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Business of the Month



WAYNE FAIRCLOTH
REPUBLICAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 23

2275 Hwy 87 Suite 10 Crystal Beach Texas 77650



State Representative Wayne Faircloth's office held a the ribbon cutting ceremony and reception Saturday November 4 at his new office in Crystal Beach Plaza at the Bolivar Tourism office.

His willingness to put his office in our area shows his commitment to our community. We are honored that he values the citizens of the Bolivar and Winnie communities. We urge all the citizens of Bolivar and Winnie to stop by and meet our State Representative Wayne Faircloth in person and show your appreciation that our voice and concerns matter to him.

Representative Faircloth's office is located inside the Bolivar Tourism office, 2275 Hwy 87, Suite 10.

Have an issue? Make an appointment, make your voice heard.

High Island Homecoming Queen and King



High Island ISD held their homecoming ceremonies Saturday, November 4, crowning Abby Howarton - Queen and Cody Hall - King and a BIG win over Leverett's Chapel Lions.

Also, nominated for Queen were Jaden Bryan, Allison Catching and Karlee Ritchee. Nominated for King were James Beasley, Kole Rodriguez, and Kade Meyers.

Other homecoming pictures are featured throughout the Beach Triton.

Driftwood Presentation

Each year the Driftwood Subdivision hosts their annual gumbo cook off raising funds to benefit local charities.

This year the group chose the Peninsula Sports Park and Jacob's Ladder, presenting each with a check over \$2,800.

Everett Johnson made the presentation in front of the Driftwood Subdivision with Leslie Lowe accepting for the Peninsula Sports Park and Jan Kent for Jacob's Ladder.

I believe we all have those days when we are wondering how to take the next step forward, and then God answers.

Thank you to everyone involved in the Gumbo Cookoff and especially for supporting local charities.

The Peninsula Sports Park is raising funds to add lights to their playing field.

Jacob's Ladder is a 501(c)3 founded in memory of Jacob Kent who was killed by a drunk driver April 2, 2005, supporting Men's Life Recovery Center in High Island, TX





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Happy Thanksgiving

Bolivar Peninsula Community

Please join us for the
4th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner
 & all the trimmings

Thursday, November 23, 2017

12:00 noon
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19th Annual Christmas

Bike Drive

Fall is here and Christmas is right around the corner. There are many families on the peninsula that have had setbacks in the last year.

Texas Crab Fest Charities is accepting donations to continue The Peninsula's Annual Bike Drive. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated and because TCFC is a non-profit organization, donations are tax deductible. Please share this with family, friends and businesses.

Donations can be mailed to:

Texas Crab Fest Charities

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Crystal Beach, Tx, 77650

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This program has brought thousands of smiles to children through the years and we need your help for it to continue!

Thank you,
 William Comeaux

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Wednesday - 5:00 PM

MONTHLY EVENTS AT BAYVUE UMC

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

2nd Monday of each Month - 8:00 AM

PRAYER WARRIORS

2nd and 4th Mondays - 10:00 AM

PenDeCo Perspective

Peninsula Development Coalition

John Lee, Jr., Vice President

Happy Mo-ember (November)

November, or "Mo-ember" as it is known in some circles, has developed in recent years and involves the growing of mustaches of all shapes and sizes to promote awareness of men's health issues such as prostate cancer and other primarily male cancers and their related charities. November has also been called "No shave November" to also promote men's health. But, November is the month we celebrate Veterans Day; and honor (on the 11th) those men and women who have served in our nations armed forces; and later in the month we celebrate Thanksgiving (on the 4th Thursday of the month) that began back in 1621 as a harvest celebration. Thanksgiving has largely evolved into a celebration of the iconic America- a nation of abundance, plenty and football.

Originally known as Remembrance Day or Armistice Day, to mark the treaty that represented the cessation of hostilities of the First World War, the treaty was signed to take effect at 11:00 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. Ironically, the first world war was heralded as the war fought to end all wars, it is a sad thing to consider how many people have perished in wars and conflicts since 1918.... It is often easy to overlook or take for granted the sacrifices made by of our soldiers because they just do it; and it is a debt we can never repay, but it is a debt we have a duty to honor and to live up to our side of the bargain as well.

We are fortunate to have a local community of dedicated individuals who answer the call at all hours of the day and night on a volunteer basis to protect us from the threat of fire; citizens who assist with providing emergency medical services,

providing water service, and many other services that help improve the quality of life on the Bolivar Peninsula. I'm certain it would be greatly appreciated if you would take the opportunity to thank a volunteer, whether they are a fireman, or serve on a Board, or provide some other type of service as a volunteer the next time you see them around town. Remember- they are actively engaged on a daily basis, to help make the Bolivar Peninsula a better place to live. The question is- Can you say the same about yourself?

It is the usual practice of this column to ask people to look beyond themselves or to provide a local perspective on current issues. It is intended to help those outside our immediate area understand why we believe something is important and to possibly provoke a new approach to ongoing problems. Often that's not popular, or easy; and we usually hear from those having a different perspective. But, ideas contained in this column are the Peninsula Development Coalition (PenDeCo) point of view, hence the name "PenDeCo Perspective". These issues are genuine, and they are written with love for a community that has often had to pick itself up off the floor through the efforts of neighbor helping neighbor.

PenDeCo would like to thank the many volunteers, especially the volunteer fireman and the volunteers and paid staff at PEMSI, and those throughout the Peninsula who work long thankless hours doing things for their neighbors not because of any special acclaim they might receive, but simply because it's the right thing to do.

As we start approaching the holiday season, if it is at all possible we should try to be a more forgiving, understanding, helpful, and involved

member of the community. Who knows, if we keep trying long enough to maintain that "Holiday Spirit" of forgiveness, brotherhood, and seeing people as human beings instead of as just someone we can argue or find fault with... we might be able to actually connect with our neighbors and live a different and better life in the future.

We have been blessed, and we still live in the greatest country in the world. We are free to live our lives as we please so long as it's not to the detriment of others. Like the old saying goes, "Your rights stop at the tip of my nose, as mine stop at the tip of yours." Let us each take the opportunities we are given and make a conscious choice to work together, to continue helping our neighbors, and to take the time to be involved. Consider volunteering at a local outreach, attend PTO meetings, volunteer to read to a local grade school class, and most importantly- decide to be a good example to others- attitudes are contagious, make sure yours is worth catching.

PenDeCo would again like to thank and honor all the men and women who have served in our nation's armed forces and honor their sacrifice and service by never forgetting or taking for granted those who did not come back, those who did come back but are now suffering from life changing injuries, and all those others that have served, continue to serve, and will serve in the future. We would especially like to Thank Ms. Jan Kent for the opportunity to provide these articles each month and without her assistance and dedication these articles would simply not be possible.

We hope everyone has a very safe and joyous month of November and Thanksgiving holiday and remember we have much to be thankful for.

Happy Birthday!
Ashley Cupp
November 19

Happy Birthday!
Kristy Chambers
November 7

Happy Anniversary!
Martha & James Gau
November 10

Happy Birthday!
Alvin Sullivan
November 23

Happy Birthday!
Pam Adams
November 14

Happy Birthday!
Tracy Barnett
November 10

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James "Buford" Boggan
November 9

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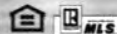
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High Island Cardinals



Mr. Travis Grubbs has been named the Lone Finalist for the Superintendent position.



Mr. Kyle Kahla and Mr. Gary Kent from the Winnie-Stowell Masonic Lodge presented the High Island Kindergarten and First Grade with packets for the Fantastic Teeth Fan Club. The Fantastic Teeth Fan Club provides free prevent tooth decay kits to first graders in Texas, along with educational information for parents about the importance of caring for children's teeth. The focus is on preventing pain and suffering, as well as reducing the cost of dental services. The Fantastic Teeth Fan Club is a program of Masonic Home and School of Texas, a charitable organization serving children and families of Texas for more than a century. To learn more about MHS, visit www.mhstx.org.



Upcoming School Events

- November 3 - Homecoming Parade & Bonfire ~ 2 PM
- November 4 - Homecoming Pregame ~ 12:45 PM
- HOMECOMING**
- High Island VS Leverett's Chapel ~ 2 PM
- November 8 - Field trip to Lamar School of Nursing
- November 11 - Fall Fest
- November 13 - Fall Photo Make Up Day
- Board Meeting ~ 6:30 PM
- November 16 ~ Thanksgiving Lunch
- November 17 - End of 6 weeks and Early Out/PD
- November 20 - 24 ~ THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS
- November 27 - 3rd Six Weeks Begins
- November 29 - Report Cards

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS 2017 SCHOOL FIRST RATING

The High Island Independent School District will hold a public meeting on November 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the High Island ISD Board Room in the Multi-Purpose Building, 2113 6th Street, High Island, Texas 77623. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss High Island ISD's rating on the state's School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas).

Varsity Football Schedule

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| 11/04 | Leverett's Chapel | 2 PM |
| 11/10 | Bye | |



High School Basketball

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| 11/10 | Sabine Pass | T | G 5 PM |
| 11/14 | Chester | H | G 5 PM/B 6:30 |
| 11/16,17,18 | West Hardin Tourney | T | TBA G & B |
| 11/20 | Colmesneil | T | G 1 PM/B 2:30 |
| 11/28 | Deweyville | T | G 5 PM/B 6:30 |
| 11/30.12/1,2 | Deweyville Tourney | T | Boys only TBA |
| 12/5 | Sabine Pass | H | JV 4:30/VG 6:30/VB 7:30 |
| 12/7,8,9 | High Island Tournament | H | TBA G & B |
| 12/12 | Bob Hope | T | G 5PM/B 6:30 |
| 12/15 | Beaumont Harmony | H | B 5 PM Boys Only |
| 12/18 | OCC | H | G 5PM/B 6:30 |
| 12/19 | Legacy Christian | H | JVB 5 PM/VB 6:30 |
| 12/28-30 | Aggieland Invitational | Bryan | TBA |

Junior High Basketball

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| 11/13 | Chester | T | G 5PM/B 6PM |
| 11/27 | Bob Hope | T | G 5PM/B 6PM |
| 12/4 | Bob Hope | H | G 5 PM/B 6 PM |
| 12/11 | | | G 5 PM/B 6 PM |
| 12/18 | | | |

Champions

by Lynne S Averett
lynneaverett@hotmail.com
November 2, 2017



I am an Astros addict. I go to the games, the playoffs and the World Series. (I'll tell you sometime how I bought those tickets without having to sell my house.)

I wear the orange Astros shirt and a team hat everywhere - to school to pick up my grandkids, to the museum to give art tours, to classes I'm taking - everywhere.

This has been Some Season! The Astros whipped all the teams they played including the Yankees, (with their New York attitude) and the Red Sox. I screamed, I cried, I laughed, and sometimes I hid my eyes. My clothes have the "fragrance" of long hours at Minute Maid

Park. They cannot be washed before the season is over! Whether at Minute Maid or at home watching away games, we eat hot dogs, drink beer, and enjoy peanuts and Crackerjacks - the food of Champion's. It's all part of my superstitions for a winning season.

Many years ago, in almost another lifetime, I was a little girl in San Francisco watching the Giants with my Dad and freezing at Candlestick Park. Until we moved to Texas, I didn't know baseball was a summer sport. I idolized Willie Mays of the Giants in those days. When not at the Park, Dad and I listened to games on the radio. I played left field and pitched in neighborhood pickup games. When you jump ahead many years, here we are in the series of a lifetime. Going to the World Series with my home team has been on my Bucket List for a long time. The Astros not only played great baseball all year, but they brought fun and happiness to the entire South Texas Coast region. We've been hit by Harvey, many of us are still rebuilding (myself included), but this post season and the World Series Championship has given us back a bounce in our steps and a bigger heart. Astros, your gift has meant the world to everybody!

So if we can talk about the players and discuss, with authority, who should pitch or how our batters are doing, then we have been blessed-yes blessed-with a few weeks of absolute excitement and happiness.

As I finish this column, we have just won the World Series! Words cannot express how thrilled and joyful I am right now. My fellow fans and I will treasure this special gift forever.

Thank You, Astros, from Everyone on the Gulf Coast!

High Island Homecoming Parade



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| Happy Birthday! April Cathriner November 9 | Happy Birthday! Vena McNiel November 23 | Happy Birthday! Joe Forkner November 17 | Happy Birthday! Sara Angelo November 12 |

Cooking with Miss "Obler"

Janice Oliver, Retired Home Ec Teacher, HIISD

This Thanksgiving season, I want to share some pumpkin recipes-- recipes that would be fun to share or even give as gifts.

I hope you find one that may become a family tradition in your home. Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

PUMPKIN DUMP CAKE

30 ounces 100% pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling)
12 ounces evaporated milk
3 eggs
1 cup sugar
3 teaspoons cinnamon
1 box yellow cake mix
1 cup chopped pecans
3/4 cup melted butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Grease a 9" by 13" baking dish. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs, sugar, and cinnamon.

Mix until blended.

Pour/spread mixture into prepared baking dish.

Evenly sprinkle cake mix over the top of the batter.

Sprinkle pecans over the cake mix.

Pour melted butter over the top of the other ingredients.

Bake 50 minutes.

Allow to cool before cutting.

Garnish with whipped topping.

My students would often share recipes for us to try in class. This was a favorite!

LIBBY'S PUMPKIN ROLL

CAKE:

1/4 cup powdered sugar (to spread on towel)
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 large eggs
1 cup granulated sugar
2/3 cup Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin
1 cup walnuts, chopped (optional)

FILLING:

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, at room temperature
1 cup powdered sugar, sifted
6 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
powdered sugar (optional, for decoration)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAKE:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease 15" by 10" inch jelly roll pan; line with wax paper. Grease and flour paper. Sprinkle a thin, cotton kitchen towel with powdered sugar.

Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves and salt in small bowl. Beat eggs and

granulated sugar in large mixer bowl until thick. Beat in pumpkin. Stir in flour mixture. Spread evenly into prepared pan. Sprinkle with nuts.

Bake for 13 to 15 minutes or until top of cake springs back when touched. (If using a dark-colored pan, begin checking for doneness at 11 minutes). Immediately loosen and turn cake onto prepared towel. Carefully peel off paper. Roll up cake and towel together, starting with narrow end. Cool on wire rack.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING:

Beat cream cheese, 1 cup powdered sugar, butter and vanilla extract in small mixer bowl until smooth. Carefully unroll cake. Spread cream cheese mixture over cake. Reroll cake. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate at least one hour. Sprinkle with powdered sugar before serving, if desired.

DELICIOUS PUMPKIN BREAD RECIPE

5 large eggs
1 1/4 cups canola oil
1 can (15 ounces) solid-pack pumpkin
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups sugar
2 packages (3 ounces each) cook-and-serve vanilla pudding mix
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt

In a large bowl, beat the eggs. Add oil and pumpkin; beat until smooth.

Combine remaining ingredients; gradually beat into pumpkin mixture.

Pour batter into five greased 5 3/4" by 3" by 2" loaf pans. Bake at 325 degrees for 50-55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.

Freeze option: Securely wrap and freeze cooled loaves in plastic and foil. To use, thaw at room temperature.

Makes 5 mini loaves (8 slices each)

PUMPKIN PEANUT BUTTER DIP

1 cup pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie filling)
1 cup smooth peanut butter
1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
Apple slices

Add all ingredients (except apples) into a blender and blend until smooth.

Transfer dip to a serving bowl, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Remove from refrigerator and serve with apple slices.

Serves 4 to 6. This would be pretty as a gift in a mason jar with a pretty ribbon and gift tag.



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MARY JEAN SARGENT



Mary Jean Sargent after recital

The Sargents of Galveston, Texas are one fine musical family. Multi-talented mom Jean, sisters Mary Jean and Anna Leigh Sargent of EXODUS XV have performed for many venues. They graced the stage at our Jane Long Festival, played for Bay View UMC and entertained the Lafitte Society. Dad Bill Sargent is sometimes allowed to join them. (He is really good on the drums.)

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is, as the name suggests, a guild of American organists. Mary Jean Sargent took the national collegiate exam for certification in the AGO last May. This exam consisted of performance of a required repertoire piece, accompaniment of a choral piece, accompaniment of a soprano solo, sight-reading, transposition and improvisation. Not only did Mary Jean pass, but she received the highest score of anyone in the United States that took the test this year.

Mary Jean may now use the letters CAGO (Collegiate American Guild of Organists) after her name. In addition she received a cash prize. "I spent it on sheet music. It seemed the right thing to do," Mary Jean stated. Her name will be listed in the October issue of the AGO's "The American Organist".

This talented young lady shared her musical skills with admirers at an organ recital on October 1, 2017 at 4:00 PM in Moody Methodist Church. Mary Jean chose pieces that displayed the myriad musical aspects of performance on an organ. Audience thrilled to numbers both familiar and new.

One of the many enjoyable moments occurred when Mary Jean was joined by her music teacher, the incomparable Marjorie Rasche on the piano, Bill Sargent as the drummer, Jean Sargent on the flute and Anna Leigh Sargent playing the violin. They presented "Awake and Sing!" composed by Mary Jean. Miss Sargent then thanked everyone who had helped her achieve her outstanding success. She received an enthusiastic standing ovation when she finished her final number.

Attendees gathered after this wonderful program to enjoy a spread of fruit and Sargent homemade cupcakes. The cakes were decorated with musical symbols. What a delicious ending to a magnificent concert! Thank you, Mary Jean Sargent, for such an enjoyable, inspiring performance.

The Beach Bum says Lord, give me coffee to change the things I can change, and wine to accept the things I can't.

The Beach Bum's wife quit her job after giving birth. The exit questionnaire asked, "What steps would have prevented you from leaving?" She answered, "Birth control."

The Beach Bum says it doesn't matter if the glass is half empty or half full. There's clearly more room for more wine.

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

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Dad - Bill Sargent



Sister - Anna Leigh Sargent

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High Island Homecoming Parade

Galveston County adopts budget, lowering tax rate for 7th consecutive year

Despite Hurricane Harvey devastating areas of the county, commissioners were able to successfully pass the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. In a 4-1 vote Galveston County Commissioners Court passed a budget that represents a 12.22% tax rate reduction over a seven year period.

The county also continued its pattern of lowering overall debt and maintained an "AA+" rating from Fitch Ratings and an "Aaa" from Moody's Investors Services, Inc. on its general-obligation debt.

In his letter to county officials, Chief Financial Officer David Delac attributed budget successes to sound fiscal leadership and a team effort that relied on the knowledge and expertise of individuals on all levels of county government.

"Our fundamental goal in developing this budget is to minimize the burden on taxpayers by funding state and federally mandated programs and those discretionary services most beneficial to the community," Delac said. "The primary focus is the health, safety and welfare of citizens and visitors to Galveston County."

County Judge Mark Henry, who takes pride in the fact that the rate has been lowered each year he's been in office, said he feels Galveston County is well positioned to meet community needs and future challenges.

"Even through our recovery efforts with Hurricane Harvey, Galveston County is still flourishing with opportunities," Henry said. "Our petrochemical industry and workforce is thriving, our top-ranked universities and junior colleges were not damaged and our economic outlook remains strong."

Included in the new budget is a one-time supplement payment of \$1,250 for all county employees and approximately \$276,000 for merit increases and position upgrades. There is also \$1.29 million set aside for equipment and capital expenditures for information technology, law enforcement, beach and parks and road and bridge.

Under the new rate of \$0.5519, the owner of a property valued at \$100,000 would pay about \$551.



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Blast from the Past

Bryan Wolf
November 1973

Bill and Cindy Coleman, owners and operators of the Ship's Inn at Crystal Beach, have taken over the lease on the cafe formerly known as "Kay's Kitchen" and will per ate it under the name "Cindy's Cafe".

The meteoric political career of Spiro T. Agnew has come to a shocking and tragic end. Agnew resigned as Vice President then went into a federal courtroom in Baltimore to enter a plea of no contest to one count of income tax evasion.

The junior girl of the month at Highs Island High School is Debbie Fletcher, 17. Debbie is the daughter of Mrs. Bobby Fletcher of Gilchrist. She enjoys working at Hendon's Superette and playing basketball.

Constable Joe Faggard's purple wrecker needs a paint job, so does Bryan Wolf's house. Jester Smith of Smith Service Company in High Island is ready for the winter months. He just received a big shipment of heating equipment, all of it electric.

Betty Nublin and Mom Allen of Beaumont fished the Gulf Haven Pier for 3 or 4 hours and caught more than 70 sand trout.

Kathy Johnson, a High Island sophomore was crowned Homecoming Queen during half time activities at the Orchard High Island Football game this year. Other candidates this year were: Freshman - Valere Christopher, Junior - Corkie Sullivan, Senior - Barbara Millender.

Corkie Sullivan and Melissa Johnson tied for band sweetheart. Other candidates were, Becky Boyett, Donna Kane, Valerie Christopher, Linda Horn and Lisa

Foster. The junior boy of the month is Jimmy Hendon, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hendon of Singing Sands.

Serial killer, Dean Corll, along with his accomplices, Elmer Wayne Henley, Jr. and David Brooks killed more than two dozen teenage boys in Houston from 1970-1973. The actual number of victims may have been more than thirty. Collectively known as The Houston Mass Murders, the killings top the list of mass murders in the United States at the time of their discovery. Corll brutally raped, tortured, and killed his victims in a murderous rampage stopping only when he was killed by his accomplice Elmer Wayne Henley.

The word serial killer had not yet been coined, but body after body was uncovered from the dirt floor of a boat shed where Corll and his two young

accomplices had buried most of their victims.

Six bodies were found buried at High Island beach, although the body of a seventh victim buried at High Island still lies undiscovered at this location.

Pictured below, David Brooks squats on the beach with an investigator while searching for remains in the area.

Bottom picture, Elmer Wayne Henley points to a victim's grave site on the beach.

Elmer Wayne Henley is serving 6 consecutive life terms for his involvement in the mass murders.

David Brooks was charged with four counts of murder and was convicted of one and sentenced to life imprisonment.

High Island

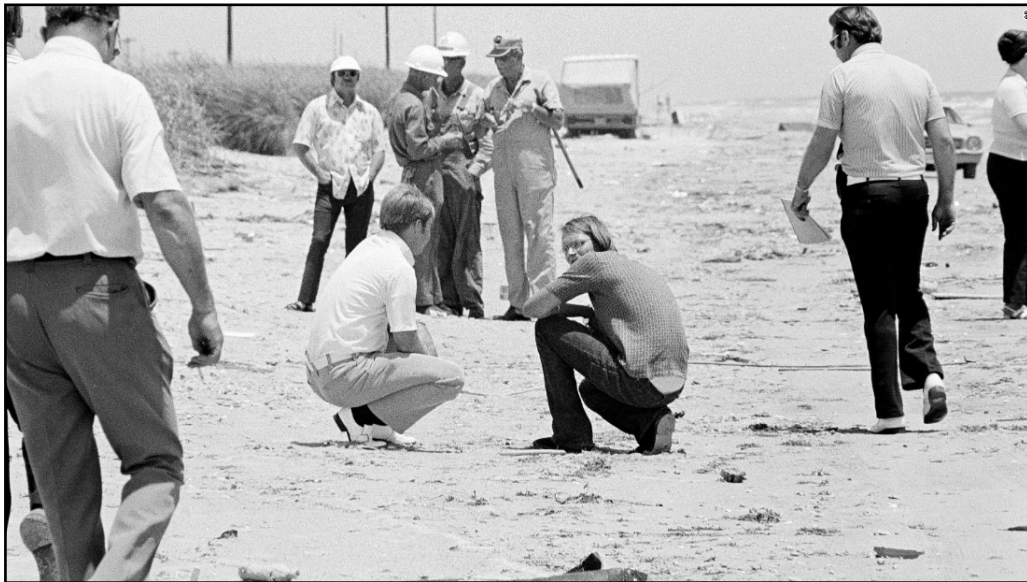
The name of High Island suits this coastal community because it sits atop a salt dome about 45 feet above sea level. During severe flooding from storms, this is the only dry land seen for miles.

In 1834, Martin Dunman obtained a headright grant from Mexico and settled at High Island to raise cattle along with a few other families including Pirate Jean Lafitte's cabin boy Charles Cronea.

The Gulf and Interstate Railroad built a railroad to Beaumont along Bolivar Peninsula in 1886. A depot, hotels, stores, and other business were established in High Island. For a time the community was known for its mineral springs which was bottled and sold. The Seaview Hotel served as a shelter for many residents of Bolivar Peninsula during the hurricanes in 1900 and 1915.

Many had speculated that oil could be found near the salt dome. Oil was discovered in 1916, and a major oil boom took place throughout the 1930s and 1940s.

(Info from Galveston County, TX website)



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NURSE ON THE BEACH

By: Connie Ward, MSN, RN

Flu season began last month; therefore, it is time to get vaccinated!

The influenza virus spreads from person to person through coughing or sneezing.

We certainly know how many times in one day that we experience coughing and sneezing by people in public. These viruses are always changing, which is the reason the flu vaccine must be updated every year.

The flu vaccine is not an alive virus put into the vaccine. The virus has been inactivated, so you cannot and do not get the flu from getting the shot! However, when you take the vaccine, the body sees it in your system and begins to make antibodies (cells that protect you). So, if you are exposed to the real live virus, the body says, "I know you and you can't come in!" The vaccine helped you to make this type of protection!

It takes 2 weeks to receive flu protection from the vaccine after the injection is given. You cannot take the vaccine if you have an allergy to eggs. The vaccine is recommended for everyone from 6 months of age and up.

Available since 2003 is a live, weakened vaccine for flu that is sprayed into the nostrils.

For people, afraid of injections this may be better for them.

You can also take the pneumococcal vaccine at the same time you get the flu vaccine. This vaccine protects you from getting pneumonia for 5 years. In addition, the H1N1 (swine flu) vaccine should be taken and is available at Walgreens Drug Store and other places. This virus especially affects persons 24 – 49 years of age and we are seeing deaths with this population. I have personally taken both vaccines without any side effects.

The Beach Bum says never let a fool kiss you, or a kiss fool you.

The Beach Bum asks if you were home alone and you heard a fart, would you be scared or laugh?

The Beach Bum says behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

If you do contract the flu, the symptoms are:

- * fever
- * sore throat
- * chills
- * fatigue
- * headache
- * muscle aches

Other sickness can also have these same symptoms, especially environmental allergies.

You are at risk for complications from influenza if:

- 65 years of age or older
- Residents of nursing homes with chronic medical conditions
- Long term health problems
- * heart disease, lung disease, asthma
- * kidney disease, diabetic, anemia, or other blood disorders
- * seizure or muscle disorders, weakened immune system due to HIV/AIDS or other immune system related problems
- * long term use of steroids, cancer treatment, women who are pregnant
- * all children

Complications from influenza include pneumonia and the sequence of events that follow pneumonia. Influenza kills 36,000 people each year in the United States, mostly among the elderly, this does not include swine flu deaths. Now we have the Zika virus from mosquitoes that affects the unborn child. It causes microcephaly (small head and brain) and these babies are developmentally disabled.

So, my Bolivar friends, it is time to get vaccinated with the seasonal flu vaccine. Do not let the flu keep you from enjoying the holidays! Happy Thanksgiving to each of you. We have so much to be thankful for.

See you next month for more health tips!

The Beach Bum says some day when scientists discover the center of the universe, many people are going to be disappointed to find out it isn't them.

The Beach Bum says alcohol should be served in Capri Sun pouches. When you can no longer get the straw in the hold, you've had enough.

The Beach Bum says plastic surgery is the work-out for the rich.



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It was Trick or Treat, maybe Trick? US Mail was a little late on Tuesday, October 31. The mail truck was almost completely in the ditch on Hwy 124 in High Island. The mail was pulled to safety and mail delivered and no one was hurt, just a slight traffic jam in downtown High Island, TX.

Big Thicket National Preserve Announces Fur-Bearer Trapping Season and Permitting Process

KOUNTZE, Texas – Superintendent Wayne Prokopetz announced today that Big Thicket National Preserve will be issuing 21 fur-bearer trapping permits for the 2017-18 State of Texas fur-bearer trapping season (December 1, 2017-January 31, 2018). Fur-bearing animals include the following: badger, beaver, fox, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, otter, raccoon, ring-tailed cat, skunk and civet cat (spotted skunk). Limited permits will be available for designated trapping areas: Beaumont Unit - 4, Jack Gore Baygall Unit - 7, Lance Rosier Unit - 7, and Neches Bottom Unit - 3.

Please note the following are not considered fur-bearing animals: Coyotes, Bobcats, and Feral Hogs

Fur-bearer trapping permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis from November 1, 2017, until November 30, 2017, at the preserve headquarters. The headquarters building is located adjacent to the preserve visitor center, 8 miles north of Kountze at the intersection of FM 420 and Highway 69, and is open Monday-Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

Permits will be issued by appointment only. Appointments may be made by telephone at (409) 951-6823.

Everyone who traps fur-bearing animals in Big Thicket National Preserve must have a Big Thicket fur-bearer trapping permit.

All trappers wishing to trap fur-bearing animals must apply in person and may trap in only one unit. Parents or guardians, please be advised that children must be present to obtain their own fur-bearer trapping permit.

You must show your current Texas Trapping License to obtain a Big Thicket fur-bearer trapping permit.

Trappers must show the locations of their trap-lines on a map provided by the preserve.

Be advised that trappers who failed to return their harvest cards for the 2016/2017 season will not be eligible to trap fur-bearing animals in Big Thicket National Preserve during the 2017/18 fur-bearer trapping season. The deadline for returning the fur-bearer trapping harvest cards after the 2017/2018 season will be April 1, 2018. There will be no grace period.

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

Happy Birthday!
Jeanie Jones
November 27

Happy Birthday!
Ed Lee
November 21

Happy Birthday!
Bonnie Parker
November 19

Happy Birthday!
Claud Kahla
November 25

Happy Birthday!
Jayme Kahla
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Hitler's Panties

Mack Hall

Someone has purchased Adolf Hitler's undies for \$6,700. And let the people say, "Eeyewwwww."

The buyer's name has been kept unmentionable, and one understands why: a collector of fanboy unmentionables is a candidate for a room next to the fellow who is convinced he is Napoleon.

Dear Leader's bvds apparently were misplaced in the laundry in an Austrian hotel in 1938. Imagine being the room service guy who had to explain how he misplaced Der Fuhrer's drawers. Someone kept them as a souvenir of good times, and they were recently sold at an auction in Maryland. This classy 'n' sassy delicate (gentle cycle only) is usually not the sort of thing that appears on Ebay.

Importing Hitler's you-know-whats into the USA must have been amusing – how would the customs label read?

Boxers? Or briefs?

Boxers. There is an "AH" embossed on the garment, but no little swastikas,

fasces, double lightning bolts, or Winnie-the-Pooh characters.

One imagines those quiet evenings at home with Wolfie and Eva Braun, roasting civilizations in the fireplace and whispering sweet Nazi-ings to each other while accoutered in their loungewear.

There was that awkward occasion when AH discovered that EB kept a poster of a topless Josef Stalin in her boudoir, but they made it up when EB giggled that AH's 'stache was much ticklier than JS's.

Did Stalin lounge about the Kremlin in his longlans 'way into the wee hours listening to The Andrews Sisters records and autographing death warrants?

But maybe the old boy was a bit more risqué, something in sync with "The Volga Boatmen's Thong."

One wonders if there is a market for General Tojo's no-nos.

Or a Mussolini bikini.

Mao Tse Dung's Long March Xuans.

Ah, well, we'd better keep this shorts...uh, short.

Keep Bolivar Beautiful



A youth group from Houston, Texas, Congregation Emanuel, met with Carlis Cole of Keep Bolivar Beautiful to conduct a Beach clean-up on Bolivar Peninsula. Area chosen was between trash barrels 104-106. The sponsor was presented her own grabber courtesy of Linda Tarr, KBB supporter and property owner. Thank you all from "the beach"

Plastic Recycling Program

Thanks to David Harris with Bolivar Tourism, Bolivar has a plastic recycling program! David has purchased blue recycling bins for five locations. Sweat Fitness, Latitudes, Bay Vue Methodist Church, Crystal Beach Community Church and Mavens.

Casey Winslow from Beaumont/Bolivar has agreed to deliver our full bags of plastic to Waste Management in Beaumont. (There is no one who will come to the peninsula to pick them up.) We recycle plastic water bottles and caps, milk and juice containers and plastic clamshells. All plastic must be washed and rinsed before recycling unless they were for water only. If one dirty container gets in the bag, the whole bag goes to landfill. NO plastic bags! They do not take them.

The response has been awesome! We collect so many bags each week that they will not all fit in Casey's car. So, we are asking for volunteers who go to Beaumont anyway to help deliver the bags. If you would like to be added to a base of volunteers that we can call from time to time to deliver, please contact me at 409-673-0536, Charlotte Stirling.

If any other businesses on Bolivar would like to receive a Team Bolivar Recycle Bin please feel free to stop by the Bolivar Tourism office in Crystal Beach Plaza or contact Charlotte and we will supply containers and bags.

Thank you David and Casey!!



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November 2

Happy Birthday!
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November 28

Happy Birthday!
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Happy Birthday!
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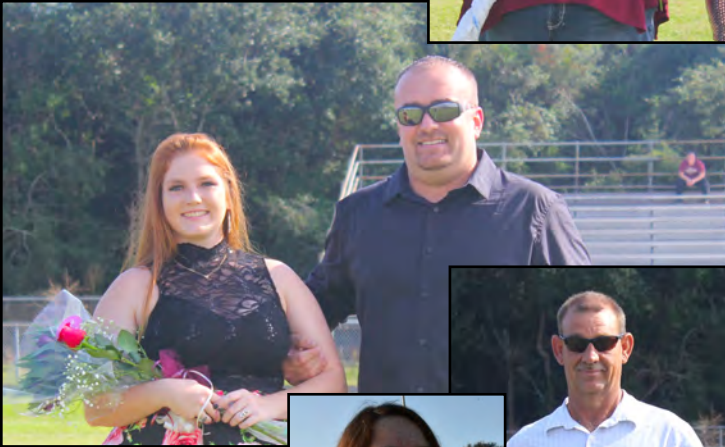
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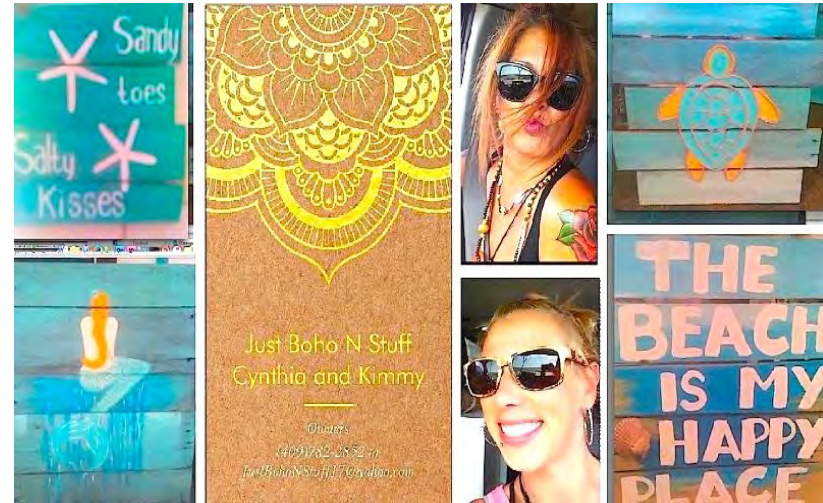


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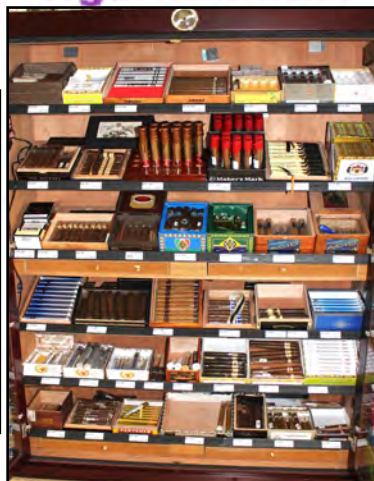
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People pack shoebox gifts each year to send to children in need. These are collected the third week of November, and thousands of volunteers inspect and prepare the boxes for international shipping. Churches around the world distribute boxes to youngsters in more than 100 countries. Children receive the gifts along with Gospel booklets that allow them to learn about God's

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Drop by BayVue UMC if you are interested in filling one of these charming containers. You will get a box, or boxes, with lists of items to include for a boy or a girl. BayVue members and others are to have the filled boxes at the church by Sunday, November 12. Each person is asked to include \$9.00 to cover the costs of handling and shipping.

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Amazing Jane Loose with the Amazing Shoe boxes.



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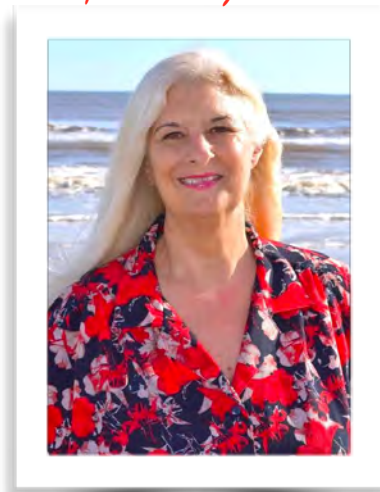
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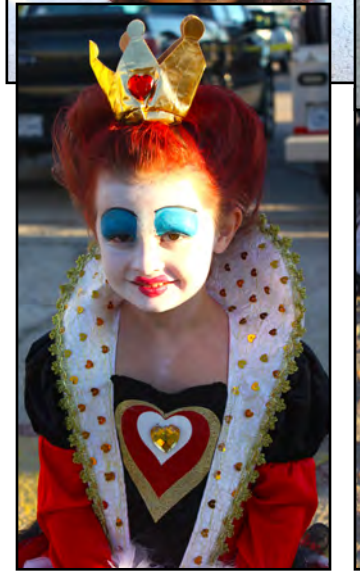
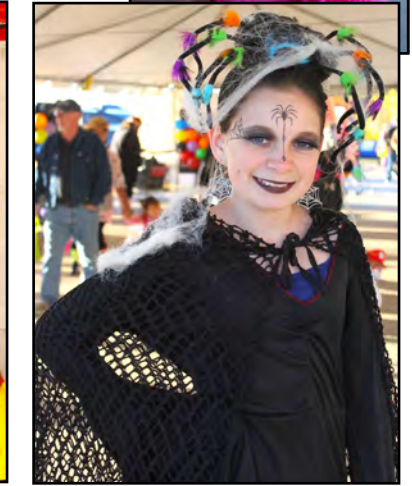
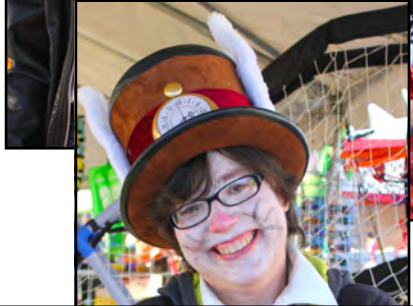
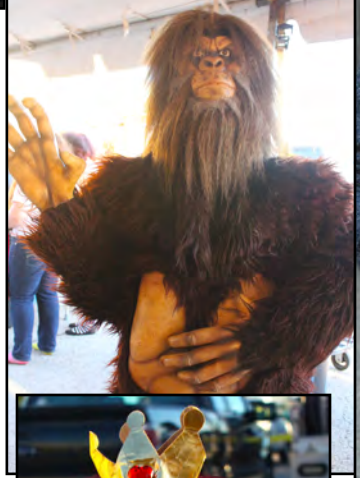
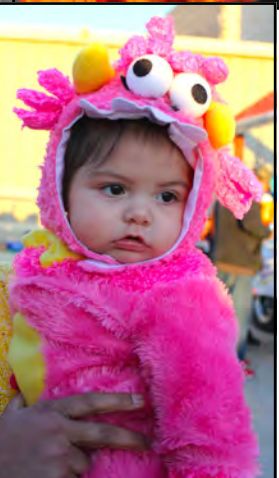
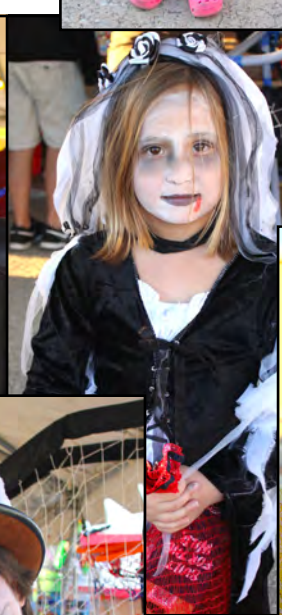
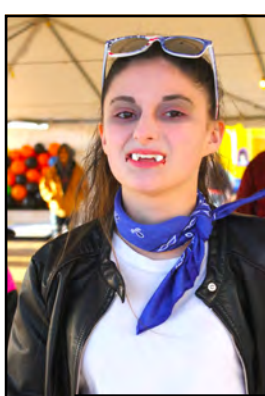
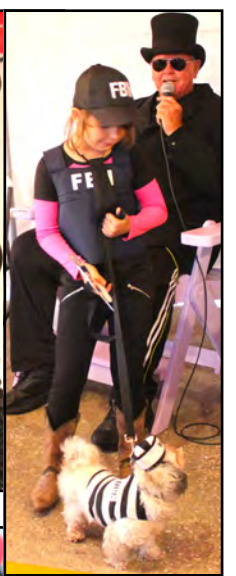
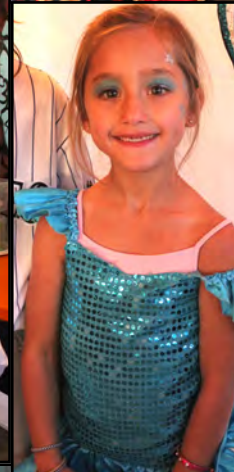
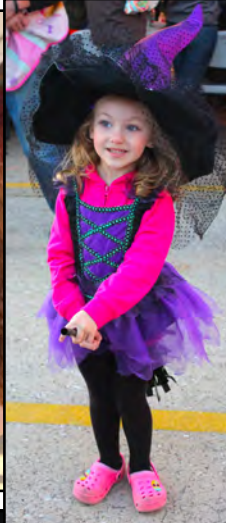
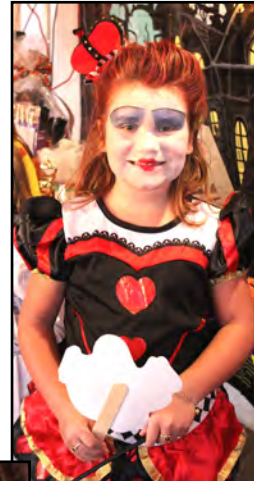
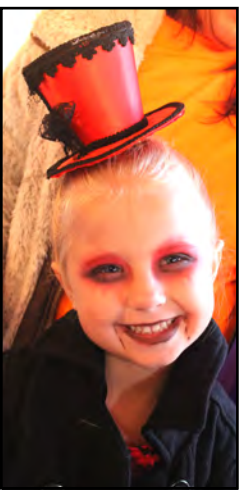
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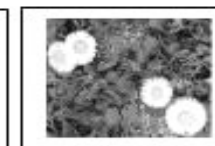
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BOLIVAR BEACH BLOOMERS NEWS BY VICKIE GOSS

As I sit here and write this we are to experience 50° in the morning, we just skipped fall and went straight into winter in my opinion but this will not last but a few days as usual so hope you enjoyed it!

The Beach Bloomers had their plant sale October 21 at the Eagles Market Place and it was a huge success! We had a huge variety of plants to choose from, several members spent weeks even months propagating and rooting plants from their yards and a couple of our artist in the group painted beautiful clay pots. The turnout was overwhelming even though the weather was stormy the day before

and predicted to be raining the day of the sale, we had beautiful blue skies that day so people came out to enjoy. I believe everyone who came out for the quest of plants came home with at least one, some with several. We didn't sell out but we left with only a few plants. The money that was made will help us with our community projects, so thank you everyone who came to visit, purchase plants and beautifully painted pots to keep Bolivar Beautiful! We hope to have another sale in the spring, will have to see what winter brings and if we can conjure up enough plants to have a sale, so stay tuned.

With winter coming soon make sure to watch the weather and protect your pretties if we experience a freeze again this year.

The next Bolivar Beach Bloomers meeting will be Wednesday November 8, 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. This month the community center is hosting voting on the 1st so we have pushed our meeting back to the 8th. 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/>

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MONTHLY QUOTE: "I GROW PLANTS FOR MANY REASONS: TO PLEASE MY EYE OR TO PLEASE MY SOUL, TO CHALLENGE THE ELEMENTS OR TO CHALLENGE MY PATIENCE, FOR NOVELTY OR FOR NOSTALGIA, BUT MOSTLY FOR THE JOY IN SEEING THEM GROW."— DAVID HOBSON

Ange's Corner Monthly Tip:

A little philosophy behind my 'tips':

I write specifically about gardening on Bolivar Peninsula. There are many different styles of gardening; different but not 'right' or 'wrong'. I work toward a style that suits me best. I learn from other styles and past mistakes. I expect my style to evolve over time or I won't still be learning. There are now some basics that I advocate for Bolivar Peninsula that aren't absolute. Like don't try to grow acid loving plants here (azaleas, camellias, pines, magnolias, etc.). Most of the peninsula soil is alkaline but there are places on the bay side and in High Island that are neutral ph to slightly acidic. If you have great sentiment for an acid loving plant it is possible to grow where the soil is alkaline but it takes a lot of soil preparation and supplementing. My 'style' is to grow what flourishes best in natural conditions.

I call myself a 'plant whisperer'. I don't actually talk to plants but we do communicate. Communication being a two-way street, I observe and I respond. If I recognize a need I attempt to satisfy that need. If the plant shows a positive response we have communicated. A simple quick example is if I see a usually healthy plant with leaves wilting and drooping my first response is to give it water. Usually brings positive response in a very short time. Successful communication! (By the way most plant distress I see on this peninsula is inadequate water.)

I have a relationship with my plants. I know them from the roots to the leaves.

Back to my usual mantra: WATER LONGER, DEEPER, LESS OFTEN. I saw some relatively healthy trees blow over in the minor effects from Harvey. These trees looked great but had inadequate root systems from shallow watering. Automatic lawn sprinklers are seldom set to encourage deep roots for grass and certainly aren't adequate for healthy tree. The best systems have a special head to deliver adequate water for trees.

The hand held watering wand is my weapon of choice. I insist that every garden I tend have a wandering wand and a good water hose. A wand can help direct the water efficiently, deliver a good volume and not wash the dirt away. A simple wand with no moving parts; just a separate shut-off valve. Usually found at farm supply for about \$16. The best have replaceable heads. I have one that I've been using for about 40 years!

Good news is our water table here is relatively close to the surface. Trees and shrubs that are watered adequately while getting established will develop roots that can access the water table. Once that healthy root system is established that can hold their ground during wind events and never need to be watered again!

Water longer to make sure the moisture gets all the way to the water table. A little levee/ moat around the plant is usually necessary to prevent runoff. A very slow, soaking flow as another way. A good test is to push a shovel into the soil to check how deep the moisture has reached. I have seen our soil come up dry as powder after a rainfall of 1-2 inches on my gauge. So, plants that get a little sprinkle several times a week will develop roots to access that only available source.

They are week systems that are dependent on that regular sprinkle. Plants that get adequate soaking, less often will develop roots that grow down toward the dependable source, our natural water table.

Enjoy this fall weather! It is still the best time of year to plant trees & shrubs.

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Crenshaw School Upcoming Events



New School Hours for the 2017 - 2018 School Year
7:45 AM to 3:15 PM

November 2 ~ Crenshaw Volleyball vs Collegiate Academy 5:30

November 3 ~ Last day of Early Voting for the School Board

November 7 ~ School Board Election Day

November 9 ~ Crenshaw Volleyball vs Odyssey 5:30

November 20 - 24 ~Thanksgiving Holiday Break

Cajun Cooking at Stingaree Restaurant at Brad & Big Rich's Cajun Cookoff



If you missed it this year, there's always next. Lots of music, great people, lip smacking gumbo, plenty of drink, and the event is complete.

Bud Drive Cajun Cookers won First Place at Brad & Big Rich's Cajun Chef's Cookoff held at Stingaree Restaurant October 28 in Crystal Beach.

It may have been a little chilly and a lot windy, but the weather did not control the fun atmosphere and entertainment.

Picture provided by David Harris

Have You Seen my Browning?

Mack Hall

...in the army...(e)very few days one seemed to meet a scholar, an original, a poet, a cheery buffoon, a raconteur, or at the very least a man of good will"
-C. S. Lewis, *Surprised by Joy*

Field Marshal Viscount Wavell G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E, C.M.G, M.C. was a remarkable man. He lost an eye in the First World War...let us amend that: young Major Wavell did not carelessly misplace his eye; it was blown away by German mischief in the 2nd Battle of Ypres in 1915.

Wavell remained in the army and served as a liaison officer in Russia (he was fluent in Russian as well as Urdu, Pashtun, and Persian), and then in combat against the Turks in Palestine. During the Second World War, with inadequate forces and supplies, he led brilliant campaigns against the Italians in East Africa and against the Italians and Germans in North Africa. Posted to lead the Allied defense against the triumphant Japanese in the Far East, he was given the blame for an impossible situation, and sent to India as Governor-General.

In India, toward the end of his life, Wavell was persuaded by friends to collect and edit his favorite poems into a book.

Wavell loved poetry and could recite hundreds of poems from memory like many people raised without the curse of glowing screens (your scrivener heard Robert T. Holmes of Kirbyville, Texas, a farmer and a practical man, well into his seventies, recite John Milton's "When I Consider How my Life is Spent" over coffee one morning).

As Wavell quotes from an obscure play, *The Story of Hassan of Bagdan, and How He Came to Make the Journey to Samarkand*:

Caliph: Ah, if there shall ever arise a nation whose people have forgotten poetry or whose poets have forgotten the people, though they send their ships around Taprobane and their armies across the hills of Hindustan, though their city be greater than Babylon of old, though they mine a league into earth or mount to the stars on wings—what of them?

Hassan: They will be a dark patch upon the world.

Wavell's anthology, with the unfortunate title *Other Men's Flowers*, was published in 1944, and continues to be available. A better title might be *Manly Poetry for Manly Men*, for that is mostly what it is. Modern critics savage *Other Men's Flowers*, which is in itself a good reason for reading it, for here one will not find the pallid, self-pitying, free verse, me-me-me, I, I, I wallowings that (for now) have supplanted poetry.

Other Men's Flowers is divided into nine sections containing hundreds of poems, mostly English, Irish, Scots, Canadian, and Empire, with a few token Americans and a very few women, so we can't have that, eh. But then Wavell was putting together what was important to himself and to brave men he knew, not for the ovine credential harvesters of seventy years later. Wavell gives us Belloc, Kipling, Shakespeare, Wilde, Browning, Chesterton, Masefield, Kipling, McCrae, Buchan, Emerson, Fitzgerald, Burns, Macauley, Sassoon, Byron, Shelley, Keats, Housman, Stevenson, Scott, Yeats, Milton, and dozens of others whose work proudly occupied bookshelves and kitchen tables and backpacks before the sorrows of 1968 vetoed civilization.

And about Browning. The phrase "When someone speaks to me of culture, I want to de-cock my Browning" appears in a German play of the early 1930s, but is often credited to Hermann Goering or some other Nazi oaf. In 1942, when the Japanese were expected to invade India from Burma at any moment, Wavell is said to have asked someone to help him find his Browning. The aide looked everywhere for the field marshal's pistol, and couldn't find it. But the field Marshal was wearing his pistol; what he wanted was his copy of the poems of Robert Browning.

Now there was a soldier. Does one consider that any member of the current British or U.S. governments would understand any of that?

Not that every man appreciates poetry. Wavell says of his boyhood: *Horatius...was the earliest poem I got by heart. Admiring aunts used to give me threepence for reciting it from beginning to end; a wiser uncle gave me sixpence for a promise to do nothing of the kind.*



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PENINSULA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES INC.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 9, 2017 at CBVFD

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER – By- Brian Forey Time – 1806 hrs.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL B. Forey / M Pearson / O Thompson /

Present- B Forey, M Pearson, Orbin Thompson
Additional Present after Motion to accept as BOD Members:

Craig Armstrong(PEMSI Staff Representative), Keith Zahar, Jake Angleo (assumed by vote and discussion Marlene Mallett's position as PEMSI BOD V-President pending future BOD Officer elections)

Absent – none

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

4. RECOGNITION OF GUEST PRESENT.

Guests present were

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – (sent via email prior to meeting time) Motion made by Thompson second by Pearson Vote: Yes 3 No 0 to accept the Secretary's report as presented

6. TREASURER REPORT –

Billing account balance: \$ 162,778.14

Operations account balance: \$ 124,246.16

CPR-Pub Ed account balance:\$ 371.66

Motion made by Pearson second by B. Forey Vote: Yes 3 No 0 to accept the Treasurer report as presented.

7. AGENDA ITEMS: see "Director's Report" attachment end of document for further Information.

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ADDED AREA IN AGENDA ITEMS FOR PEMSI BOD MEMBER POSITIONS MANAGEMENT:

Marlene Mallet resigned from the PEMSI BOD as did Kyle Utz. The PEMSI BOD by consensus not by vote added another BOD member this position was filled by Keith Zahar, Marlene Mallet's position was addressed and filled by Jake Angelo including her position of Vice-President was assumed by Angelo pending PEMSI BOD Officer elections. The vacated PEMSI Staff BOD position was voted on by the employees of PEMSI as described in the PEMSI Bylaws and Craig Armstrong was elected and placed on the PEMSI BOD.

Motion made by Orbin Thompson with a second by Mike Pearson to bring on to the PEMSI BOD Keith Zahar, Jake Angelo, and Craig Armstrong with another spot pending for a person from the Port Bolivar area. Vote Yes 3 No 0

a. Funding: The funding from Galveston County is in question in regards to the amount.

b. TDSHS-EMS Division: TDSHS-EMS Division requires a \$75,000 CD when an agency is dealing with Medicare and then after several years this amount will decrease.

c. GC ESD2: GC ESD 2 President Sid Bouse was present. The PEMSI BOD thanked him for his attendance during the meeting and afterwards also. The Open Records request from GC ESD 2 has been for the most part completed, originating from the 8-3-17 ESD 2 meeting actions . Follow-up activities are taking place.

d. Peninsula VFDs: Port Bolivar: All is well. Crystal beach VFD: All well from Mark Forey, and High Island VFD: Fair no problems from Orbin Thompson.

e. Communications/Operations Issues: Staff is doing great on incidents, that statement is supported by data of course not just opinion per Matt Summers. Customer service is especially top-notch in regards to cardiac and stroke patients.

f. Emergency Preparedness Ops/ EOC: GC OEM Director frustrated with the SH124-SH87 High Island are flooding issues, with the main source of frustration for the GC OEM Director being Tx DOT per Matt Summers.

g. Webpage: PEMSI BOD emails now work. Web site is www.peninsula-ems.org :

Brian Forey has responsibility for ownership of this web site and the associated email accounts but the maintenance is the responsibility of Jake Angelo. The ownership of the 'PEMSI' site will turn over to PEMSI upon the next renewal which is said to be on or about the 17th of September 2017.

h. When To Work (W2W): There is an App for this thing; iPhone as well as Android.

Good support from PEMSI staff in taking available work slots.

i. Summary of Runs: 110 total 55 UTMB, 0 Winnie, 2 St. Elizabeth, 0 Baptist, 27 refusals, 2 air, 5 dos, 13 no patient& public assists, 6 mutual aid fire Locations: 9 High Island 83 Crystal Beach 18 Port Bolivar

j. Membership applications/employment applications: None pending at this time.

k. Supervisor's Monthly Report: included with EMS Director's Report: see Director's Report. See item " L " below.

l. EMS Director's Report:

Training: At this time much of PEMSI training is 'table top' exercises.

Ventilators: Auto Vent 3000 model is acquired with the goal of possessing at least three (3) for PEMSI as soon as possible.

Lucas device Cardiac Compression Machine: GC ESD 2 requested price of a Lucas, they cost approximately \$15,000.00.

8. OTHER OLD BUSINESS NOT ON ADGENDA

-None at this time.

9. GUEST SPEAKERS: None spoke when given the opportunity to speak at this time.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – TIME IN: 1847 hrs Certified Agenda to be produced for Executive Sessions PEMSI BOD present in Executive Session

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – TIME OUT: 2008 hrs.

12. NEW BUSINESS

-After a discussion mostly brought to the table from Keith Z., with consensus from the balance of the PEMSI BOD, there will be an increased focus on employee benefits as soon as possible.

-Vehicle Use Policy: By consensus, the PEMSI BOD wishes to establish a citizen/PEMSI BOD Committee of two (2) perhaps three (3) PEMSI BOD staff and one (1) representative from each of the following areas; Port Bolivar, Crystal Beach, High Island. The composition of this Committee will be further addressed at the September 2017 PEMSI BOD meeting.

-A discussion was held on a Wellness program for PEMSI with Andrew Reyes speaking for said program and assuming responsibility for same. Motion made by Pearson with a second by Thompson to spend up to \$3500.00 to purchase three (3) sets of cardio equipment . Vote:Yes6 No0

-A discussion was held addressing the FDIC rule on the maximum amount of funds they would insure and as a result a motion was offered. Motion made by Thompson with a second by Pearson to move the 'Billing account" to Prosperity Bank in Winnie, Texas. Vote: yes 6 No 0

13. NEXT MEETING DATE/LOCATION September 16, Saturday, 2017 CBVFD 0900 hrs by consensus of PEMSI BOD members

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Thompson with a second by Pearson to adjourn.

Vote: Yes 6 No0 Time adjourned: 2018 hrs.

Mike Pearson PEMSI BOD Secretary Signed upon approval of these Minutes at the September 16, 2017 PEMSI BOD meeting

The Beach Bum says life is not a fairy tale, if you lose your shoe at midnight, you're drunk.

The Beach Bum says relationships are like farting, if you push too hard, things could get messy real fast.

The Beach Bum says if you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month.

The Beach Bum says behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.

The Beach Bum says the most important four words for a successful marriage: "I'll do the dishes."

The Beach Bum says keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards.

The Beach Bum says when a woman says "what?" Its not because she didn't hear you. She's just giving you a chance to change what you said.

The Beach Bum says behind every angry woman is a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong.

The Beach Bum says I'm single by choice, unfortunately it's not my choice.

The Beach Bum says my doctors asked if I do dangerous sports. I told him I sometimes talk back to my wife.

Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2

Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 27, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Galveston County Emergency Services District No. 2 (the "District") was called for at 3:00 p.m. on September 27, 2017, at the Crystal Beach Fire Station, 930 Noble Carl Road, Crystal Beach, Texas 77650, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:00 p.m., and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Board, to wit:

Sid Bouse - President
John Lee, Jr. - Vice President
Kate Newberry - Secretary
George Strong - Treasurer
Moody Fredenburg - Assistant Treasurer

All of said Board members were present, thus constituting a quorum. Also present at the meeting were: Jan Foster, District Administrative Assistant; David Sticker, the District's accountant; Joshua Heinz of Benckenstein & Oxford, LLP, attorneys for the District; and the individuals listed on the attendance log.

Upon establishing that a quorum was present, President Bouse directed the Board to Agenda Item No. 3, at which time the Board members and others in attendance said the U.S. and Texas pledges of allegiance.

Being as there was no public comment under Agenda Item No. 4, the Board then moved along to Agenda Item No. 5 regarding the monthly run reports and other information and materials submitted by PEMSI and the VFDs. The Board reviewed the department's monthly run reports, which are attached hereto as Exhibit B along with PEMSI's Director Report and the departments' Hurricane Harvey reports (Crystal Beach VFD has not yet submitted a Hurricane Harvey report), and discussed same with the department representatives present. With regard to Hurricane Harvey, President Bouse suggested that the departments hold a joint meeting to discuss the incident, and Assistant Treasurer Fredenburg volunteered to attend and participate in the meeting on behalf of the Board.

Next, the Board's attention was directed to Agenda Item Not. 6 for review of the proposed Minutes for the August 16, 2017 regular meeting, the September 13, 2017 public hearing and special meeting, and the September 20, 2017, public hearing and special meeting. Upon motion by Vice President Lee and seconded by Secretary Newberry, the Board unanimously approved the proposed meeting minutes.

The Board then moved to Agenda Item No. 7, at which time the Board reviewed the following proposed 2016-17 budget amendments, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit C" GCESD No. 2 Budget Amendment No. 3, which entailed increasing Other Revenue (1010) by \$28,205.00, and moving \$24,061.00 from the ISO (3100) expense line item to the Medical Supplies (2330) expense line item (for the purchase of two Lucas devised for PEMSI); Crystal Beach VFD Budget Amendment No. 2, which entailed moving \$27,750.00 from various expense line items to the Training (4500), Firefighting Equipment (4000), and Water/Garbage (2840) expense line items; and Port Bolivar VFD Budget Amendment No. 3, which entailed moving from \$24,000.00 from various expense line items to the Firefighting Equipment (4000) expense line item (Crystal Beach VFD and Port Bolivar VFD's budget amendments are for the purchase of new equipment for all three VFD's, including 4,500 feet of 5" supply hose and three Mule hose reels). Upon motion by Assistant Treasurer Fredenburg and seconded by Secretary Newberry, the Board unanimously approved the proposed budget amendments.

Continuing on under Agenda Item No. 7, Treasurer Strong then reported that the District's Texas First Bank checking account balance was \$396,736.74 as of August 31, 2017 and \$545,824.92 as of September 27, 2017, and that the District's Texas First Bank savings account balance was \$600,838.34 as of August 31, 2017 and September

27, 2017, as reflected on the bank statements and other financial reports attached hereto as Exhibit D.

Thereafter, President Bouse directed the Board to Agenda Item No. 8 for payment of the District's bills and department reimbursement requests. Treasurer Strong reviewed with the Board the various District bills presented for approval and payment, which are reflected in the check detail and transaction reports attached hereto as Exhibit E. Additionally, the Board reviewed and discussed the expenditures submitted by PEMSI and the VFDs for reimbursement, as reflected in the departments' invoices and ledgers attached hereto as Exhibit F. Upon motion by Treasurer Strong and seconded by Assistant Treasurer Fredenburg, the District bills presented for approval and payment (Check Nos. 1705-1716, plus the direct deposit and other payroll expense payments), which also included the August 2017 reimbursement payments for PEMSI (\$101,030.79), Port Bolivar VFD (\$1,428.82 plus \$1,000 for PEMSI rent), High Island VFD (\$1,488.99, plus \$1,000.00 for PEMSI rent), and Crystal Beach VFD (\$4,018.16), were unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board's attention was then directed by President Bouse to Agenda Item No 9 regarding approval of the District's 2017 certified appraisal roll, which Mr. Heinz discussed with the Board. Upon motion by Treasurer Strong and seconded by Assistant Treasurer Fredenburg, and with the unanimous consent of the Board members present, the District's 2017 certified appraisal roll was approved. The Resolution Approving Tax Roll is attached hereto as Exhibit G, along with a copy of the District's certified appraisal roll.

The Board then moved along to Agenda Item No. 10, at which time Treasurer Strong presented the Board with the proposed 2017-18 budget. Treasurer Strong then made a motion to adopt the 2017-18 budget as proposed, which was seconded by Assistant Treasurer Fredenburg and unanimously approved by all the Board members present.

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*Wishing Everyone
A Wonderful
Thanksgiving!*



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COMMON INTERNET OF THINGS DEVICES MAY EXPOSE CONSUMERS TO CYBER EXPLOITATION

In conjunction with National Cyber Security Awareness Month, the FBI is re-iterating the growing concern of cyber criminals targeting unsecure Internet of Things (IoT) devices. The number of IoT devices in use is expected to increase from 5 billion in 2016 to an estimated 20 to 50 billion by 2020. Once an IoT device is compromised, cyber criminals can facilitate attacks on other systems or networks, send spam e-mails, steal personal information, interfere with physical safety, and leverage compromised devices for participation in distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks.

IoT refers to a network of physical devices, vehicles, buildings, and other items (often called "smart devices") embedded with electronics, software, sensors, actuators, and network connectivity enabling these objects to collect and exchange data. Below are examples of IoT devices:

Home automation devices (e.g., devices which control lighting, heating and cooling, electricity, sprinklers, locks);

Security systems (e.g., alarm systems, surveillance cameras);

Medical devices (e.g., wireless heart monitors, insulin dispensers);

Wearables (e.g., fitness trackers, clothing, watches);

Smart appliances (e.g., refrigerators, vacuums, stoves);

Office equipment (e.g., wireless printers, computer mouse, outlets, interactive whiteboards);

Entertainment devices (e.g., DVRs, TVs, gaming systems, music players, toys); and

Hubs (devices that control other IoT devices through a single app).

As more businesses and homeowners use Internet-connected devices to enhance company efficiency or lifestyle conveniences, their connection to the Internet provides new vulnerabilities for malicious cyber actors to exploit. In 2016 and 2017, cyber actors have demonstrated the ease in which IoT device vulnerabilities can be compromised and leveraged. Deficient security capabilities, difficulties in patching vulnerabilities, and a lack of consumer security awareness provide cyber actors with opportunities to exploit these devices.

In September 2016, cyber actors using the Mirai botnet infected IoT devices—including routers, cameras, and digital video recorders—for the purpose of conducting DDoS attacks. The actors

exploited openly accessible devices via the Internet with common default usernames and passwords.

In February 2017, a hacker compromised more than 160,000 printers with open connections to the Internet by scanning for those with specific open ports. The hacker claimed the devices were part of a botnet and sent print jobs to the affected printers.

In August 2017, a cyber actor released a list of over 33,000 usernames and passwords for IoT devices, including cameras, DVRs, and routers. While the majority of these devices were located in Asia and China, many of the devices were also found in the United States. A researcher conducted a test against this list and discovered many of these devices were almost instantly exploited, often taking less than two minutes between discovery and infection.

Unsecured or poorly secured devices provide opportunities for cyber criminals to intrude on private networks and gain access to other devices and information attached to these networks. Cyber criminals often take advantage of default usernames and passwords to merge IoT devices with others into a large botnet. These botnets can facilitate DDoS attacks against popular Web sites or network resources. These attacks cause Web sites to run slow, prevent users from being able to connect, or potentially take down multiple Web sites associated with the network under attack.

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND DEFENSE

It can be difficult to determine if an IoT device has been compromised. However, there are many reputable resources and tools available that search for vulnerable network devices. The following recommendations can be implemented to help secure IoT devices from cyber attacks.

Change default usernames and passwords. Many default passwords are collected and posted on the Internet. Do not use common words and simple phrases or passwords containing easily obtainable personal information, such as important dates or names of children or pets.

If the device does not allow the capability to change the access password, ensure the device providing wireless Internet service has a strong password and encryption.

Isolate IoT devices on their own protected networks.

Configure network firewalls to block traffic from unauthorized IP addresses and disable port forwarding.

Review and implement device manufacturer security recommendations, if available. Consider turning devices off when not in use.

Research your options when shopping for new IoT devices. When conducting research, use reputable Web sites that specialize in cyber security analysis, provide reviews on consumer products, and support consumer advocacy.

Look for products from manufacturers with a track record of providing security to their Internet-connected products. Look for companies that offer firmware and software updates, and identify how and when these updates are provided.

Identify what data is collected and stored by the devices, including whether you can opt out of this collection, how long the data is stored, whether it is encrypted in storage, and if the data is shared with a third party. Also identify what protections and policies are in place in case there is a data breach.

Ensure all IoT devices are up to date and security patches are incorporated when available.

Use current cyber security best practices when connecting IoT devices to wireless networks and when connecting remotely to an IoT device.

Invest in a secure router with robust security and authentication.

Most routers will allow users to whitelist, or specify which devices are authorized to connect to a local network. Whitelisting can be used to identify malicious network traffic from unauthorized devices and prevent them from making a connection.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For additional information on cyber threats to IoT devices, please refer to "Internet of Things Poses Opportunities For Cyber Crime," available at <https://www.IC3.gov/media/2015/150910.aspx> and "Internet-Connected Toys Could Present Privacy and Contact Concerns for Children," available at <https://www.IC3.gov/media/2017/170717.aspx>.

VICTIM REPORTING

If you suspect your IoT device(s) may have been compromised, contact your local FBI office and/or file a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

Calendar of Peninsula Events

November 3 ~ High Island Homecoming Parade at 2 PM



November 4 ~ State Representative Wayne Faircloth at 11:00 AM
Crystal Beach Plaza

November 4 ~ High Island Homecoming Game at 2 PM
Homecoming Dance

November 7 ~ Chamber Elections 6 PM
Coconuts

November 8 ~ UTMB Multi-Share Plan at 6:00 PM
CBVFD

November 18 ~ BP Lions Club Golf Tournament at 8:30 AM
The Ranch Golf Course

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Bill Agnew

October has been an eventful month at the Eagles. Big Jim Denys and his crew put on another spectacular Oktoberfest on October 7. The food was wonderful. We sold out of all of the German Food and German Beer. In addition, we celebrated our 41st birthday as an Aerie. There are still some t-shirts left commemorating our birthday at the bar if you would like one. As always, Mrs. Nancy and Carla's Fried Chicken was outstanding, as was Jeff Campbell's Chicken Fried Steak. They never disappoint. We hosted our Halloween party Friday night, October 27 featuring the music of the John Chesser & Tillman Ritchie Band. Chuck Lindsey made his wonderful pulled pork for the annual holiday fund raiser and toy drive on Saturday, October 28.

If you haven't seen it yet, Mike Roessler had a crew close in a storage space for us out back by the smoker. Mike was able to get the materials and the labor donated so we all owe him a big thank you. With this, we should be able to clear our the dance floor/stage in the building, which will allow us to do more activities in there.

We are starting a Dart Night on Friday's November 3, 2017 beginning at 7:30 p.m. JR Ferguson donated the Dart Boards and is setting them up for us. Once we clear out the items into the storage building, we will have 2 dart boards dedicated to the Dart League. We still have the Saturday night Pool tournament and Free Pool on Tuesdays.

If you are a Texans fan, please come join us for the games at the Eagles. We have had people cook food for those who come to watch the game. If you would like to volunteer to cook for a Texans game, let either Lou Lou or me know. October brought us the joy of watching our Houston Astros beat both Boston and New York in the playoffs. There were many a festive day/nights watching them play this month.

Finally, please do not forget about Thanksgiving Dinner at our Aerie. Community Church is providing the food and we are serving for anyone who comes in on Thanksgiving day. If you would like to volunteer, we would love to have you. If you want to come and eat, we would love that too.

ELLIE'S ? BIRTHDAY!

Ellie Pollard and friends celebrated her birthday with a luncheon at La Playita on October 24. It was a most festive occasion. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food, although no one was clear as to which birthday we were honoring. Rita Moseley's scrumptious homemade carrot cake sported only one candle as did a charming birthday macaroon. Age really did not matter on this occasion. Lovely Ellie is ? years young!

A delightful surprise awaited the party goers after finishing off cake and taking numerous celebratory photographs. They were informed when they checked out that a gentleman dining up front had paid for all of their meals. Mr. John R. Dafonte treated the entire group. He and Keith Underhill thought the ladies deserved this generous birthday gift. The ladies were thrilled and most grateful.

Ellie's ? birthday of 2017 was not only a delight for Ellie, but for her friends as well. We all look forward to 2018 when we will gather again for Ellie's ? birthday!



Generous John and Kevin receive thanks from the ladies



Ellie blows out her birthday candle



Birthday Party friends gather with zombie bride and groom



Bolivar Peninsula Community

Please join us for the

4th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

& all the trimmings

Thursday, November 23, 2017

12:00 noon

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Eagle's Lodge, 1835 Hwy 87, Crystal Beach, TX

Sponsored by

Fraternal Order of Eagles 3719 & Crystal Beach Community Church

The Eagles will provide
Turkey & Dressing & Giblet Gravy
Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes
Candied Yams, Green Bean
Casserole,
Rolls, Desserts, Iced Tea

Everyone invited - bring your neighbors,
friends & family - YOU ARE NOT
REQUIRED TO BRING ANYTHING. If
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November Fishing Report

Jeffrey Daniels

As all of us who went fishing after Harvey know, our beloved Galveston Bay faired about as well as our communities. The storm brought tons of fresh water rushing down from the rain runoff and the rivers that feed the bay with the nutrients needed to sustain life. After everything kind of slowed down and the water cleaned up a bit the fishing absolutely exploded.

After these extreme high tides and the few cold fronts we have had so far, East Bay is chalked full of shrimp. That means one thing, fish the shorelines adjacent to the drainages on an outgoing tide and keep an eye out towards the open water looking for the birds that are chasing the shrimp. The flounder have begun to congregate for their run towards the passes, so far, they have been hit and miss though, I would pay attention to the water temp and when it hits the sixty-five-degree mark go to your favorite flounder run hole.

Trinity Bay made a surprising come back after the storm as well. Usually this bay system is the last in the bunch to clean up after a big rain event. I have read reports of the redfish being back in their normal fall time areas. These fish have a higher tolerance than trout so I would look to areas closer to the ship channel for them, all though you might be able to find some further towards the back of the bay if you try hard enough.

As always, West Bay faired the best out of all the areas, for the redfish I would look to the back lakes and shorelines closest to the pass as they begin to return from their annual spawn. As with East Bay look for the birds to find the trout, West Galveston Bay has tons of structure so if you happen to see a flock working near a reef chances are that they have some decent sized trout



Jeffrey Daniels



under them. For the flounder right now, look to Chocolate Bay and it's many drainages as they to begin to make their spawning run to the Gulf.

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

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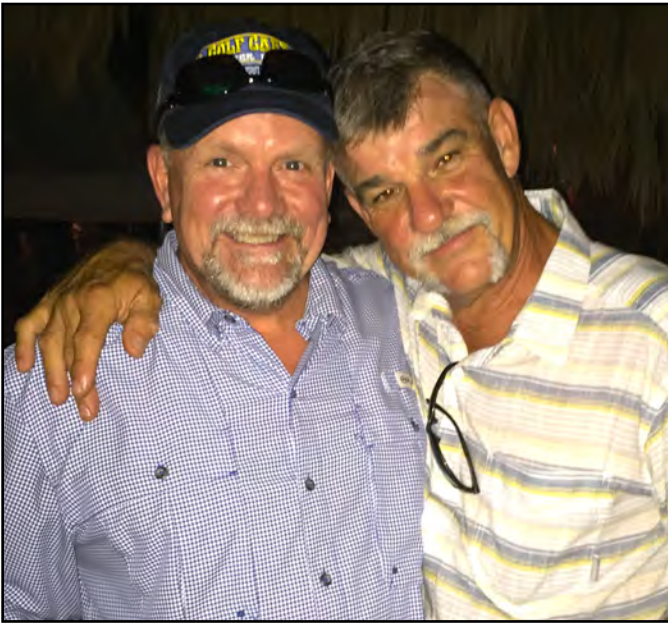
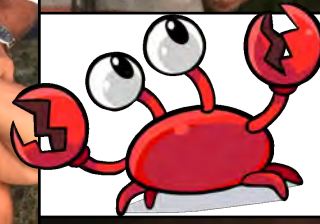
LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER...

The good times certainly did roll when Crystal Canal marked the official end of summer. This community celebrated with their annual End of Summer party on October 8, 2017. Every year they host a great gathering that includes lots of good food and lots of good music. This year was no exception.

Dennis Rollfing and Greg Holcombe stayed up all night to produce the most succulent and tasty briskets that ever crossed human lips. Residents and guests provided more salads, side dishes, dips and desserts than could possibly be consumed by all the attendees.

The Cadillacs' motto is Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler. They certainly lived up to it. Their band kept young and old dancing away on the grass under bright lights and a big shiny moon. Dakota Wolfe delighted with "Cowgirls Don't Cry" during a break. Then everyone went back to eating, listening or dancing all over again.

Sometimes folk feel a little sad to say farewell to summer. However, Crystal Canal's celebration brings smiles and joy to all those privileged to attend. This party makes people believe that summer will come again, and there will always be the Crystal Canal's party to provide a perfect ending.



Greg Holcombe and Dennis Rollfing who barbecued all the briskets.





Toothy Treasures

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

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

Sharks are always somewhere in the back of my mind whenever I go wading in the ocean. They have virtually owned the sea for 400 million years, hardly changing at all during that time. The peaceful plankton-feeding whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*) can reach over 40 feet in length and is the largest living fish. However, another (extinct) shark that lived some three to fifteen million years ago may have exceeded 67 feet! This monster of the Miocene was no placid plankton-eater, but a terrifying predator related to our 20-foot modern Great White, *Carcharodon carcharias*. Packing triangular, serrated teeth as large as a man's hand, megalodons (*C. megalodon*) must have made short work of even very large prey.

The remains of megalodon and other huge extinct sharks occasionally turn up in Texas. The so-called "Supershark" (*Glikmanius*) dates back some 300 million years ago to the Carboniferous period, long before the dinosaurs. This big fellow was smaller than a megalodon, but was still larger than a

modern Great White. Of course, most fossil shark species are much smaller. Scientists have found fossils of dozens of species of sharks and shark relatives scattered all over Texas, mostly in the limestone formations of the Cretaceous period some 130 million years ago. Interestingly, rather than leaving their bones and eggshells behind like dinosaurs, usually only one part of a shark lingers for us to find. This part--the only hard part of a shark and which they manufacture and continually shed like sharp flakes of dandruff--is its teeth.

Fossil shark teeth are so common in parts of Texas that they might be thought of as the "unofficial" state fossil (the honor of Texas state fossil actually goes to the Cretaceous dinosaur *Paluxysaurus*, whose tracks can be seen at Dinosaur Valley State Park in Glen Rose). I have collected many shark tooth specimens from exposed Eocene (50 million-year-old) rock strata near Jacksonville in Cherokee County. Unlike modern shark teeth, fossilized ones are a dark color ranging from bluish-gray to black. But you don't have to have exposed fossil-bearing rocks nearby to find them. One of the best places to look for these pointy relics is in the beach drift of the Texas seashore.

Bolivar Peninsula resident Bonnie Norris and her friend Christal Mears are regular shark-tooth hunters. This summer, Bonnie showed me an impressive handful of mostly fossil shark teeth from one of her beachcombing expeditions. Most of the teeth are very tiny, requiring sharp eyes and great patience to spot them in the beach drift. Their usually black color helps them stand out from the shell and pebble litter around them. Some of these teeth are still quite sharp even after a good polishing from being tumbled about in the surf.

Suppose you did find some fossil shark teeth while beachcombing. How could you find out what species of shark they belonged to? While there is a considerable amount of helpful material online, even shark specialists admit that although determining the family and genus of the shark behind a given tooth is relatively simple, determining which species made it is notoriously difficult. There are many



A typical fossil shark tooth

reasons for this. Sharks may have different-looking teeth in the top and bottom jaws. There may be differences in dentition between the sexes. To make things even more complicated, some sharks change their prey preferences as they grow. To keep up with their change in diet, these sharks' dental equipment changes as they age. While the lucky finders of megalodon teeth won't have any difficulty identifying their seven-inch finds, you may have to be content with a more tentative name for the former owner of your specimens.

For the casual seaside naturalist, just knowing that you can hold in your hand the teeth of fishy predators that swam in the Texas seas long before there even was a Texas is exciting. As Bonnie Norris and Christal Mears know, fossil shark teeth are truly "toothy treasures".

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Beachcomber Bonnie Norris shows off her treasures

Bolivar Peninsula Special Utility District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 12, 2017

Directors Present: George Strong, Vice President; Chris Makin, Treasurer; Maria Skewis; Dennis Stafford; Hollis Gassen, President; DJ Hutchinson; Steve Barnett

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

Others Present: None

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 meeting of August 8, 2017: Motion made by George Strong and seconded by Chris Makin to approve the August 8, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion passed.

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

Item 5 Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Item 6 Manager's Report: The manager'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 August 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 August of 10.00%.

* During August the District added 32 new active accounts. The District has 4834 active accounts. Due to issues with Hurricane Harvey/mail service, no customers' service were shut off or liquidated during this period.

* Total water sales for August were \$298,683.50.

* Average monthly water bill for August was \$61.79.

* Water pumped during August was 31.6M and water sold was 21.1M with a loss difference of 10.5M.

* No reportable accidents or incidents during the month of August.

3) Review current infrastructure projects: Pre-engineering meeting with County on elevated water tank project was held. No other infrastructure projects to report.

4) BPSUD billed 624 customers for BUS during August.

5) Rollover Pass: There is no additional information available

6) Personnel: Down one employee. There are four interviews scheduled.

7) Finances: Discussion on late fees and postal issues. Authorized waiving of late fees for month of September due to storm issues.

Item 7 Discussion and possible action to cancel District Election: Motion by George Strong and seconded by Chris Makin to cancel election in November. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 8 Discussion and possible action to approve Board attendance to TRWA Districts Conference in Allen Texas on November 1-2, 2017: Motion by Dennis Stafford for Board to authorize attendance for General Manager, (1) Manager/Staff and any Board members to attend. Seconded by Maria Skewis and passed unanimously.

Item 9 Update and possible action on Texas Water Development Board negotiations:

No additional information from TWDB and no action required.

Item 10 Discussion and possible action on water plant security:

Discussion on initial research & need for water plant security systems. Further research by Manager and staff to be conducted. No Board action required at this time.

Item 11 Consideration and possible action on current water issue:

LNVA is working to get pumps online. They have sent 1M gallons of water

from their storage tanks. BPSUD elevated tanks are full. Bacterial samples collected and to lab tomorrow. Boil water noticed required until samples are cleared. LNVA plant is in process of repair/replacing instrumentation and chemical injection. Stage 4 conservation is in place until LNVA surface plant is back on line. No action required at this time.

Item 12 Recognition of Michael Riley: Board recognized Michael Riley for 5 years of service to BPSUD.

Item 13 Directors comments regarding Future committee meetings:

A. Audit and Finance Committee - No meetings planned

B. Personnel and Policy - No meeting planned

C. Plant and Product Committee - No meeting planned

D. Public Relations Committee - No meeting planned
Item 14 Directors Comments regarding future agenda items:

1) LNVA status

2) Water Plant security issues

3) Property insurance renewal

4) Quarterly investment report

5) Hurricane preparedness

6) Budget

Item 15 Set the Date for the Next Meeting: Next meeting date is set for October 10, 2017

Item 16 Adjournment: Motion made by Maria Skewis and seconded by Dennis Stafford to adorn the meeting at 7:39 PM. Motion unanimously passed.

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Our Lighthouse

by Jay Camp

The Port Bolivar Lighthouse or "Bolivar Light" story begins in 1852. The "Sanderson's House" was recommended by the United States Coast Survey to be used as the sight for a navigation light on the Bolivar side of the entrance to Galveston Bay. A "lightboat" was used on the Galveston Island side of the channel.

The original lighthouse was destroyed by Confederate troops during the War of Northern Aggression to keep Federal in the dark while trying to occupy the city of Galveston and the bay leading to Houston.



In 1917, target practice from Fort Jacinto mistook the lighthouse, in dense fog, for their target. Claiborne and his wife were shaken up until the shelling stopped.

Captain J. Brook took over keeper duties in 1918 when H.C. Claiborne retired. In 1933 on May 29, the light was officially



In 1872 the federal government decided to build a new beacon on Bolivar. The outside we see today is made of cast iron plates that were riveted together to protect the inner brickwork. A nine foot deep foundation anchors down the 117 foot above sea level tower.

The first light Keeper was H.C. Claiborne. He had to make sure the kerosene storage tanks on the lower level were kept full so that the force fed nozzles filled with kerosene that became a gas would light up the burner that fed the light. The fresnel put out eight rays of light every 15 seconds. The keeper also had to keep a bright polish on the brass fitting while the light slowly rotated all night. Today the fresnel is in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

The black and white striped lighthouse became a shelter during the 1900 storm that killed 6,000 people on Galveston Island. Bolivar locals fled to the lighthouse for safety. All together 125 people crowded in and rode out the storm.

During the 1915 storm a total of 61 fled 126 mph winds while 11 foot tide surge came in. When the tower started to sway, people became afraid while keeper Claiborne rotated the light by hand after the machinery was shook loose. His brave effort came to an end when the kerosene storage tangs floated away.

retired after 61 years of service. In 1935, the War Department took over the property until 1947 when the "surplus property" was sold to E. W. Boyt, putting in a bid of \$5,500.00. He outbid his competitor buy \$500.00. In 1952 the property stayed in the family when Pat E. Boyt bought the land.

"My Sweet Charlie", a moving starring Patty Duke and Al Freeman, Jr. was filmed on location in 1968. The Texas Historical Commission declared the Bolivar Light an historic landmark in 1977.

This past summer I met Bark and Lily Boyt while walking on the beach and we hit it off right away. They are a real nice couple who care about the property they now own.

The Boy's set up a 501 C non-profit foundation to raise funds to restore and preserve the light we all love. All donations are tax deductible and will all go to the restoration of the lighthouse. The State will not help because it is privately owned, but the family plans to open it back to the public for all to enjoy. I would love to see those old black and white stripes standing out on a ferry ride from Galveston.

Contributions can be sent to Bolivar Point Lighthouse Foundation, P. O. Box 200511, Austin, TX 78720

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The Resolution Adopting Budget, which includes the District's 2017-18 budget as an attachment, is attached hereto as Exhibit H.

Thereafter, the Board was directed to Agenda Item No. 11 regarding the District's 2017 ad valorem tax rate. After discussing the matter briefly, Treasurer Strong made a motion to set the District's 2017 ad valorem tax rate at \$0.084000/\$100 and approve an order for levy of same, which was seconded by Vice President Lee. A record vote was taken on the 2017 ad valorem tax rate, the results of which were as follows: For: President Bouse, Vice President Lee, Secretary Newberry, Treasurer Strong; and, Assistant Treasurer Fredenburg; Against: None; Present and Not Voting: None; and, Absent and Not Voting: None. The Order Levying Taxes is attached hereto as Exhibit I. Mr. Heinz will forward a copy of the Order Levying Taxes to the Tax Office.

Next, the Board's attention was directed to Agenda Item No. 12, at which time the members discussed the new EMS funding agreement with Galveston County for fiscal year 2017-18. Mr. Heinz advised the Board that he had reviewed the proposed agreement, and it is essentially a renewal of the prior year's agreement, as all of the contract provisions were the same except for the term period. Upon motion by Treasurer Strong and seconded by Vice President Lee, the Board unanimously approved the EMS funding agreement and authorized President Bouse to execute same. A copy

of the EMS funding agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit J. Mr. Heinz will forward the executed agreement to the County.

The Board then moved along to Agenda Item No. 13, at which time the VFDs requested the District purchase 1,500 feet of 5" supply hose and associated fittings for each of the three VFDs, having a total cost of \$35,299.00 (MES), and three Mule hose reels associated parts, which cost \$7,690.00 each, or \$23,070.00 total for all three departments (Baker Fabrication). Copies of the MES and Baker Fabrication quotes are attached hereto as Exhibit K. It was also noted that the proposed equipment purchase would be funded from Port Bolivar VFD and Crystal Beach VFD (see Agenda Item No. 7 above). After discussing the matter with the department representatives, Assistant Treasurer Fredenburg made a motion to purchase the requested equipment, which was seconded by Secretary Newberry, and unanimously approved by the Board members present.

The Board's attention was then directed to Agenda Item No. 14 regarding the proposed District Manager position, at which time Vice President Lee advised that he has spoken with one of the proposed candidates, and he and Treasurer Strong will be meeting with said candidate next week. Vice President Lee is also waiting on a return phone call from the other candidate.

Agenda Item No. 15 was tabled upon recommendation by Treasurer Strong that the Board postpone any action on the proposed Personnel

Policy until after a District Manager is hired. Assistant Treasurer Fredenburg also requested that the latest draft Personnel Policy be forwarded to all the Board members again for review. Mr. Heinz confirmed that he will forward a copy of the current draft policy to all the Board members by email.

Thereafter, the Board moved along to Agenda Item No. 16 regarding the Gilchrist VFD, at which time Secretary Newberry advised that she spoke with Mike Riley, and Mr. Riley indicated that he was currently busy with other matters, but once he has time, he will get in touch with Vice President Lee to provide all requested information concerning the new VFD.

Next, the Board was directed to Agenda Item No. 17, at which time Matt Summers advised the Board that Breedlove & Co. is still input all of PEMS's financial data into the bookkeeping software, and Mr. Sticker will contact the CPA at Breedlove & Co. CPA to confirm that status.

Then, continuing on to Agenda Item No. 18, Mr. Sticker reported on the status of VFDs' 2016 Agreed Upon Procedures Review being conducted by Mike Brooks of Brooks, Watson & Co. PLLC (formerly Brooks Cardiel, PLLC). Mr. Sticker also advised that the District's current budget report is available for review in the Board's Dropbox folder.

Being as there was no report from counsel or other matters to come before the Board under Agenda Item Nos. 19 and 20, the regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 PM

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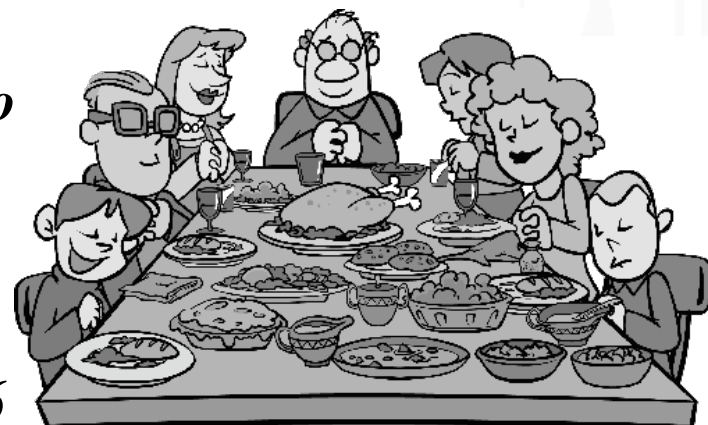
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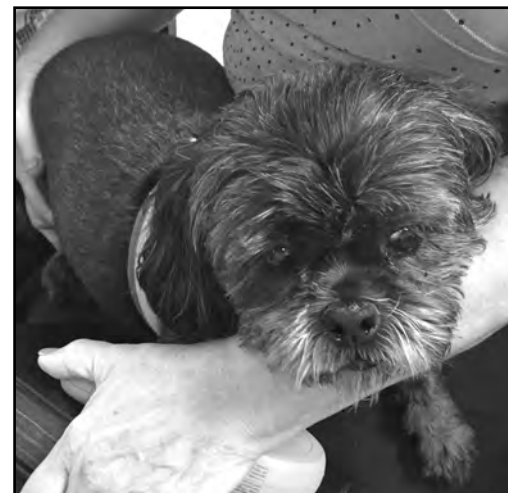
Most of the four legged visitors were canines. They came in all shapes, sizes, colors and coats. Some even joined in the singing of hymns. Lizzie, the only turtle, was a hit with the entire congregation. Waiting outside for blessings were mule Mae Mae and horse Rebel. These two fine creatures came with Lisa and Ethan Stackpoole of Crystal Corral Stables.

Pastor Valerie Hudson went to each pet to give a personal blessing. All animals sat or stood as she gently placed her hands on them. Pianist Gail Abbey played soft music during blessings time. All were quiet.

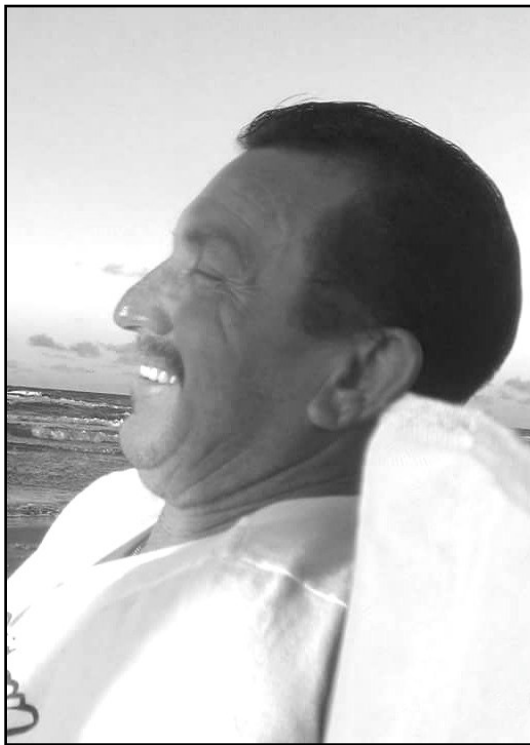
Treats were available after the service as Gail orchestrated, "How Much Is That Doggie In The Window?" Myriad choices of eatables existed for people and their companions. A Pet Treats table was set up in Fellowship Hall. A few creatures also chose delights from the human table of goodies. Mae Mae and Rebel received carrots and peppermints. (They preferred the peppermints.)

The Blessing of the Animals was an unforgettable experience. People in attendance felt as if they too had received a blessing. Please plan to come next year whether you have a pet or not. You and our beloved friends will be most welcome.

**"All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all."**



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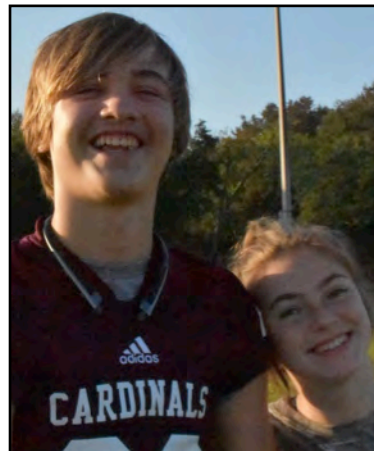
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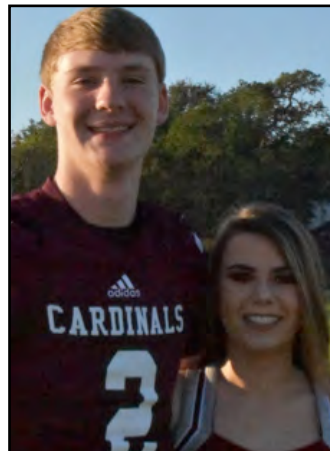
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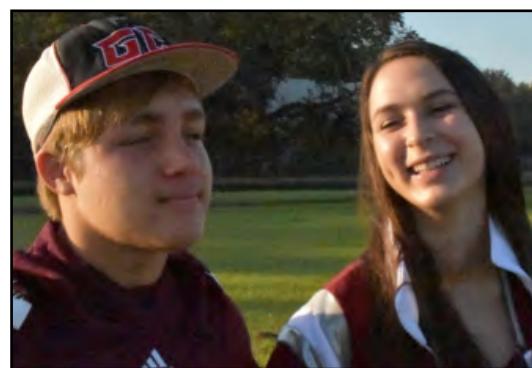
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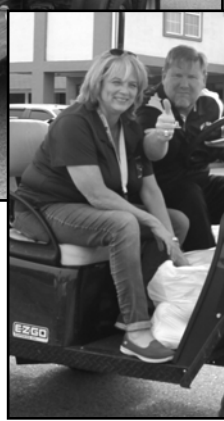


Duke Derek Demoss & Duchess Katherine O'Brien



Duke Milo Malinchalk and Duchess Cali Sundseth

High Island Homecoming Parade



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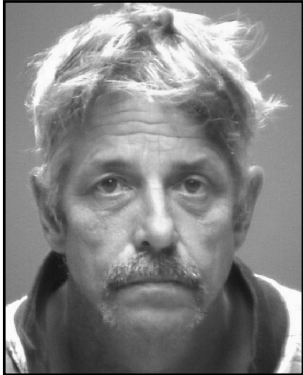
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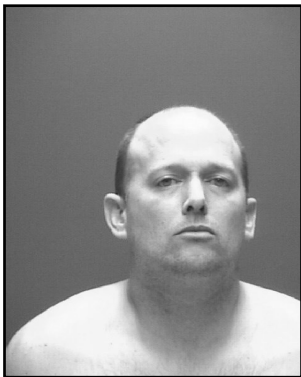
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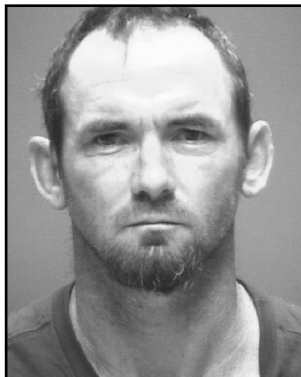
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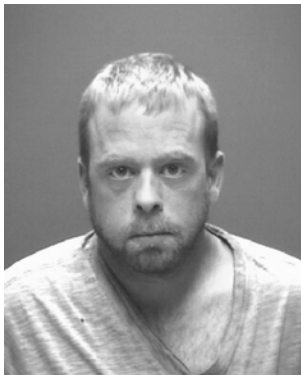
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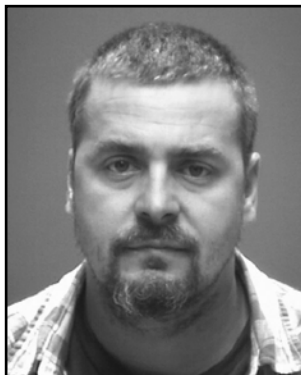
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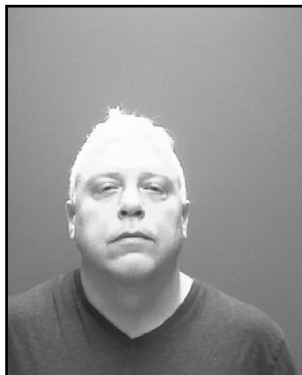
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Legendre, Melissa Renee (W /F/48)
Arrest on chrg of Public Intoxication
(M), at 28 Hwy 87, Port Bolivar, TX,
on 10/31/2017 17:51.

MISSING

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT
BRIAN KELLY COOK
CALL: BEAUMONT POLICE DEPT. (409) 880-3830

BRIAN KELLY COOK
Missing From: BEAUMONT, TX
Date Missing: 10/02/2017
Age: 25
Sex: MALE
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 170
Build: MEDIUM
Eyes: BLUE
Hair: BLONDE, SHORT, WAVY
Race: CAUCASIAN

Brian has his left ear pierced with a white diamond stud. He has a spider tattoo on his lower right leg, a black widow spider on his chest, a "Sublime" sun on his right forearm, and a "Sublime" sun on his back.

Brian's apartment has been vacated and his vehicle left in the parking lot. The last day his cell phone was used was 10/2/2017 at 5:38 PM.



Have You Seen Me?

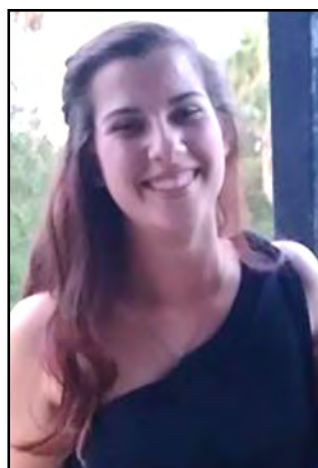
November 16 Great American Smoke Out Opportunity to Quit Smoking



*Happy Thanksgiving
from
Our Family to Yours*



Happy Birthday!
Sophie Bryant
November



Happy Sweet 16 Birthday
Lacye Tedder
November 13



Happy 3rd Birthday!
Kingston Kent
November 10

High Island Homecoming High School Class Favorites



11th Grade
Trey Chambers and Katherine O'Brien



9th Grade
Bailey Montelongo
Not pictured
Zenn Taylor

STINGAREE - Oyster Jubilee Starting November 3



Happy Birthday!
Rita
November 2



10th Grade
Milo Malinchalk
and
Cali Sundseth



12th Grade
Kole Rodriguez
Abby Howarton

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UTMB
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For Small Businesses
Wednesday, November 8
CBVFD @ 6:00pm

Wednesday, November 8th, @ 6:00pm
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REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

On Wednesday, November 8th, a Galveston UTMB
Multi-Share representative will come to the Peninsula
to make a presentation on their health care plan for
small businesses located in Galveston County.
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