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## Galveston County Road & Bridge Delivers!



As residents of Galveston County we would like to thank the employees of Galveston County Road & Bridge... Chris, Darrell, Cruze, DJ as well as its drivers for job well done.

**They Are The Best!**

While the reader submitted photos and thanks are well received by EPP, the publisher has long been aware that the Galveston County Road and Bridge department headed by leader Lee Crowder is the best and most proactive department in the county. While his responsibilities also include fleet management for the county, roads, drainage and similar work make up the majority of the visible activities of the department. With a solid staff behind him, EPP is happy to bring this recognition of their good work to its readers.



Okay To Steal?

A reader has brought a situation to the attention of EPP. Apparently a well known person to the San Leon Community has been helping himself to more than the "Free-Take One" offer of Eagle Point Press publications distributed in numerous locations around Galveston County. Additionally, that person has felt righteous and confident enough to brag about their actions with photos and social media posts.

EPP knows the identity of this person, but is withholding it for the moment in hopes that in a sudden burst of honest and ethical remorse, the thief will provide a written apology for his wrongdoing. Is it okay to take more than one "free" paper? Yes, if that paper is going to enable another individual to enjoy the content. But, if it is for purely selfish personal reasons, it is wrong. For the record, EPP donates any papers it gets back (not very many) to a local animal shelter for the puppies to pee on. So the thief mentioned here may be depriving homeless puppies of a small comfort, not just the citizens of Galveston County. We could have titled this "Sad But True", and it is....



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## Let's Go Julie!

It is March of 2025 and the notorious parks director Julie Diaz still has not restored the lighting at Spillway Park to its pre-tornado functionality. Even for dysfunctional government bureaucracy, ridiculous is too mild a term.

**Julie Diaz**  
Galveston County Director of  
Parks & Cultural Services'

Let her know what you think....

Phone:  
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Email:

[julie.diaz@galveston.co.tx.us](mailto:julie.diaz@galveston.co.tx.us)



### Peach Cheese Tarts

Prebaked tart shells  
1-8 oz. pkg cream cheese  
1 can condensed milk  
1/3 cup lemon juice  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
3 - 4 fresh peaches  
1/2 cup apricot preserves  
2 Tablespoons sugar  
Whipped cream

Whip cheese, add condensed milk. Whip again. Stir in lemon juice and continue beating until thickened. Pour into the tart shells and chill. Slice peaches and place in shells. Melt preserves with sugar. When sugar is dissolved pour glaze over peaches. Top with whipped cream.



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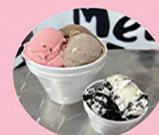
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### TUESDAY

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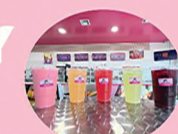
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THEME: VACATION  
DESTINATIONS

ACROSS

- 1. Aladdin's find
- 5. Reggae precursor
- 8. "Lights out" signal
- 12. Not good
- 13. Flock's echo
- 14. \_\_\_\_ diet, a.k.a. caveman diet
- 15. Kind of jerk
- 16. \*Southern and Southwestern U.S. region: Sun \_\_\_\_
- 17. Financial backer
- 18. \*Switzerland's \_\_\_\_ skiing destination (2 words)
- 20. Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
- 21. Clint Eastwood's "Play \_\_\_\_ for Me"
- 22. One in a pod
- 23. Wear out
- 26. Masculine
- 30. \*Princess' turf
- 31. Makes a sum (2 words)
- 34. "He's Just Not That \_\_\_\_ You"
- 35. Dionysus' pipe-playing companion
- 37. Choose
- 38. Provide food
- 39. Answer from a tunnel
- 40. Virtual you
- 42. \_\_\_\_ Scare
- 43. Prickly plant
- 45. \*Second "National Lampoon's Vacation" destination
- 47. Biblical Adam's partner
- 48. Cause and effect cycle?
- 50. Goals
- 52. \*Jamaica and Cayman Islands location
- 56. Bert's sidekick
- 57. Poet Pound
- 58. Hay bundle
- 59. "The Great Gatsby" author
- 60. Billiards relative
- 61. Theories
- 62. \_\_\_\_-deaf
- 63. Boar's mate
- 64. Reason to cram

DOWN

- 1. Not more
- 2. Swear, not curse
- 3. Between mini and maxi
- 4. Bodily fluid
- 5. Small silvery fish
- 6. \_\_\_\_ G. of "SpongeBob SquarePants"
- 7. Aardvark's repast
- 8. \*Serengeti National Park location
- 9. Aquatic plant
- 10. Pressure inducer
- 11. \*Costa del \_\_\_\_, Spain
- 13. Humiliated
- 14. Eucharistic plate
- 19. Fretted instrument
- 22. OB-GYN test
- 23. Balance sheet item
- 24. \*Coastal destination
- 25. Policeman's club in India
- 26. Cockapoo or Puggle, e.g.
- 27. Foreword
- 28. Make tea
- 29. Vast multitude
- 32. Peace symbol
- 33. \*Rest and relaxation destination
- 36. \*El Capitan and Half Dome location
- 38. Pigeon food?
- 40. Brewery order
- 41. Acrobatic move
- 44. Living room centerpiece?
- 46. Velveteen creature
- 48. Type of membranophone
- 49. Cupid's ammo
- 50. Gas station brand
- 51. Aware of a secret (2 words)
- 52. Porcinos
- 53. "At \_\_\_\_, soldier"
- 54. Charitable contribution
- 55. Hawk's aerie, e.g.
- 56. Time in NYC

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**An ESD For San Leon?**

Since the debacle with the San Leon Volunteer Fire Department and the termination of its mandatory fee agreement with the Municipal Utility District, some folks have been raising the idea of creating an Emergency Services District. EPP would like to share a bit of information on the subject and suggests interested parties do research on their own as well. First of all, this could not happen without county government and then voter approval. A new taxing entity would be created with a board that was initially appointed at the county level. That board, not the fire department, would control the funds raised. Now, about that funding, a ten cent per one hundred dollar tax on the value of property in the new taxing district would most likely be levied as that is the highest starting amount. Sales tax would increase on everything purchased in the district, to include utility bills and etc. The current \$10/month charge on the MUD bill could possibly be reinstated to add to the total monies collected.

In other words, if the folks of San Leon wanted to increase their costs fairly substantially, the fire department could be awash in money. That money would remain under the financial control of the ESD board, though the day to day operations of the department would remain internal.

Other areas have gone this route with mixed results. Bacliff's department seems to do quite well financially with their monthly fee and substantial support from the community. They have no desire to be part of an ESD. Santa Fe has an ESD and there have been some growing pains to say the least, but they are also largely in an incorporated city. No matter what funding source a volunteer fire department uses, the department must be responsible with those funds and earn and keep the trust of the community it serves. EPP will continue to address this issue as the situation evolves.



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**You Missed A Great Presentation**

At the latest Bayshore Town Square meeting. Shannon Batte, shown with some meeting attendees spoke at length on the work the Galveston Bay Foundation does to protect, develop and enhance the oyster reefs and oyster production up and down the bay. EPP has provided QR codes that will link to some of their useful sites. Watch for notice of the regular upcoming meeting and its main discussion topic in an upcoming issue.





It Was A Success

The recent health fair, training, screening and services event held at the Bacliff VFD pavilion with the good folks from UTMB had a good turnout with many receiving various screenings, CPR training, haircuts and more. EPP will keep the community informed about upcoming events like these as we learn about them.

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Restaurant Review

A.J.'s Meat Market and Smokehouse on FM 517 in Dickinson is just barely a restaurant, but you can eat there. On a recent lunch day, EPP and a friend stopped in to give them a try. The place is old school meat market in its interior "design". Kind of dark and not super inviting. That said, the sliced beef, sausage and giant hamburger were pretty darn good. The pinto beans had a lot of meat and were flavorful. The potato salad was rather bland as it often is in big batches made for public consumption. The soft drink dispenser was not working, so it was water or iced tea for beverages.

The young man who took the order at the counter and brought our food was friendly and helpful. All in all, not a bad place to stop in periodically for some good smoked meats when atmosphere and whatnot are not of great concern. As with everything these days, expect to pay around \$40 for two people to grab lunch with tasty meat as the featured item.

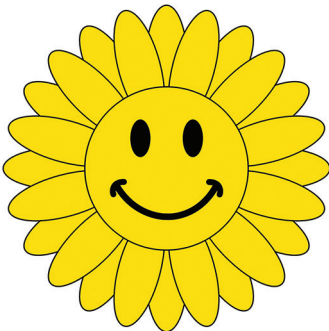
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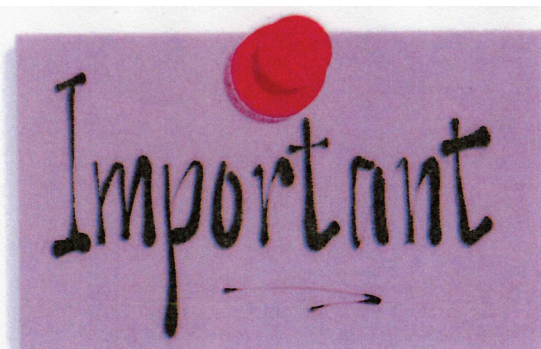
Videos of the Pets of the Week can be viewed on [www.facebook.com/garcpets](http://www.facebook.com/garcpets) and [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).

Cowboy will be available for \$42.50 from Tuesday Mar 25th - Mar 29th, 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](http://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 San Leon MUD has been operating under a Fire Suppression Contract with the San Leon Volunteer Fire Department for a number of years. The Contract calls for the MUD to collect a mandatory fee from its customers and pay the collected fees to the Fire Department to cover its expenses, to maintain its equipment, and to provide fire protection for the district's customers. In return, the Fire Department is to remain accountable for the use of the collected funds, in part by providing an annual audit to the MUD, which would be available for the public to examine. The Fire Department has failed to produce an audit for 2023, despite numerous requests from the MUD Board to do so. The last formal request required the Fire Department to produce the require audit no later than February 14, 2025, some 14 months after the audit was due. The Fire Department responded by asking for additional time to produce the audit, but the Board held to its deadline and elected to declare the Contract in default. The Board will now pursue all other avenues available to secure a new contract to provide fire protection services. In the interim, the fire department fee will be listed on customers' bills as "voluntary".

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### They Came From Around The County

Bacliff VFD brings in outside professionals to provide hand on training around this time each year. It is considered so valuable that members from Bacliff, Dickinson, Kemah, League City, Galveston, Seabrook and San Leon fire departments make time in their schedules for this training. They learn or refresh on things like freeing a person impaled on a fence, removing a ring from a finger, lifting a vehicle off a trapped victim, handling and freeing a person who has been impaled in their vehicle and using powerful equipment to literally cut or rip apart an automobile to free a trapped or injured person.

With vehicles donated by the public to be destroyed in the process of learning and improving skills, hydraulic and now battery powered extrication tools are used by the beginners and old pros. Using a cordless dremel type tool to remove a ring from a finger safely is not something most will do often or ever, but it is a great skill set to have when needed. Even training on how to deal with a hand caught in a meat grinder is part of this all day program.

EPP regularly congratulates and thanks those many hard-working and dedicated volunteers that give so much and expect so little in return. A true volunteer needs nothing more than the occasional "thank you" from the public and the satisfaction gained from helping folks through difficult times of need. Support the true volunteers, they won't expect anything more than a heartfelt "Thank You". Beyond that, if you feel good about the organization, consider making a donation.



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