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A Thanksgiving Message From The Commissioner

Thanksgiving is nearly here followed by the transition towards our preparations for Christmas and the reflections that come with a new year. This time of year is always special as we gather with family, friends, and loved ones to ponder all that we are thankful for, give gifts to celebrate blessings from God, and endeavor to be better when the calendar turns over.

As we bring this year to a close, I want to take some time to take stock of all we have accomplished in 2024. Once again, your Commissioners Court cut the County tax rate below the "No New Revenue Rate" and provided a real tax cut for taxpayers. We have done this while continuing to make investments in our community's future through mental health and law enforcement. Construction is well underway on the new state-of-the-art Mental Health Wellness Center that includes an extended observation unit and respite unit that will serve as a critical part of addressing mental health challenges in Galveston County. Our continued fiscal responsibility has led to yet another year of maintaining our perfect Aaa bond rating. We also continue to reduce the public debt, which has been reduced by XX% since 2017, while still investing in infrastructure for our future and maintaining reserves for potential natural disasters.

This holiday season, I am humbled by all the many things this past year has brought. On election day this year, you all re-elected me as your Commissioner for Precinct 1. I am so grateful for the groundswell of support and want to thank each and every one of you for putting your trust in me. Serving you as your voice and representative is not something I take lightly, and you have my unwavering commitment that I will never stop fighting for you and Precinct 1. We will continue the work of the past four years with the same tenacity and dedication that has made our community the best in Texas. This includes making our county government more efficient, investing in public safety, and making drainage and infrastructure a top priority.

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday and begin thinking of what we are most thankful for, the answer is always a simple one for me. My family is the engine that keeps me moving forward. My beautiful wife, Pam, is my rock and keeps me grounded in what is important.

I am so proud of my three amazing children and their spouses who are building the next chapter for our community. Lastly, my six lively grandchildren bring me endless joy and remind me that we are fighting for the next generation that will call Galveston County home.

We accomplished so much in 2024 and 2025 is looking even better! Pam and I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. May the joy and happiness of this season be felt by you and your family!





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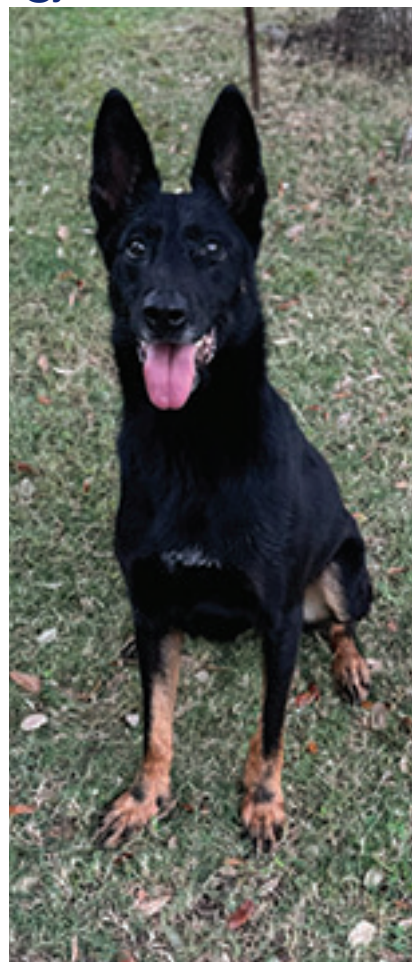
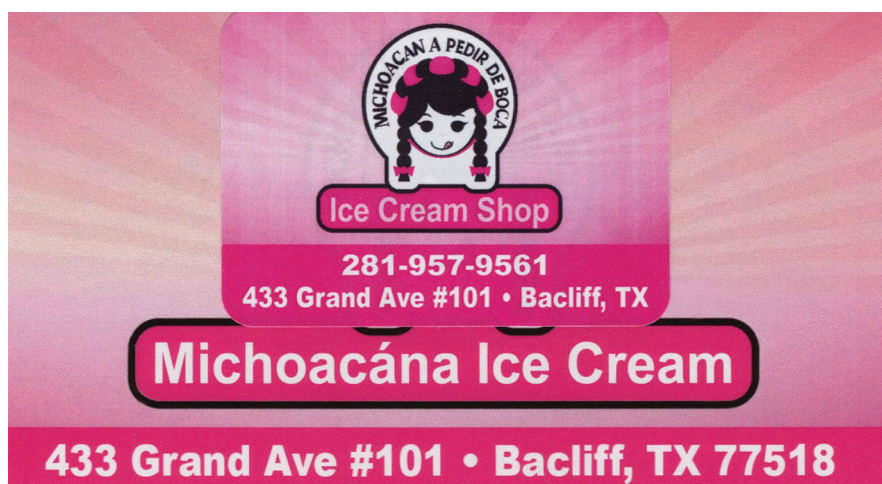
This project is administrated by the Disaster Behavioral Health Coordination program, through federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program grant.

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This week's Galveston County Animal Resource Center Pet of the Week is Jade.

Meet Jade (038580) a smart and playful 5-year-old German Shepherd mix looking for her forever home. She's got basic commands down and always keeps the front of her kennel tidy. Jade adores her toys—especially tennis balls—and can't get enough of playing fetch. She'd be perfect for an active family ready to give this sweet girl the fun and love she deserves. Come on in and meet her!

Videos of the Pets of the Week can be viewed on www.facebook.com/garcpets and www.youtube.com.

For more information call 409-948-2485 or visit www.gchd.org. These and other pets are available at the Galveston County Animal Resource Center, 3412 25th Ave N. Texas City, TX. 77590.

— Information for Pets of the Week is supplied by the Galveston County Animal Resource Center.

The Elections Are Over...

Almost, somehow there are a few races that have not been called as of EPP press time. The knowledge of who won the presidency on election night was delightful and should be the norm. In Galveston County there was one dark event in that Jimmy Fullen won the election to be Sheriff. Astonishingly, a man who could not be hired as a deputy was elected to run the whole department. In January based on EPP's understanding, Jimmy will have a hearing on the issue of whether he will lose his license to be a law enforcement officer in the State of Texas. Things could get very interesting when that process is complete and EPP will bring that information to its readers.



Happy Thanksgiving!

With the opportunity to return the country to rational governance and the fact that the United States is still where most of the world would like to live, there is much to be thankful for in 2024. No pandemic insanity to drive people apart, Texas and Texans remaining strong and independent and the folks of Galveston County escaping hurricane season with a storm that while damaging, was definitely on the mild side. Taking at least one day to give thanks for all of our benefits and blessings. EPP thanks its loyal readers, advertisers and the freedom of the press and looks forward to continue to bring information and opinion to those who are interested. Happy Thanksgiving, the celebration is justified.



San Leon And More Celebrate Veterans Day

San Leon never misses an opportunity for a parade and this year's Veterans Day was no exception. With a parade that included a marching band, ROTC, golf carts, fire trucks, a helicopter flyover and various ceremonies to honor the men and women who are serving and have served, the event was impressive and well deserved. Baccliff, San Leon and Dickinson fire departments participated as they work together when fire or disaster strikes the area through their mutual aid agreements. The citizens of San Leon are particularly supportive of our Veterans not just because so many reside in the community but because they have patriotism ingrained in their hearts. EPP is proud to show a few photos that capture the spirit of the day and commemorate those who keep us free.

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15. Curved molding
16. Welcoming sign
17. Crossword entries
18. ____ *Skillet-cooked batter
20. Bristles on grass
21. Talked like a pigeon
22. Scepter's partner
23. A way to steal gas
26. With two maxima, in statistics
30. All Nippon Airways
31. Tip of lion's tail
34. Body, breath and mind workout
35. Garments
37. Singer Benatar
38. Unethical loaner's practice
39. Copycat
40. *Pie nuts
42. Honey maker
43. Like Old Glory
45. Time for an egg hunt
47. "As if!"
48. Battle of the ____, a.k.a. Ardennes Offensive
50. Moldy appetizer
52. *Green bean ____
56. ____ *Thanksgiving football regulars
57. Cream-filled cookie
58. Chieftain in Arabia
59. Poem at a funeral
60. Of two minds
61. Not ever, poetically
62. Oui in French
63. Ensign, for short
64. Make them meet

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1. Coalition
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3. Zig or zag
4. Make wet
5. Safari hat
6. Mountain nymph
7. "Cobbler, cobbler, ____ my shoe"
8. Repair a sock
9. Cutlass or Delta 88, for short
10. "Now we're cooking with ____"
12. "La cerveza m s fina"
13. Bunch of #42 Across
14. *Football regulars on Thanksgiving
19. They're made for walking
22. Tin Man's remedy
23. "The Forsyte ____, " pl.
24. Not suitable in certain circumstances
25. Fruit-cutting device
26. 2nd letter of Greek alphabet
27. Skeptic's MO
28. Come to terms
29. Extra sweatshirt, e.g.
32. Hightailed it
33. Cul de ____
36. *Prepping a turkey
38. Cell phone bill item
40. Teacher's favorite student
41. Infamous Baby Face
44. Verse
46. Tranquil
48. Noble one
49. Internet patrons
50. Digestive aid
51. Fish eggs, pl.
52. ____ d'Ivoire
53. Bad luck predictor
54. What Pinocchio did
55. Makes mistakes
56. Bovine hangout

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Thanksgiving Food Drive



Join Us for the Bayshore Town Square Community Meeting & Thanksgiving Food Drive!

Date: Thursday, November 21

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: 4500 10th Street, Baycliff, TX 77518
(Community Room)

This Thursday, November 21, at 7:00 PM, we invite you to join us at the Bayshore Town Square Community Meeting. It's a great opportunity to connect with neighbors, learn about upcoming events, and get involved in local initiatives.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we're also hosting a Food Drive during the meeting to support local families in need. Your donations of ****dry and canned goods**** will make a meaningful difference to those in our community who may be struggling to put food on the table this holiday season.

Suggested items for donation include:

- Canned vegetables
- Canned soups & stews
- Boxed pasta & rice
- Canned beans & chili
- Canned fruit
- Canned or boxed gravy

Every can and box counts, and your generosity will ensure that families in need can enjoy a warm and fulfilling Thanksgiving meal.

We encourage everyone in the Bayshore area to come together for this important cause. Bring your donations, share your ideas, and take part in making our neighborhood stronger and more connected. Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the community, your presence and support are what make the Bayshore area a great place to live.

We look forward to seeing you there—let's work together to make this holiday season brighter for those who need it most!

For more information, contact the Bayshore Town Square email or contact Robin Burke, Gina Smith, or Tony Poynor.

See you 3rd Thursday!



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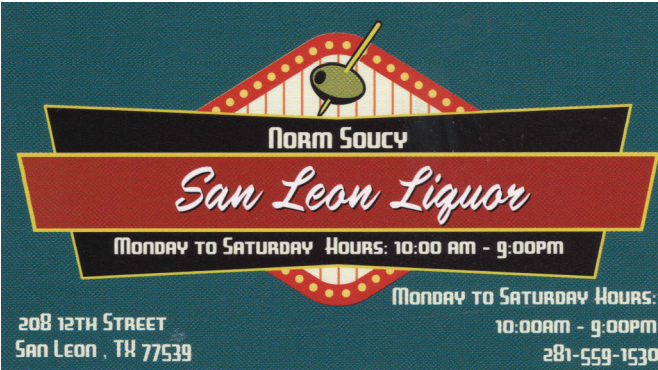
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