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A Good House Fire

This little house built by one of San Leon VFD's talented members was a training tool that allowed new members being trained to learn about various and dangerous fire behaviors such as flashover, rollover, backdraft and fire development. It was built with multiple rooms and two stories with the ability to open and close door and window like openings to create various fire conditions. It also allowed the trainees to further understand ventilation of fires. To EPP's surprise, this training aid realistically presented the fire conditions it was intended to produce. A great way to safely learn before entering into a real structure fire situation and a testament to the dedication of the volunteers to steadily train and improve. As this little house was sacrificed for education, the department plans on building another to continue developing their team's skills and knowledge.

EPP congratulates training officer Alex Gusman for his dedicated work to improve the knowledge of the members of his department.

You Are Your First Responder

As hurricane season continues and everyone sees the devastation brought by Helene to the eastern parts of the country, and in the aftermath of the small destruction received here by Beryl, it is time to contemplate. Who is your real first responder? The answer is clearly that you are. You decide what supplies and preparations you make in your daily life for the usual potential problems. You learn first aid, purchase and maintain first aid kits, fire extinguishers, keep non-perishable foods. You have a chainsaw, generator, fuel for both, flashlights and batteries. You keep a decent amount of fuel in your vehicle, enough emergency cash on hand and the list goes on... You attend preparedness meetings, know CPR and are all around ready for what might come your way.

You know that the first person to be on the scene of a disaster that affects you is you. You are in fact your own and your family and your neighbors first responder. That is a substantial responsibility and some seem to avoid it at all costs, but for those that take up the burden, the payoff is well worth it. You and yours don't die during an extreme weather event. You are more comfortable, well fed and hydrated in the aftermath and you help restore your home and your community. Some of you will go further and join the local fire department, community emergency response team, neighborhood watch or other service organizations. You can fill the gaps that government cannot or should not respond to.

It has been said that the 1900 storm that devastated Galveston was handled the best by the citizens as they had no expectation of government assistance and got their island back on its feet through their own efforts. Much progress in anticipating, preparing for and responding to similar disasters has been made since then, but in reality, just as in 1900, you are the one that makes the difference.

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Against Automation..... Really?

The dockworkers want to have guarantees that technology will not be upgraded and automation will not improve efficiency in cargo handling. That flies in the face of everything America stands for. Yes, buggy whip manufacturers lost business when horseless carriages became prominent and slide rule sales plummeted when electronic calculators came along, but we were all better off for those improvements. Radar took lookouts out of the crow's nests on ships and backup sensors took work away from body shops, but the population survived and thrived despite those shifts in employment and business models. Some rules that "make work" might be okay as long as they produce something of value to society, but mandating low efficiency, labor intensive operations just for the sake of keeping people busy is absurd on its face. Life changes, the world changes, the climate changes and all are the natural result of the passage of time. Perhaps we should bring back iceboxes as the refrigerator put an awful lot of icemen and ice producers out of work... Perhaps union leaders should go back to a time before they made almost \$1,000,000 per year and threatened the quality of life for all Americans?



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Ribbon Cutting At Bacliff VFD

Bacliff's new building which will house the ambulance/EMT personnel, bunkrooms and bathing facilities for members and more equipment had its ribbon cutting on September 28th before the annual dance and benefit. The building is not yet completely finished out, but will be a tremendous asset to the department and by extension the community when it is complete.

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Will You Be There?

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Monday, September 30, 2024

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Rep. Terri Leo Wilson Reaffirms Strong Support for Law Enforcement with Record Funding for Safety Initiatives in Galveston and Chambers Counties

(Austin, TX) - Representative Terri Leo Wilson continues her unwavering commitment to public safety and law enforcement by securing substantial state funding to bolster safety initiatives across Galveston and Chambers counties. As a vocal advocate for law enforcement throughout her time in office, Rep. Leo Wilson has consistently voted in favor of increased funding and essential grants that ensure law enforcement agencies have the necessary tools to protect and serve their communities effectively.

In Galveston County, local law enforcement agencies have been awarded a total of \$6,901,191.46 in grants from the Office of the Governor, including:

- **Law Enforcement Bullet-Resistant Shield** - \$1,209,916.31
- **Law Enforcement Enhanced Safety Project** - \$63,550
- **Operation Lone Star** - \$3,131,281.42
- **Body-Worn Cameras** - \$85,250.00
- **Galveston County Law Enforcement Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Project** - \$86,875.00
- **Rifle Resistant Body Armor** - \$91,740.00
- **Law Enforcement Equipment Upgrade Project** - \$29,850.00

In Chambers County, law enforcement agencies have received a total of \$603,113.16 in grants, including:

- **Body-Worn Camera Project** - \$25,916.00
- **Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program** - \$32,190.40
- **Operation Lone Star** - \$310,777.75
- **Bullet-Resistant Shield** - \$32,386.27

These grants underscore Rep. Leo Wilson's dedication to ensuring that both urban and rural law enforcement agencies are well-equipped to handle the challenges they face in keeping Texans safe.

"As a representative, my top priority is the safety of our communities," said Rep. Terri Leo Wilson. "These grants will provide critical resources that enable law enforcement officers to perform their duties more safely and effectively. From bullet-resistant shields to body-worn cameras and rifle-resistant armor, every dollar of this funding will make a real difference on the front lines of public safety in Galveston and Chambers counties."

In addition to securing these grants, Rep. Leo Wilson proudly supported **Senate Bill 22**, which established the **Rural Law Enforcement Salary Assistance Grant Program**. Under SB 22, the Texas Comptroller's Office awarded \$350,000 to the Chambers County Sheriff's Office, \$175,000 to the District Attorney's Office, and

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\$175,000 to the County Attorney's Office to assist in raising law enforcement salaries and retaining critical personnel in rural areas where resources may be limited.

"By supporting our law enforcement agencies, we are ensuring the safety of our entire state—urban and rural alike," Rep. Leo Wilson stated. "Our officers deserve the best equipment and fair compensation for the risks they take every day. I will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that law enforcement agencies in our district, and across Texas, have the resources they need to keep us safe."

Rep. Leo Wilson's dedication to public safety extends beyond legislative support. She remains actively engaged with local law enforcement agencies, ensuring a direct line of communication to understand their needs and advocate for continued funding and support.

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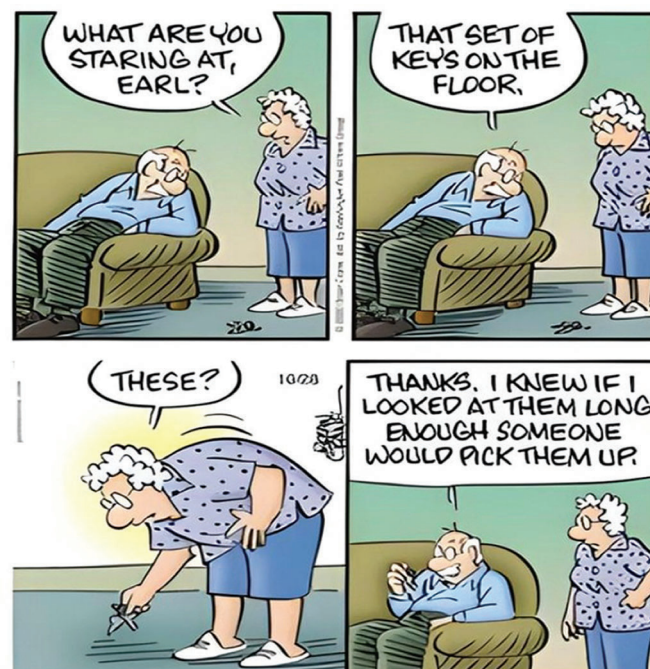
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THEME: FAMOUS
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ACROSS

1. To grab meat off a grill

5. Tire meas.

8. Flock member

11. Hollywood sidewalk mark

12. Architect's drawing

13. Muhammad's teachings

15. *Leaning Tower city

16. Co-eds' military org.

17. a.k.a. Pleasant Island

18. *Angkor Wat country

20. Like some Christmas sweaters

21. Walt's Mickey

22. Blunder

23. Emerge

26. "Midsommar" flower arrangements

30. *Avenue des Champs-Élysées, technically

31. Plural of stria

34. Prescribed food selection

35. On pins and needles

37. Knee-related acronym

38. Fur of the marten

39. Hissy fit

40. Political "shelter"

42. The night before Christmas

43. Eyewash vessel

45. Food tester

47. King Kong, e.g.

48. Milk quantity

50. *Verde National Park

52. *Black Hills' Mount National Memorial

55. Short-trunked ungulate

56. Geometric calculation

57. Barbequed anatomy

59. Not upright

60. Mountain lake

61. *Easter Island statues

62. Short for detective

63. Follow ems

64. "Mr. Roboto" band

DOWN

1. Recipe amt.

2. Related to ear

3. U.S. space agency, acr.

4. Gram, in Great Britain

5. Walks weary

6. Composer of "Gymnopédies" fame Erik

7. *Machu Picchu empire

8. Twelfth month of Jewish civil year

9. On one's guard

10. Ostrich-like bird

12. Marcel of "Remembrance of Things Past" fame

13. Harden

14. *Familia, Spain

19. Autocratic

22. Earlier in time, archaic

23. Use blunt end of pencil

24. Sack fabric

25. Change shoelace knot, e.g.

26. *China's Great attraction

27. *Mt. Everest's northern slope location

28. Tool handle

29. Ranch grazer

32. Poison ivy woe

33. *Strait, Alaskan cruise destination

36. *Famous onion-domed cathedral's namesake in Russia

38. Ingratiating behavior

40. Gobbled up

41. Relating to Utah

44. Like exes

46. Violent weather, pl.

48. #13 Across' sacred writings

49. Site frequenters

50. First one on a ship

51. Long narrative poem

52. Loan attribute

53. Heavy metal's Quiet

54. E-commerce website

55. Sylvester, to Tweety

58. Broadway musical about wives of Henry VIII

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San Leon MUD Update

Property Address Reminder

Part of San Leon's rate order requires that all residential and commercial buildings in the district have the property address posted on the building. The letters and numbers used to mark addresses should be at least three inches high and should be placed on the building so they are visible from the street. This is to the residents' benefit as well since any EMS responders will be better able to locate your property with the address visible.

Galveston County Mosquito Control

Galveston County has a fleet of vehicles that are deployed throughout the county to spray for mosquitos. If you have any questions regarding spraying schedule or want to request spraying in your area, you can call them at 800.842.5622 or visit their website to see maps of the locations they've recently sprayed as well as where they intend to spray next.

Brush Bundling & Debris Removal

With hurricane season here, be sure to clean up your property, removing any debris that may block drainage or become projectiles in the event of high winds. While Galveston County is not responsible for picking up brush or debris, Texas Pride will pick up brush that's placed in clear, individual piles measuring no larger than 3' x 3' x 3' or tied and bundled and under 50 pounds.

Dates to Remember

October 13 – Navy Birthday

October 17, 6:30 PM
Monthly District Meeting

October 23 – Early Voting Begins

October 31 – Halloween

Conservation Tip of the Month



The MUD meetings are open to the public & are typically held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Agendas can be found three days before the meeting at the MUD office or online at www.slmud.org

CERT Academy 2024-4 in October, Clear Lake Shores

This training is completely free of cost!

The training dates and times are as follows:

- Friday, Oct. 11 —6:30 to 10 pm
- Saturday, Oct. 12 —8:30 am to 5 pm
- Sunday, Oct. 13 —1:00 to 5 pm
- Friday, Oct. 18 —6:30 to 10 pm
- Saturday, Oct. 19 —8:30 am to 5 pm, Graduation Drill in Afternoon

The academy will be held at the Clear Lake Shores Civic Clubhouse. The address is 931 Cedar, Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565.

You need to attend all the class session and times to complete the academy. Some missed time can be made up by turning in an outline of the material missed in class, but you cannot make up the work on Saturday, October 19th, in the afternoon. If you must miss the class and drill on the 19th, it can only be made up with another CERT Academy in the near future.

All materials will be provided for you, and you will receive emergency supplies and personal protective equipment.

You are welcome to bring snacks and drinks to class with you.

Minors, 13 and older, are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult or parent.


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The End Is Near..

Not of the world (as far as we know), but of the election season. If you are reading this and have not registered to vote, you are too late for this one. If you are registered, please vote early or on election day to hopefully restore some semblance of world peace and American prosperity and leadership in the world. In Galveston County, Republicans need to be able to make the right call and vote for the Democrat Mark Salinas for Sheriff. Choosing the best candidate whether or not he has an R by his name is the right call for the community and is something that can be honorably done in this case.

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1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup sour milk (mix 1/2 teaspoon white vinegar in milk)
4 very ripe bananas, mashed well

Frosting:
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 cup milk
pinch of salt

For cake: Preheat oven at 350 degrees

In a bowl, cream sugar and shortening. Add eggs and vanilla and mix well.

In another bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Add to sugar mixture alternately with sour milk and bananas. Mix well.

Pour into a 13x9-inch baking pan. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool completely.

For frosting: Prepare an ice bath (fill kitchen sink with cold water and ice cubes).

In a saucepan, combine sugar, butter, cocoa, milk, and salt. Cook over medium heat until boiling, stirring constantly. Place pan immediately into ice bath, deep enough for water to cover halfway up side of pan. Stir frosting constantly for 2 to 3 minutes, or until it is thick. Do not splash water into it. Remove from bath and spread on cake.

Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Enjoy!



Lonely No More

The lone path light that EPP reported was not working after lighting repairs at 64 acre park off 10th Street in Bacliff is now shining brightly along with its neighbors. There are not a lot of lights at this park, but now that those that exist are working, things are looking brighter and the world is a better place! Perhaps it is a sign of better days to come for the Galveston County Parks system. Either way, EPP will spread the news.

Julie Diaz
Galveston County Director of Parks & Cultural Services'

Let her know what you think....

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Halloween Is Coming

Halloween on Grand is a long standing event that is community based and brings kids, adults and others together on Grand Avenue in Bacliff for an evening of trick-or-treating. The kids love it and the folks handing out the candy demonstrate the true spirit of the community. Held on Halloween, it generally begins as darkness approaches and tends to clear out after a couple of hours.

San Leon will have a golf cart Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 26th. It will begin at noon starting from the San Leon VFD at 12th and Avenue D in San Leon. EPP will publish the route in the next issue if it becomes available.

Report Streetlight Outages

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They Came To Support...

State Senator Mayes Middleton and County Commissioner Darrell Appfel stand with Bacliff VFD Chief James Wistinghausen in front of the new fire department building. Both local representatives work hard for the Bayshore and other communities they represent and are prime examples of good folks in elected positions.