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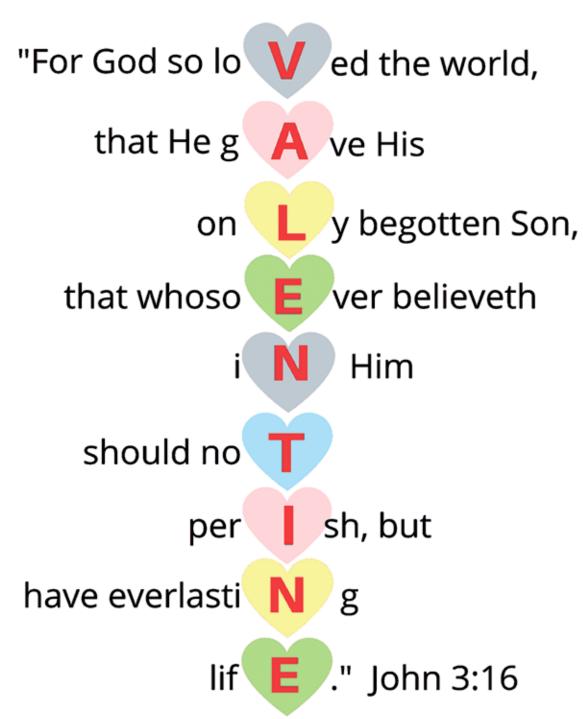
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# **Valentine's Day**

Holiday observed on February 14 to celebrate love and friendship.

Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring a martyr named Valentine, and through later folk traditions it has also become a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.







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Free Household **Electronic Waste Event** Sunday, February 22nd, 2025 10am to 4pm/Until Capacity Met Bayshore/Spillway Park



# **Electronics**

#### **Accepted Items**

- Computers/Laptops
- Power Cords/Cables
- Cellular Phones
- VCR/DVD Players
- **Printers**
- TVs (up to 55°)
- Scrap Metal/Wire
- Cable Boxes



- Vacuum Cleaners
- Thermostats (any type)
- Appliances
- Microwaves
- Rice Cookers
- Space Heaters Air Conditioners



**Galveston County Electronic Waste Day** 

#### Date: February 22nd, 2025

Time: 10:00am to 4:00pm

Location: 5437 FM 646 Bacliff, TX 77518

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SWIMMING POOL DECKS

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



# They Sailed Into Oblivion

Another successful vessel turn in program has ended with 65 boats of various shapes and sizes disposed of properly. They will not end up washed ashore, sunk or abandoned on roadways. Thanks to an ongoing successful partnership between Galveston County Nuisance Abatement headed by Garret Foskit and the General Land Office, the boats were disposed of without cost to the former owners and without creating an ongoing nuisance in the communities. EPP says "good work Garret and Jack".





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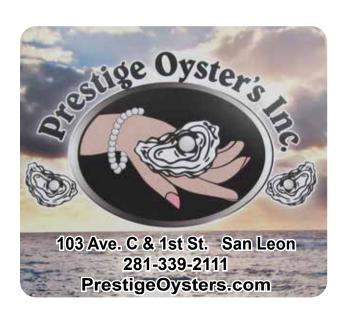
Never heard of it? TSRA stands for the Texas State Rifle Association. They are similar to the NRA but focus on the issues that concern Texas hunters, shooting sports enthusiasts and second amendment issues in the state. If you too support those check them out online at tsra.com and consider joining. Freedom has a cost and membership in both organizations is a small price to pay to defend the constitution that helps separate us from those countries that you really wouldn't want to live in.



# Asparagus Casserole

Drain asparagus reserving а small amount of liquid. Butter a 1 quart casserole and arrange half of the asparagus on the bottom. Cover with the sliced eggs. Heat soup with the seasonings; pour half over the eggs and sprinkle with 2/3 cup of cheese. Repeat with asparagus, soup and cheese. Top with crackers. crumbled Bake in a 350 degree oven until brown and bubbly. Serve 6.







Fellow Texan,

Last night, the Texas Senate passed a universal school choice bill, Senate Bill 2. This bill empowers parents to choose the educational option that is best for their children.

Our rights as parents come from God, not government. Unfortunately, Texas is one of only 18 states where the law positions government to have the final say on a child's education.

While Texas boasts some of the best teachers and traditional public schools in the nation, we must trust the moms and dads in every community by empowering parents to direct their children's education, with money following the child to the school of their choice. At the end of the day, parents know what is best for their kids. The passage of Senate Bill 2 moves us one step closer to educational freedom in Texas.

Under Senate Bill 2, ensures money follows the child educational choice, with up to \$11,500 per child to use on private school, hire tutors, seek out educational therapies, as well as many other education expenses.

The concept of public dollars being used by taxpayers at private businesses is nothing new. There are numerous examples of public funds going to private businesses, including food stamps to grocery stores, Pell grants to private universities, and Medicaid to doctors. We trust individuals to choose their grocery store, their private university, and their doctor. Why would we take a different approach with K-12 education? In Texas, we must trust parents to make decisions about their child's education.

As a parent to four children, I feel a great responsibility to help spur the change our state's education system desperately needs. Parents matter, and they are demanding their voices be heard. We must answer that call and pass a school choice bill that allows parents to decide which education option works best for their children according to their values.

God Bless Texas,

**Mayes Middleton** 

EAGLE POINT PRESS eaglepointpress@yahoo.com CROSSWORD





Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

> SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ON PAGE 6

#### STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

#### THEME: VALENTINE'S DAY

#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Past participle of spit
- 5. King Kong, e.g.
- 8. Greek portico
- 12. Not to be mentioned
- 13. Congeal
- 14. \_\_\_\_ cell carcinoma
- 15. Top of Kilimanjaro, e.g.
- 16. Periods of time
- 17. D-Day beach
- 18. \*Holiday the day before Valentine's Day
- 20. Shade of beige
- 21. Quantities on doctors' prescriptions
- 22. Not amateur
- \*Letters **Juliet** 23. to destination
- 26. Come to final conclusion
- 30. \*Ultimate Valentine's vow?
- 31. Purchaser
- 34. Zelensky's capital
- 35. Move a plant
- 37. High-\_\_\_\_, as in an image
- 38. Tubular pasta
- 39. Not Visa or MC
- 40. \*Moving Valentine's Day date option
- 42. "Annie get your \_\_\_
- 43. a.k.a. ladybird
- 45. Maximum
- 47. "Rub A Dub Dub" vessel
- 48. Suburb of Dallas
- 50. Skunk's defense
- 52. \*Sweet Valentine's gesture
- 56. Long stories
- 57. Rhythmic way of talking
- 58. Yours and mine
- 59. Send, as payment
- 60. The E of B.P.O.E.
- 61. A bit of water
- 62. Biblical paradise
- 63. Elfin
- 64. Sign of boredom

#### DOWN

- 1. Doe's mate
- 2. One of Three Bears

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- 3. Cain's brother
- 4. Prom night garb
- 5. Bird of prey's nest
- 6. \*Make them in advance of Valentine's Day
- 7. "Or
- 8. \*"Cupid" singer (2 words)
- 9. Russia's Terrible one, e.g.
- 10. Pearl Harbor island
- 11. Between Fla. and Miss.
- 13. Ship's floating wreckage
- 14. Afrikaners' ancestors
- 19. Group of nine singers
- 22. For each
- 23. All over the internet
- 24. Possible allergic reaction
- 25. Lassoed
- 26. \*Baby's breath's partner
- 27. Texting vocabulary, e.g.
- 28. \*Cupid's mom
- 29. Black tie
- 32. Snob
- 33. Gymnast's goal
- 36. \*a.k.a. "love hormone"
- 38. Deck alternative
- 40. Chicago baseballer
- 41. Defrauds
- 44. Explosion
- 46. Pleasing notes succession
- 48. At the same time
- 49. Too much egg middle
- 50. Newspaper piece
- 51. Five and
- 52. Staff leader
- 53. Heavenly glow
- **54**. Think, archaically speaking
- 55. Sport spectator's acronym
- 56. Before, old English



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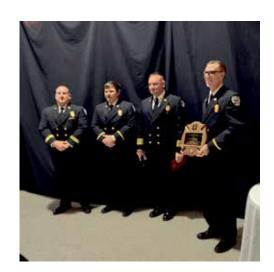
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### **Volunteers And Supporters Come Together**









Blakely Morgan-Officer of the Year
Tyler Morgan-Top Fire Responder
Jeffrey Blackmon-Top First Responder
Christopher Franks-Rookie of the Year
James Wistinghausen-42 Years of Service
Darrah Rooth-Newly Badged Firefighter
Christopher Franks-Newly Badged Firefighter
Darla Kuhlman-Newly Badged Firefighter

Officers in Photo (left to right)
1st Lt. Tyler Morgan, Asst. Chief Mike Stuart,
Chief James Wistinghausen, Captain Pete
Onukiavage, 2nd Lt. John Pelzel Jr., Treasurer
Peggy Laws, Secretary Blakely Morgan









Every year Bacliff VFD gets together with its members and supporters and some local dignitaries to install its newly elected officers, recognize outstanding performance by individuals and distribute well earned awards. EPP is regularly invited to this event and is happy to bring a few highlights of the evening to its readers and the community the fire department members serve.



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**Galveston County** Hazardous Waste Day

> Date: March 1st, 2025

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SORETON **Guest Speaker** > Investigator Tommy Hansen > 4 SAFETY, COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENGAGEMENT.

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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### **Recognition Delayed But Not Denied**

























Due to the ice and snow on the scheduled night, San Leon VFD's installation dinner was delayed by a couple of weeks. That said, many of the hard-working members received recognition and the officers selected by the chief were formally installed in their positions. Volunteers do not receive or expect payment for the services they provide the community, rather, so many of them selflessly sacrifice their free time and often their own funds to give freely to the community and its residents. EPP brings these images and information to the community so they can better know those who may respond to their 911 call. ...continued page 8

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### San Leon Volunteer Fire Department

**Kyle Davis-Firefighter of the Year Angelo Lopez-Firefighter of the Year Mauricio Nunez-Rookie of the Year Chris Acosta-Officer of the Year Angelo Lopez-Rising Star Award Kyle Davis-Top Responder Angelo Lopez-Top Responder Kyle Davis-Night Owl** Chris Acosta-Fire/Rescue Call of the Year Kyle Davis-Fire/Rescue Call of the Year Vicente Garcia-Fire/Rescue Call of the Year Angelo Lopez-EMS Call of the Year **Chris Acosta-EMS Call of the Year Kyle Davis-EMS Call of the Year** 



Anthony Ritter retires after 17 years of dedicated service to the department and the community.

Jeff Pittman, who served as chief for decades and continues to serve the department flanks Anthony's retired bunder jacket.

San Leon thanks Bacliff for their many mutual aid responses.





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-Resource Referrals

-Public Education & Outreach

- Individual & Group Counseling

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