson for being, "Driven to Serve."

Since the program's inception in 2018, of 254 Texas Counties, the following have achieved the indicated levels of performance:

Year	Level of Achievement	County
2019	Gold	Williamson
2019	Gold	Bee
2018	Silver	Andrews
2018	Silver	Bee
2019	Silver	Galveston
2019	Silver	Grimes
2018	Silver	Wichita
2018	Bronze	Archer
2019	Bronze	Austin
2018	Bronze	Eastland
2018	Bronze	Goliad
2018	Bronze	Irion
2019	Bronze	Madison
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Maria Mitchell
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Gerald Harvey Cheatham, Sr.

August 18, 1941 - April 20, 2019



Gerald Harvey Cheatham, Sr. "Jerry", age 77, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, April 20, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. He was born on August 18, 1941 in Porter, Texas to Vida and William Cheatham.

Jerry loved sports and played many throughout his childhood and schooling. He was a graduate and the class president of Montgomery High

School Class of 1960. Growing up, country music was always a huge part of Jerry's life. In fact, he had a band called "Jerry Cheatham and the Country Knights." In his early professional career, he worked in construction and oilfield services. Later, he owned and operated Gerald Cheatham Logging Co. for many years. In 1999, he moved to Bolivar where he operated his own shrimp boat called "The Miss Molly" and the Bolivar Yacht Basin Bait Camp for five years. He began selling BBQ out of the bait camp and eventually opened Jerry's BBQ after retiring from the bait business in 2006. He operated Jerry's BBQ for 3 years before finally retiring to Dacus, Texas to live around family. However, Jerry's true passions were for fishing, playing his guitar, cooking BBQ, and enjoying his grandchildren. During his years spent in Bolivar, he played bass guitar in the band at First Baptist Church of Crystal Beach. Most recently, he enjoyed running the live stream sound for Carbon Church's online ministry.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, William Harvey Cheatham and Vida Phillips Farmer; sister, Penny Cheatham; brother, Wayne Cheatham; son, Ronnie Phillips; grandson, Connor Phillips; daughter-in-law, Patricia Phillips. He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Cindy Cheatham; children, Molly Radford and husband, Neal of Montgomery, Gerald (Bo) Cheatham, Jr and wife, Angela of Dacus, Gary Phillips of Dacus; daughter-in-law, Lou Phillips of Dacus, Wesley Smith and wife, Sarah of Kingwood, Jason Smith and wife, Kristen of Montgomery, Steve Smith and wife, Holly of Kingwood; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and other loving relatives and friends that will miss him dearly.



Jackie Lee Harmon Sr. was born on October 26, 1941 in Houston, TX and died Saturday, March 30 at 6:02 pm at St Luke's in Houston, TX.

Mr. Harmon grew up in Houston, TX and traveled all over the US at a young age to explore and make a living. His first job as a very young boy, before he left home, was selling flowers. He painted curbs for gas stations in NY, operated a ride at James Coney Island, peeled potatoes and

chopped onions in FL, was a pea paddler, dish washer, shined shoes, cleaned floors and many other jobs in different locations to help him survive. Mr. Harmon's main residences were in Houston, TX and Port Bolivar, TX. His main profession later in life was car sales. He owned small used car lots in both Houston and Port Bolivar. He was a hard worker and always found a way to survive even the hardest times. He was a good man, constantly performing acts of kindness to others.

When he lived in Port Bolivar, TX, he began buying bikes for children that he knew would not get much for Christmas. Word got around about what he was doing and people began donating money so he could buy even more bikes to bless even more kids. Due to his kindness, a program was started on the peninsula 25 years ago that is still active today. They have been able to bless thousands of children with bikes. He also adopted a few families and provided their entire Christmas, including presents for all of the kids

and a nice Christmas dinner. He received Citizen of the Year for starting this program. When everyone was evacuated from Port Bolivar for hurricane Rita, he took over the kitchen in the shelter in Huntington and cooked countless meals for all the evacuees, even though he was one himself.

He had a passion for sharing a Budweiser with friends when he was not working hard.

Survivors include his son, Jackie Lee Harmon Jr.; daughter and partner, Shelly Clarke and Rocky Derrico; son and daughter-in-law, Brian Harmon and Ashlee Schultz Harmon; daughter, and son-in-law Teresa Johnston and Jeffrey Johnston, grandchildren: Jeff Key, Gordon Clarke, Jennifer Clarke, Paige Harmon, Brandon Harmon, Cameron Harmon, Landon Harmon, Tori Harmon, Logan Harmon, Zachary Johnston, Hunter Harmon, and Brock Johnston; 5 great-grandchildren; sister, Ellen Schultz; sister, Mary Webb; brother, Doug Shaw; and sister, Helen Hilton, plus a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred Harmon; son, Randy Harmon; and son-in-law, Aden Clarke.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Patel and Chi St. Luke's for their care and kindness.



Alton Glenn Johnson

February 24, 1957 - April 17, 2019



Alton Glenn Johnson, 62, of High Island, died Wednesday, April 17, 2019. He was born on February 24, 1957, to Catherine Comeaux and Herman Glenn Johnson, in Galveston.

Glenn was an amateur World War II Historian and gator hunter. In his free time, he enjoyed flounder fishing, gardening and attending air shows. He collected guns and raised ducks, chickens and geese. Glenn enjoyed his Rock and Roll music and never met a stranger.

Survivors include his son, Micheal Johnson, of Pleasant Grove, Utah; brothers, Hershel and Percy Johnson, both of High Island; sister, Karen Richardson, of High Island; nieces, Cady Richardson and Hailey Mendoza; and nephews,

Christopher Richardson, and Aarron and Payton Johnson.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and baby brother, Kenneth Johnson.

Donna Compton

April 6, 2019

Donna Compton passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Donna was a resident of Wildwood, Texas at the time of passing.

A memorial service was held at the beach April 12, 2019 in Gilchrist, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wildwood/Village Mills Methodist Church, 5943 FM Road 3063 (P.O. Box 332) Village Mills, Texas 77663; Wildwood Baptist Church, 100 Wildwood Drive (P.O. Box 729) Village Mills, Texas 77663; or to an organization of your choice in Donna's name.

Tiffany Seiter

December 23, 1980 - April 15, 2019



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Tiffany Seiter (Texas City, Texas), who passed away on April 15, 2019, at the age of 38, leaving to mourn family and friends.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

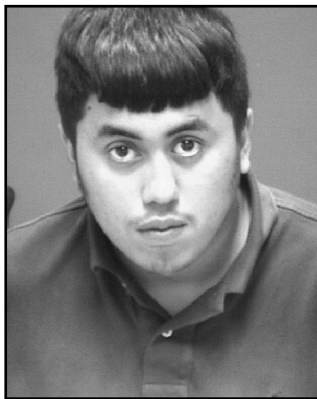


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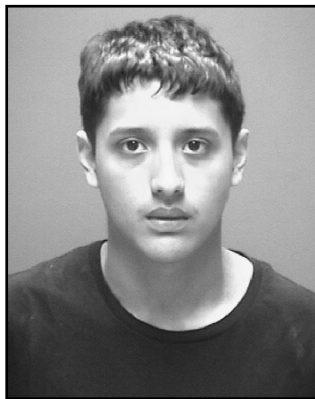
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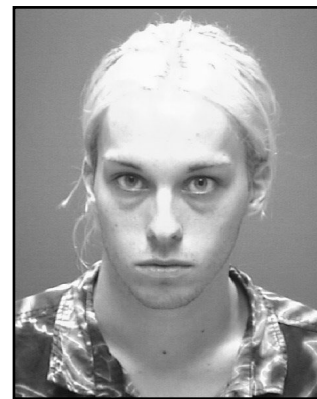
Ramirez, Jose Alfredo (W /M/17)
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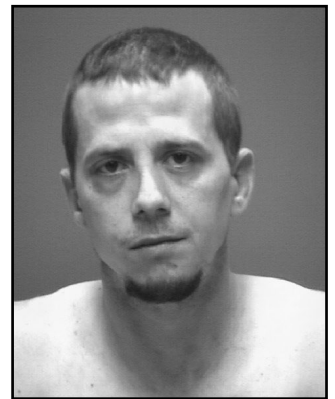
Smith, Shannon Keith (W /M/44)
Arrest on chrg of Municipal Hold - Gpd (M), at 1928 Ave J, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/27/2019 20:42.



Perez, Javier Alexis (W /M/18) Arrest on chrg of 1) Poss Cs Pg 2 >= 1g<4g (F) and 2) Poss Marij <2oz (M), at Beach Barrell 112, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/27/2019 17:37.



Erickson, Camden Robert (W /M/21) Arrest on chrg of 1) Unl Carrying Weapon (M) and 2) Poss Marij >2oz<=4oz (M), at Beach Barrell 112, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/27/2019 17:37.



Miller, Jesse Earl (W /M/32) Arrest on chrg of 1) Resist Arrest Search Or Transport (M), 2) Driving While Intoxicated 2nd (M), and 3) Unserve Bond Condition Hold (M), at Sh 87, Gilchrist, TX, on 4/27/2019 19:00.



Cuniff, Heather Erin (W /F/28) Arrest on chrg of 1) Unserve Bond Condition Hold (M) and 2) Emergency Protective Order Hold (M), Arrest on chrg of Burglary Habitation Intend Other Felony, F (F) at 681 Hwy 86, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/28/2019 17:34.



Hudson, Chasity Monet (B /F/25) Arrest on chrg of Emergency Protective Order Hold (M), Arrest on chrg of Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Violence, M (M), at 100 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 4/29/2019 21:33.



Hays, Zacchary James (W /M/26) Arrest on chrg of Driving W/lic Inv W/ prev Conv/susp/w/o Fin Res, M (M), at 1341 Tx-124, High Island, TX, on 4/30/2019 07:58.

April 30 - Galveston County SO investigated a report for illegal drugs that washed up on the beach in Gilchrist, TX. Approximately 2 KG (4.4 lbs) of packaged marijuana were recovered for destruction. No known suspects exist.

All it takes is just one second, one bad decision equals being marked as a felon. Time spent in jail, reputation is damaged, financial recovery can be overwhelming. Think before you act. "No" is one of the first words learned, practice saying "No", "No" to bad decisions, "No" to drugs, "No, I don't want to", walk away and stay away. Respect yourself.

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The Beach Bum says silence is golden. Unless you have kids, then silence is just suspicious.

Happy Mother's Day!

People born after 1980 are called Generation Y. Why do we pronounce the last group Generation why*Y*?

- * (why) should I get a job
- * should I leave home and find my own place?
- * should I get a car when I can borrow yours?
- * should I clean my room?
- * should I wash and iron my clothes
- * should I buy any food?

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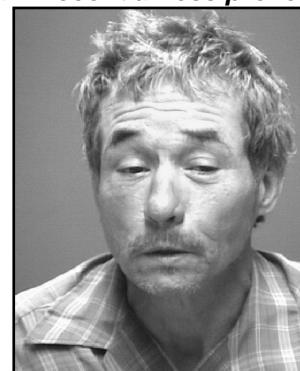
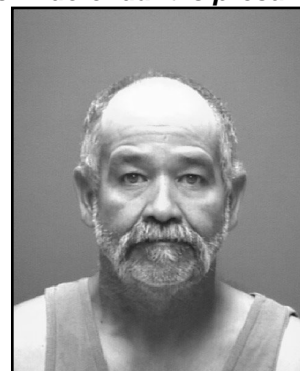
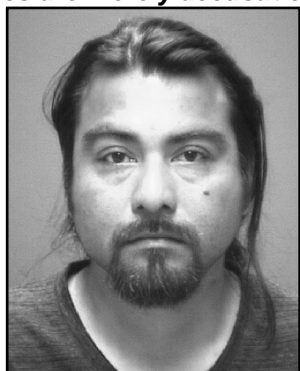
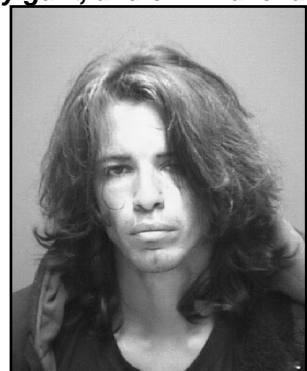
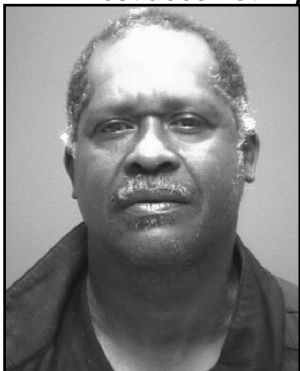


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Epps, Terry D (B /M/62) Arrest on chrg of Municipal Hold - Gpd (M), at 1200 29th St, Port Bolivar, TX, on 4/1/2019 10:45.

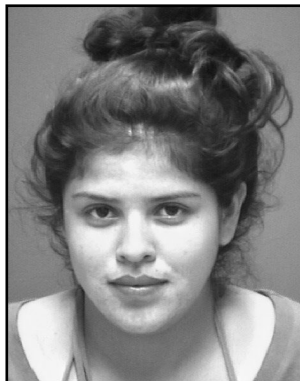
Martinez, Waylon Thomas (W /M/28) Arrest on chrg of 1) Poss Cs Pg 1 >=1g<4g (F) and 2) Poss Cs Pg 3 < 28g (M), at 1263 Canalw, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/2/2019 10:52.

Ortiz, Cesar Narvaez (W /M/34) Arrest on chrg of 1) Expired License Plates (M), 2) Driving While License Invalid Class"c" (M), and 3) Operate Motor Vehicle W/o Financial Responsibility (M), at 2020 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/6/2019 17:38.

Gutierrez, Michael Shane (W /M/51) Arrest on chrg of Assault Int/reck Breath/circ Fam Mem Prev lat (F), at 1037 Bay View Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/6/2019 10:13.

Gonzales, Vincent Edward (W /M/52) Arrest on chrg of Poss Cs Pg 1 >=1g<4g (F), at 800 Townsend Dr, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/6/2019 18:10.

Angstead, Daniel Lee (W /M/36) Arrest on chrg of 1) Unl Carrying Weapon (M) and 2) Poss Cs Pg 3 < 28g (M), at 628 Nelson Ave, Port Bolivar, TX, on 4/8/2019 23:06.



Allen, Damian Richard (W /M/20) Arrest on chrg of 1) Unl Carrying Weapon (M) and 2) Poss Marij <2oz (M), at 1164 Faggards Slip Rd, Gilchrist, TX, on 4/12/2019 06:27.

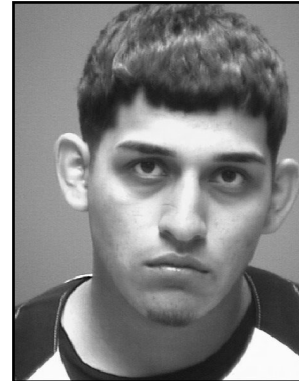
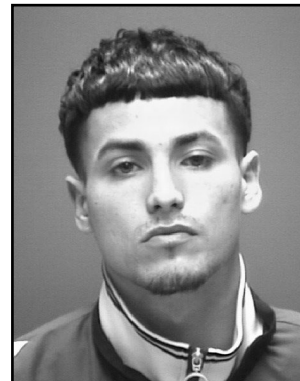
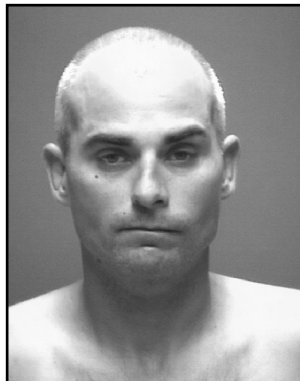
Bullock, Wesley Luke (W /M/30) Arrest on chrg of Out Of County Warrant - Travis Co, M (M), at 2615 Holiday, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/14/2019 10:18.

Sanchez, Nancy Vianey (W /F/24) Arrest on chrg of Permit Unlic Oper To Drive/non-guardian (M), at Beach @ Crystal Beach Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/14/2019 20:25.

Islas Briones, Osvaldo Aramis (W /M/21) Arrest on chrg of Unl Carrying Weapon (M), at Beach @ Crystal Beach Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/14/2019 20:25.

Garcia, Mario Alberto (W /M/28) Arrest on chrg of Out Of County Warrant (harris Co So), M (M), at 708 Boyt Rd, Port Bolivar, TX, on 4/14/2019 17:48.

Perea, Anthony James (W /M/45) Arrest on chrg of Man Del Cs Pg 1 >=4g<200g (F), at 600 59th St, Galveston, TX, on 4/16/2019 10:30.



Brown, Tyler Zachary (W /M/24) Arrest on chrg of Unserve Bond Condition Hold (M), at 3000 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/17/2019 02:26.

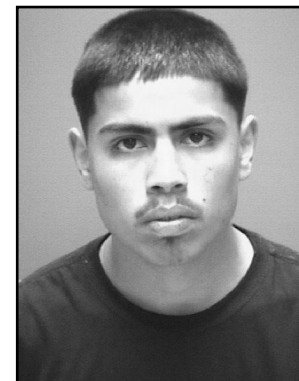
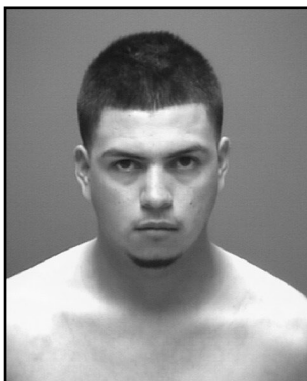
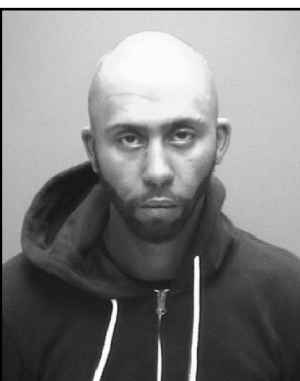
Garcia, Jose Luis (W /M/27) Arrest on chrg of Driving While Intoxicated (M), at Crystal Beach @ Barrel 88, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/19/2019 23:26.

Berry, Danielle Michelle (W /F/33) Arrest on chrg of Driving While Intoxicated (M), at 2100 Blk Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/19/2019 21:40.

White, Johnathan Arthur (W /M/37) Arrest on chrg of Criminal Trespass, M (M), at 1241 N. Loop Rd, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/19/2019 21:07.

Lucio, Trent David (W /M/20) Arrest on chrg of 1) Man Del Cs Pg 1 >=4g<200g (F) and 2) Poss Marij <2oz (M), at 1982 Ave J, Crystal Beach, on 4/20/2019 00:07.

Pena, Nathan Angel (W /M/19) Arrest on chrg of Poss Marij <2oz, M (M), at 1982 Ave J, Crystal Beach, on 4/20/2019 00:07.



Griffin, John Michael (B /M/34) Arrest on chrg of Driving While Intoxicated (M), at 1900 Blk Hwy 87, High Island, TX, on 4/20/2019 20:58.

Aleman, Julio Alexander (W /M/22) Arrest on chrg of 1) No Drivers License (M) and 2) Unsafe Speed (M), at Beach @ Retillion, Port Bolivar, TX, on 4/20/2019 17:37.

Sosa, Celen (W /F/22) Arrest on chrg of Assault (M), at BB29 Boyt/beach, Port Bolivar, TX, on 4/21/2019 07:06.

Stelly, Kyle Martin (W /M/31) Arrest on chrg of Poss Drug Paraphernalia, M (M), at 4299 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX, on 4/23/2019 00:37.

Guerrero, Ricardo Ivan (W /M/23) Arrest on chrg of Poss Marij <2oz (M), at 1399 Highway 87, Ghilchrist, TX, on 4/9/2019 21:46.

Campuzano, Joseph Asaih (W /M/17) Arrest on chrg of Evading Arrest Detention, M (M), at 643 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX, on 4/27/2019 09:55.

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