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Was It A Winter Wonderland?

Or a frigid nightmare? The photo above was taken at the 64 acre park off 10th Street in Bacliff looking out at the playground and pavilion. The snow and ice prompted a few folks to practice their slick pavement driving in the parking lot which EPP thinks is a great idea. The opportunity to practice safely on ice and snow is pretty rare in Galveston County. While there were a few power blips, few actually had any noticeable outages. Whether that was luck or good planning and maintenance by Centerpoint and Ercot is certainly debatable based on history, but the stable power supply was certainly a benefit.

There was something akin to panic buying before the cold weather swept in as grocery store parking lots were packed and the shelves were being stripped bare. That indicates that pre-planning for potential weather disruptions likely needs a bit of improvement. EPP reminds its readers that if it has not already been done, it is time to have fuel in the car, flashlight batteries, non-perishable foods, alternate cooking and heating methods and medication on hand in adequate quantities to last at least a few days if the roads are icy, businesses are closed and the power is off.

Doing the chore of testing chainsaws, generators and etc. is a pain, but not as much pain as finding they don't work when you need them. Car batteries, riding lawn mower batteries and those in golf carts and other lead acid batteries do not fare well if they are not fully charged when the temperature drops. Battery chargers and maintainers can keep vehicles operational and batteries not needing replacement. Money spent up front can save in the long run.

Based on local observation, it seems that dripping faucets and insulating exposed plumbing saved most people from leaks that often flood houses and yards when the ice in burst pipes thaws and starts flowing. Important to remember that insulation does not create heat, it only holds existing heat. That means that an insulated pipe exposed to extended below freezing temperatures can still freeze and break if there is no water flowing at an adequate pace or no external heat source. If that insulated pipe does freeze, the insulation will delay its thawing when the weather warms, so leaks may not be apparent immediately upon a rise in temperature.

Cops, firefighters and utility workers were not able to hunker down. They continued to respond to calls for service and EPP thanks all of them for doing what needed to be done even when conditions were not pleasant. February and March are often the coldest times of year in Galveston County, so if this cold snap was a frigid nightmare and not a winter wonderland for any readers, consider it a wakeup call to get things squared away before the next cold front rolls in.

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Sunday, February 22nd, 2025
10am to 4pm/Until Capacity Met
Bayshore/Spillway Park

Electronics

Accepted Items	Not Accepted
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Galveston County Electronic Waste Day

Date:
February 22nd, 2025

Time:
10:00am to 4:00pm

Location:
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Bacliff, TX 77518

For more information, contact Galveston County Nuisance Abatement at 409-766-4509

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Chicken Continental

- 3 or 4 lbs frying size chickens, cut up
- 1/3 cup seasoned flour
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 2 1/2 tbsp grated onion
- Dash of pepper
- 1/2 tsp celery flakes
- 1/2 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tbsp minced parsley
- 1/8 tsp thyme
- 1 1/3 cups water
- 1 1/3 cups Minute Rice or partially cooked white or brown rice
- Paprika

Roll chicken in seasoned flour and saute' in shortening until tender. Combine soup, onion and seasonings in saucepan, gradually add water and blend thoroughly. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reserve 1/3 cup of the soup mixture. Pour the remaining soup over Minute Rice in a shallow casserole. Stir just to moisten all of the rice. Top with chicken and the remaining soup. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes. Sprinkle with paprika.

Note: The brown rice gives a rich nutty flavor and is a nice change.



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5. Cause of a trip?
8. Dao, alt. sp.
11. Between marquess and viscount
12. Super garb?
13. Inlet in Norway
15. Cogito ____ sum
16. Long story
17. Deprived of a limb
18. *Half-time headliner
20. Ice, dark or middle ____
21. *Cindy Crawford wore " ____ Dukes" in a Super Bowl ad
22. Flightless bird
23. *Last year's Super Bowl winners
26. A cheap, run-down motel
30. " ____ the fields we go"
31. Merry
34. Actor's part
35. Expensive
37. Not him
38. Cell phone bill item
39. Civil Rights icon
40. *David Tyree's ____ Catch
42. Letters of distress
43. What rule follower does
45. Get cozy
47. Greed, biblically-speaking
48. Grieve for the dead
50. Time period
52. *Team with most Super Bowl appearances
55. 3600 seconds, pl.
56. Casino chip
57. Salmon's output
59. En ____, all together
60. Like Piper of Hamelin
61. Uber alternative
62. ____ Robinson
63. Acronym, abbr.
64. "Come Sail Away" band

1. Service charge
2. Songbird
3. Craving
4. Marilyn Monroe, e.g.
5. ____ lazuli
6. Hot
7. 52 cards
8. Hefty volume
9. Greek god of war
10. 1, e.g.
12. Cherry red
13. Post vitriol
14. *Team with no Super Bowl appearances
19. Looney Tunes duck
22. Architectural add-on
23. Meat of coconut
24. Roman king of Judea
25. Like certain whiskey
26. Grow crop
27. Brag
28. Algorithmic language
29. Ganders' companions
32. Tom Jones's " ____ a Lady"
33. Rolodex abbr.
36. * ____ Superdome
38. Wombs
40. Lady lobster
41. Hardened
44. Follows wash
46. Pig sounds
48. Bouncing off the walls
49. Weasel's aquatic cousin
50. Fly like an eagle
51. Boot-wearing kitty
52. Mama Bear's husband
53. To perfection (3 words)
54. *Justin Timberlake's " ____ Back," sung in Super Bowl show
55. Expression of doubt
58. *Steelers' number of Super Bowl trophies



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SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ON PAGE 7



Free Household Hazardous Waste Event
 Saturday, March 1st, 2025
 10am to 4pm/Until Capacity Met
 Galveston County Fairgrounds

Galveston County FOOD BANK
 On-site Canned Food Donation Drive

Hazardous Waste

No Commercial/Construction Waste
 Containers Must be 5 Gallons or Less

Accepted Items	Not Accepted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oil Based Paints - Solvents - Cleaning Products - Light Bulbs - Mercury - Oil and Oil Filters - Batteries and Auto Batteries - Antifreeze - Pesticides and Herbicides - Pool Chemicals - Up to 8 Passenger Vehicle Tire - Gasoline and Diesel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explosives - Ammunition - Radioactive Materials - Dioxins - Agricultural Chemicals - Medical Waste - Pharmaceutical Items - Smoke Alarms - Propane Tanks - Household Trash - Furniture - Kitchen Waste




Galveston County Hazardous Waste Day


Date:
 March 1st, 2025

Time:
 10:00am to 4:00pm

Location:
 10 Jack Brooks Rd.
 Hitchcock, Texas

For more information, contact Galveston County Nuisance Abatement at 409-766-4509

JOIN LEAGUE CITY POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS FOR A FUN-FILLED FAMILY DAY WITH DELICIOUS FOOD, EXCITING ACTIVITIES AND BIG RAFFLE PRIZES!



Saturday, February 1, 2025
 Countryside Park
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3 p.m. – Event & Activities Kick Off
 7 p.m. – Guns vs. Hoses Kickball Game

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BAYSHORE TOWN SQUARE


Guest Speaker
Investigator Tommy Hansen

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This month's meeting will have Investigator Tommy Hansen from Brazoria County DA and FBI Task Force to talk about cold case investigations. Tommy has over 50 years of experience in law enforcement and has been working cold cases in Galveston and Brazoria County for over 10 years.

Where: Galveston County Justice Peace Center
 4500 10th St, Bacliff, TX 77518

When: February 20th, 2025 at 7pm

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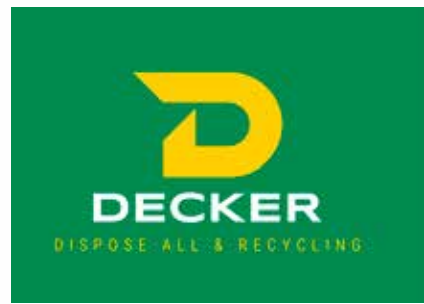
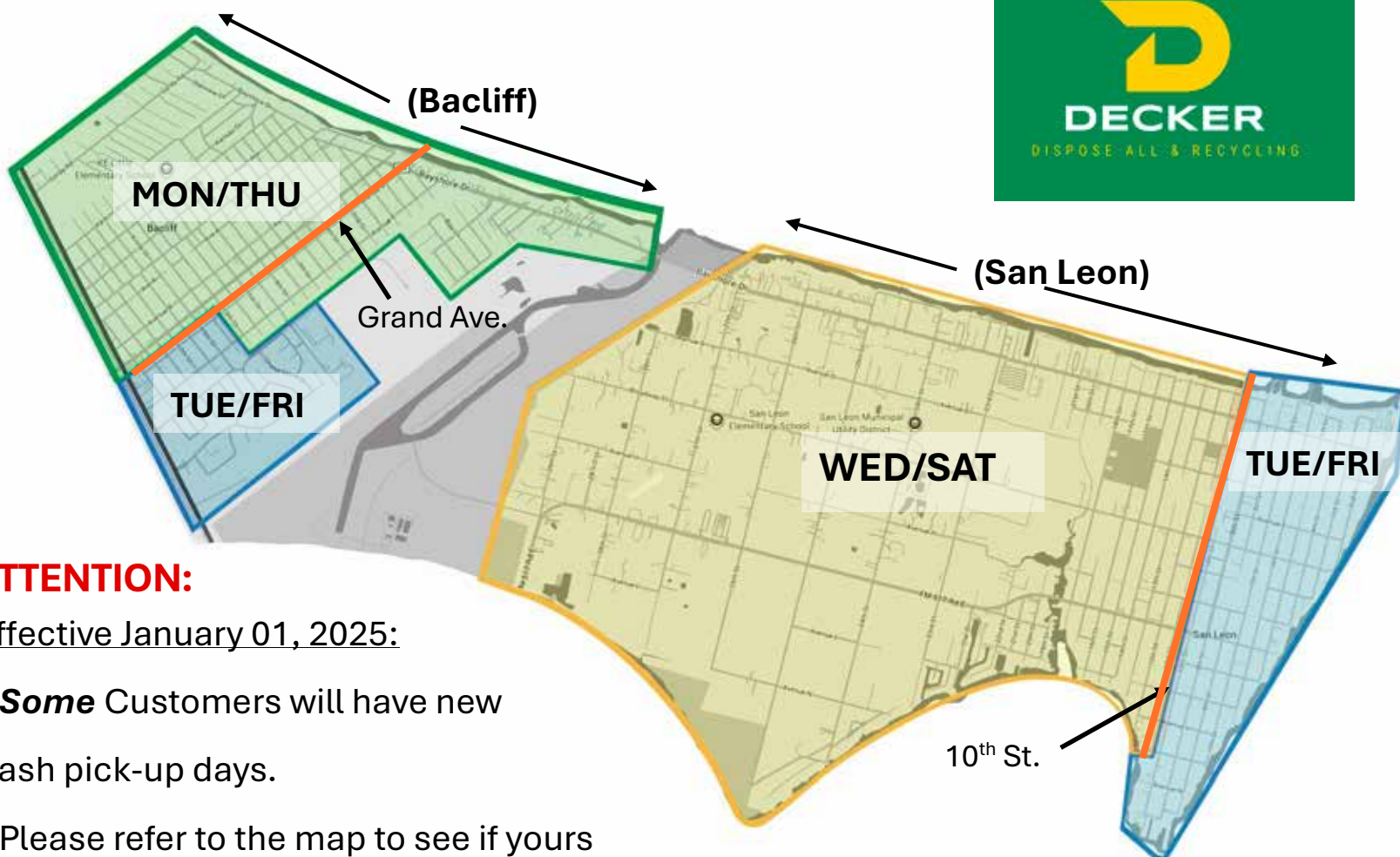
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This week's Galveston County Animal Resource Center Pet of the Week is Chelsea.

Meet Chelsea (A036895) a 3 year old Pit Bull mix with tons of energy and a love for adventure. She's dog-friendly and loves rough and rowdy playtime with her pals. Chelsea is heartworm negative and ready to find her forever home. If you're looking for a lively companion who's always up for fun, she's your girl! 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.

Chelsea will be available for \$42.50 from Tuesday Jan 21st – Jan 24th, 2025. Pets of the week adoptions include rabies vaccination, spay or neuter and microchip.

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.

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Emergency Preparedness Training
 Scan QR Code to Register

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

Next Class 2025-1
 Location: Crystal Beach, Bolivar Peninsula
 First Baptist Church-Crystal Beach
 1260 Tx Hwy 87, Crystal Beach TX 77650
Academy Training Dates
 Friday, Feb. 7 — 6 pm to 9:30 pm
 Saturday, Feb. 8 — 8:30 am to 5 pm
 Sunday, Feb. 9 — 1:00 to 5 pm
 Friday, Feb. 21 — 6 pm to 9:30 pm
 Saturday, Feb. 22 — 8:30 am to 5 pm, Graduation Drill in Afternoon at Fort Travis

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San Leon Volunteer Fire Department: A Legacy of Service Since 1955

The San Leon Volunteer Fire Department (SLVFD) has proudly served our community for 70 years, and its rich history reflects the spirit of resilience and determination that defines San Leon.

The Beginning

Before 1955, fire protection for San Leon, Bayview, and Bacliff was provided by the Bacliff Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD). Volunteer firefighters from San Leon traveled to Bacliff to respond to local emergencies, but the distance proved to be a challenge. Recognizing the need for localized fire protection, a group of dedicated firefighters petitioned to form a new department. In February 1955, their request was granted, and the San Leon Volunteer Fire Department was officially chartered by the State of Texas.

As part of the agreement, SLVFD received one fire truck, 100 feet of hose, a nozzle, and a siren. The department's first station was a modest tin building, no larger than a two-car garage, located just blocks from Galveston Bay. Despite these humble beginnings, the department was determined to grow and serve.

Building a Legacy

In 1959, SLVFD purchased its first new fire truck, a 750 GPM pumper from American LaFrance, and began planning for a more permanent fire station. After Hurricane Carla devastated the Texas coast in 1961, a "gentleman's agreement" with the County Commissioners allowed the department to build a new station on county park property. The community rallied together, donating materials, labor, and funds to construct a concrete, three-bay fire station with a meeting room and kitchen.

In 1968, the Ladies Auxiliary gifted the department a new FireFox pumper, which served SLVFD until its retirement in 1994. During the early 1970s, the station was expanded with a 2,500-square-foot metallic addition, creating more space for equipment storage and fundraisers.

Securing the Future

In 2004, after years of uncertainty regarding property ownership, the 212th District Court in Galveston ruled in favor of SLVFD, granting full ownership of the 2.6-acre tract where the fire station still stands today.

A Glimpse into the Past

An iconic photo captures three generations of fire trucks in front of the station shortly after it was built: the department's original fire truck (received upon secession from BVFD), the 1959 American LaFrance, and the 1968 FireFox. These trucks represent the growth and progress of the department, a testament to the dedication of the firefighters and the unwavering support of the San Leon community.

From its humble beginnings to its current operations, the San Leon Volunteer Fire Department's history is a story of neighbors coming together to protect and serve. This year, as SLVFD celebrates its 70th anniversary, we honor the visionaries, volunteers, and community members who built this department and continue to sustain it today.