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Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to turn back an hour on November 2nd. We are moving backwards this time. Please be sure to change batteries in your Smoke Detectors and Clocks that are run by batteries. Make sure your Alarms are set for the correct time to get up to start the new day!

CHRISTMAS IN GRAPEVINE, TX

Please arrive at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX at 6:00 AM. Park your vehicle in the front and lock all doors. We will be leaving at 6:30 AM so, please be on time. Our first stop will be the famous Fruit Cake Bakery in Corsicana on the way to Dallas. Gertie will announce the place for lunch when we board the bus. Then, we will check into Super 8 Motel, 250 E. State Hwy 114, Grapevine, TX before heading to Gaylord Texas Ice in Grapevine, TX. You need to pay \$18 at the door. Be sure to wear warm clothes and don't forget gloves and scarves or caps/hats. They will provide warm jackets for us. Then, we will head to Grapevine Mill Mall to eat there for supper. The next morning, we will eat breakfast at the Motel. Then, be ready to leave at 8:00 AM for Pioneer Village (\$3 each person) or Pearce Collection Museum (Civil War for cost of \$4). We will stop at Golden Corral in Corsicana for lunch. Any questions, please feel free to contact Gertie Sessions (VP 281-447-7575), Julie Spaulding (VP 281-249-5276), or Nancy Morris (VP 281-656-2576).

New Officers for the Next Year

The ballots are in and the Officers are as followed: James Fair, President; Roger Spivey, Vice President; Audrey Leger, Treasurer; William Lambert, Rochelle Simpson, and James Spaulding, Trustees; and Nancy Morris, Secretary. I'm sorry that I don't have pictures of our Trustees.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 4, 2008 (Tuesday)



VOTE! If you haven't voted yet, please vote today. Make an effort to vote for our next President of the USA. There are other people on the Ballots, too. If you don't know who to vote for, please check the Newspaper. Read about these Candidates. If you are not sure where to vote at, please check the Newspaper for your voting place as it shows the address. The time to vote is from 7:00 AM till 7:00 PM.

November 6, 2008 (Thursday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will be from the HPD "Crisis Intervention Team". These Officers are specially trained to deal with persons who may be mentally ill. This will be a very informative presentation. The meeting is held at Woodhaven Church for the Deaf, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX at 7:30 PM. Please notice that this is on a THURSDAY due to November 4th being a VOTING DAY! Door prizes! Interpreter and captioning provided.

November 7, 2008 (Friday)



Old Folks Fellowship will meet at Golden Corral Restaurant, 13145 Northwest Freeway (290), Houston, TX. We will meet at 11 AM till 3 PM. Please get off at Tidwell Exit. Come and enjoy this fellowship.

November 7, 2008 (Friday)



ASL Social will be at Red Robin, 11200 Broadway St, Suite 1500, Pearland, TX 77584 from 3 till 9 PM. Let's to meet and enjoy chatting with your old and new friends. Any questions, please e-mail to Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@comcast.net

November 7-8, 2008 (Friday & Saturday)



The Legend of the Mountain Man is a family-friendly story that will be enjoyed by viewers of all ages. This will be shown at Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, TX starting at 7:00 PM each night. To book your tickets, go to their Website at www.aslfilms.com for dates, times, and other cities that it will be shown at. The price is \$10 per person according to Mindy. She is one of the actresses in the film and she hopes all of us see this Movie.

November 12, 2008 (Wednesday)



Houston Deaf Seniors of Texas will celebrate their 25th Anniversary at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 at 9 am till 4 pm. The Committee will be arriving at 8 am to set up. Everyone else should be arriving at 9 am and later. BBQ Dinner will be served at 11 am till 1 pm. Entertainment will be provided in the morning and the awards and another Entertainment will be provided in the afternoon. **For those that have not paid \$10, please e-mail Audrey Leger hdstnewsletter@yahoo.com or call her to let her know you are coming.**

November 14, 2008 (Friday)



Houston Hand Talk Social will be at Food Court in Northwest Mall, 9930 Hempstead St., Houston, TX 77092 from 5 PM till 9 PM. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with your old and new friends. Any questions, please e-mail Roger Spivey at spivey39@yahoo.com.

November 18, 2008 (Tuesday)



Chief's Citywide, "Positive Interaction Program", will meet at 1500 Louisiana St. 40th Floor, Houston, TX. It will begin at 7:00 PM. This will be the 25th Year Anniversary Meeting. For those that want to ride the County Bus from Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church at 9920 Long Point, please be there at 5:30 PM to be ready to leave at 6:00 PM. Interpreter and captioning will be provided. Any questions, please contact Officer James Sobota at (Voice) 713-308-9079, (TDD) 713-308-9071, or (Fax) 713-308-9073. Hope to see you there.

November 19-20, 2008 (Wednesday and Thursday)



Houston Deaf Seniors of Texas will have their overnight trip to Grapevine, TX. Everyone needs to be at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd. at 6:00 AM as the bus will be leaving by 6:30 AM. Please read the front page for more information on this trip. Be sure to bring warm clothes. Please contact Gertie Sessions by VP 281-447-7575 or Julie Spaulding by VP 281-445-1072 if you have questions.

November 27, 2008 (Thursday)



Enjoy your Thanksgiving Dinner with friends and families. Count your blessings and see what the Lord has done for you all. Be grateful for all that you have. If you want to volunteer to help serve food to families in Houston, please check the Newspaper. There will be a parade at Post Oak near the Galleria is you want to attend it starting at 6:00 PM or so.

LOVE FUND

Zelma Curbello wants to thank Betty Telfer for her donation to the Love Fund. Also, she wants to thank Thelma Jo Hays for her donation in memory of Lorena Blomdahl. Thanks to Thema Covello for her donation to Love Fund in memory of Leroy & Mildred Owens

Anyone who wishes to donate money to HDSC Love Fund, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation) or HDST Newsletter should please make check or money order payable to either **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens - Love Fund** or **HDST Newsletter Fund**. And mail to:

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OR

HDST Newsletter
c/o Audrey Leger
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HDST NEWSLETTER FUND

DONATIONS:

From Richard J. Clark, Joy M. Gibson, Ann Wheeler, and Betty Telfer -- thank you for your hearty donations to HDST Newsletter Fund.

Joan West called me

Joan has been in the Hospital for 1 week as she had to get a graft done. The Nurses tried 4 times to set up the dialysis to help her kidney function. She is back home since Friday, October 17th. However, this is a very painful experience to go through. Please pray for her.

NEWS

Recipe submitted by Rochelle Simpson

Lime Cheesecakes

1 pkg. (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup sugar
3 Tbsp. jarred lime curd
6 mini graham cracker crusts
Whipped cream topping
Sugared lime slices, for garnish

In medium bowl, with mixer on medium, beat cream cheese and sugar until creamy. On low, beat in lime curd until just combined. Place graham cracker crusts on small baking sheet and fill with cream cheese mixture, freeze for 10 minutes. Serve with whipped cream topping and 1/4 slice of lime that has been sprinkled with sugar. Makes 6 servings.

Robert Giuntoli

Submitted by Linda Smith from Deaf Network.Com

Hello Everyone,

I would like to make a quick formal announcement that I have accepted a job at the Public Utility Commission of Texas as the Relay Texas Administrator. I will be replacing Mr. Roy "Ed" Bosson, who recently retired on August 29th. I will continue my employment with Sprint Relay until September 30th and begin my new employment with the PUC October 1st. I have big shoes to fill, but Ed Bosson has been a great mentor. Sprint has been a wonderful employer, and with my 16 years of experience in the TRS field, I am confident that I will bring immediate contributions to the relay user communities, including the TX PUC and the relay providers.

My new main responsibilities as the new TRS Administrator will be; ensuring that all Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, Speech-Disabled, and Hearing relay consumers get the best quality relay service through Relay Texas, and that all have full access to the Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program (STAP). This new career will continue to affect me both professionally and personally, as I am also a relay consumer myself. I know how truly important a reliable and barrier-free communication is for everyone.

I look forward to this new opportunity to further serve all citizens of Texas. Please feel free to share this information with interested parties. Sincerely, Robert Giuntoli

Good tip before going DPS

Submitted by Lavern Fair

Before going to the DPS to get your Driver's License renewed, please see your Optometrist to have your eyes checked. I failed my eye test at the DPS. So, I had to see the Doctor to get new glasses. Once I went back to the DPS, I looked into the Binocular Machine and passed the test! I am glad to share this with you all in case you never thought of that first before you go to DPS.

Congratulations to Janice and Wayne Southwell

Submitted by Julie Spaulding

Janice and Wayne Southwell have a new grandson born on October 10th. He weighs 9 lbs. 5 oz and is 19 1/2 inches long. His name is Jared Quinn. He has a brother who is 3 years old.

Austin Bass Club of the Deaf

Sent by CSD Cares by Email (Website is info!@c-s-d.org)

Open to Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and CODA (Membership fee not required) for Team Tournament on Saturday & Sunday, November 22 (6am to 4PM) & 23 (6am to 12PM), 2008. Held at Choke Canyon Reservoir, State Park Calliham Unit, Calliham, TX. Entry fee is \$100 for team. Contestants, Fans, and Campers will have free dinner on 22nd. Check out the Website at austinbassclubdeaf.org for more information.

DeafDigest Blue - October 5, 2008

Blue Edition - Barry Strassler, Editor

THE DEAF IN THE WHITE HOUSE

Our eyes are on the presidential election. Let us step back and wonder if there were deaf people living at the White House in the past? No, but there was a deaf family member of a past Presidential family. President James Monroe (1817-1825) had three children. The oldest daughter Eliza and her husband had a son James, who was deaf. Not much was known about him.

MANY FAMOUS PEOPLE HAVE A LINK WITH THE DEAF

Martin Luther King, Jr. redefined what Civil Rights is supposed to be at the same time MLK, Jr. rose to prominence in the fifties and sixties, there was a deaf leader whose work on rights and needs of the deaf paralleled the Black Rights movement - Frederick C. Schreiber!

HOT DEAFNEWS BORING, BUT IMPORTANT!

Administrators at the Kings College London School of Medicine are pushing for sign language classes for medical school students so that they could, as future doctors, be able to communicate with deaf patients.

THE DEAF AND THE LAW

Case: A deaf couple in New Zealand wanted to alter the genes in order to bear a deaf baby.

Result: No, said the court in New Zealand, saying the law does not permit gene alteration.

TALES FROM A DEAF ENGINEERING MANAGER IN A HEARING WORKPLACE

Early in my career, a supervisor had this fabulous idea of protecting deaf workers, and gave me a blue hard hat to warn every one else that I am deaf and cannot hear. Others all wore white hard hats.

I challenged the supervisor, saying: why bother announcing that I am deaf, they already know and for those who are blind without glasses, why don't you have green hard hats for them, why not pink for female workers, etc?

The supervisor changed his mind and I never again wore the special blue hard hat.

FRANCHISING IN HARD TIMES

Years ago, a deaf man, loaded with cash, wanted to purchase a McDonald's franchise. McDonald turned him down because of his deafness. The deaf man filed a lawsuit that the NAD helped intervene.

The deaf man was not able to get the franchise. That was way back in the late seventies.

According to a Wall Street Journal story, franchise companies are desperate to attract new buyers.

Would that same deaf man have better luck if tried again nowadays?

Doris Roswell

Submitted by Audrey Leger

On October 9th, Thursday PM, Doris and I chatted on VP and she wants me to inform friends about herself. So here's the news: On August 15th, Doris had a mini stroke and was sent to the hospital. She stayed there for 8 days and then, stayed in a nursing home 13 days for therapy. She is improving and went home Thursday, September 4th. The therapists came to her house for therapy up until Tuesday, October 7th. And told her that she needs to go to the therapy location as outpatient for check-up and may get some more therapy if needed. Though we chatted on VP, she looks good and is doing fine. She's happy back home with one of her children in Muskegon, Michigan (her husband, Eugene passed away a year or so ago). Doris, it's nice to chat with you and I am praying for your health and strength!



REST IN PEACE

OBITUARY



Fannie B. Goins, 90, of La Porte passed away Saturday, August 23, 2008. She was born December 12, 1917 in Sumpter, AR to Lydia and James Jones. She is preceded in death by her husband, Roy Goins and sister, Dorothy J. Clary. She is survived by daughter, Joan West & husband Homer; grandson, David West & wife Anna; great granddaughter, Sydney Ann West and great grandson Hunter Lee West; niece Shirley Bragg & husband Roy and nephews James Robert Jones & wife Joyce, Michael Jones & wife Karyn, James Troy Goins, and Charles Roy Goins.

Visitation was held Tuesday August 26, 2008 at 6-8 PM at Paul U. Lee La Porte Funeral Home Chapel. Service was held Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 2 PM at the funeral home.

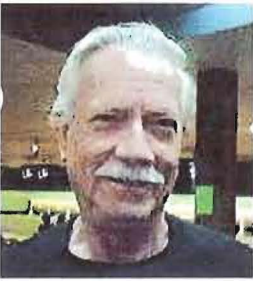
Matthew Boer, 25, of Brenham, TX passed away Friday, Aug. 29, 2008, in Houston. Matt was born May 1, 1983, in Temple, to William "Bill" & Kathy Head Boer. Matt was baptized in August 1983 in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Temple by Father Arthur Michalak and later confirmed in 1999 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Brenham by Monsignor Ralph Brennan. He enjoyed playing soccer and was a defensive back for Brenham High School when they finished as runner-up in the state finals in 2001. He was a member of the high school band for four years. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting from Southwestern University in Georgetown where he won a Brown Scholarship for academic achievement. He founded the Garden Club; started Community First Consultants; played intramural soccer; and was a head Resident Assistant. On July 22, 2006, the Rev. Milton Maly married Matt to Erin Elizabeth Bennett in Brenham. He was employed as an accountant for Pannell Kerr Forster Accounting Firm. Matt was a member of the Knights of Columbus, #3287 of Brenham.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Hilbert and Mary Boer; and an aunt, Theresa Boer. Matt is survived by his wife, Erin Boer of Brenham; parents, Bill & Kathy Boer of Brenham; sister, Marla Gail Boer of Brenham; grandparents, Drexel & Dorothy Head of Liberty, Miss.; father-in-law & mother-in-law, Billy & Leslie Bennett; sister-in-law, Emilie Bennett of Brenham; uncles and aunts, David & Judy Head of Denham Springs, La., Melvin & Debbie Head of Beaumont, Willie & Carol Farmer of Bellville, and Mary Jo Stevens of Weimar; numerous great-aunts and great-uncles; first cousins, Brandi Farmer, Shawn and Carolyn Farmer, Ronnie Stevens, Melody and Peter Sullivan, Keith Head, Mandy Head, Amy Head, Jason and Mindy Head, Jennifer Head and Blake White; and numerous extended family.

Funeral mass was held at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 1, 2008, in St. Mary's Catholic Church with Monsignor Benedict Zientek as the celebrant. Interment followed in Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers were Keith Head, Jordan Guidry, Andrew Maly, Ray Altman, Tom Troller, Adam Spiess, John Dossier, Christof Straub, Pierre Mille and Austin Hill. Memorials may be made in memory of Matthew to the National Marrow Donor Program, www.marrow.org. Services were in the care of Brenham Memorial Chapel, 2300 Stringer St., Brenham, Texas 77833, (979) 836-3611, www.brenham-memorial-chapel.com.

Oceal Lamb, 89, of Port Arthur passed away on Saturday, September 13, 2008, at Heritage Oaks Nursing Home in Corsicana, Texas. Oceal was born on April 11, 1919, in Oakland, Texas, to Estelle Adams Lamb and Levy Lamb. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Groves and had lived in the Port Arthur area over fifty years. Oceal was a retired custodian for over fifteen years for the Nederland I.S.D. He loved to fish and hunt, work with his hands especially with leather; he loved his family and friends and will be missed dearly.

He is survived by his son, Doak O. Lamb of Williamstown, Kentucky and granddaughter, Maureen Boyd of Bridge City. Oceal was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Elaine Willie Brown Lamb. A gathering of friends and family had taken place from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, September 29, 2008, at Grammier - Oberle Funeral Home in Port Arthur. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves. Published in The News from 9/27/2008 - 9/29/2008.



Billy Ray Biffel Sr., 64, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008. Funeral was on Friday, October 3, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in Mount Olivet Chapel. Interment was at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Mount Olivet Funeral Home.

Billy was born May 24, 1944, in Deport to Albert and Ina McBride Biffel. He retired from Radio Shack after 25 years of service. Billy was a loving father and friend. He had a great sense of humor. He went to the Goodrich Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on Tuesdays and Thursdays for many senior citizen gatherings. He was also active in the Deaf Action Center of Dallas. Billy was a longtime member of Legacy Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his father, Albert Biffel; brothers, William A.W. Biffel, Buddy Leon Biffel and Barry Biffel; and sister, Patsy Manning. Survivors: Wife, Cathy Biffel; sons, Billy Biffel Jr. and Buddy Biffel; mother, Ina Hardage; brother, Bobby Dale Biffel & wife, Lenna; sisters-in-law, Rosemary Biffel and Jeanie Power; sisters, Mavine Meason, Martha Frame, Linda Jenkins, Brenda Manning and Beverly Harvey; aunt, Joy Ellison & husband, James Thomas; uncle, Carl McBride & wife, Juanita; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Published in the Star-Telegram. Submitted by Dan White (Email: danw@goodrichcenter.org).

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Deaf/Hard of Hearing Fest on November 8, 2008

Travis County Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing presents the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Festival 2008. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. The address is 2101 Bergman Ave, Austin, TX 78702. Free Admission, Door Prizes, Entertainment, Arts and Crafts, Deaf Artists, Booths, and Kiddie Korner will be send at this Festival. Small charge for some of these activities: Raffles, Silent Auction, and/or Home Made Pie Contest. Do your holiday shopping here! For more information, contact Lynette.Fant@co.travis.tx.us or visit our web site austindeafservices.com. Volunteers needed. Contact Jamie.Kail@co.travis.tx.us.

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GRILLED 3-POTATO SALAD

Food Journal from Ladies Home Journal – July 2007

Serves: 6 – Prep Time: 10 min – Total Time: 25 minutes

Kitchen cue: If foil grill bags are not available, use extra heavy-duty foil cut into 18 by 24 inch pieces; fold them in half and seal the edges to form a bag.

- ½ lb small purple potatoes
- ½ lb fingerling potatoes
- ½ lb small red new potatoes
- 1 heavy-duty foil bag
- 3 garlic cloves, sliced
- 2 Tbs. red wine vinegar
- 1 Tb olive oil
- 2 pale-green sweet peppers, halved, stems & seeds discarded, coarsely chopped
- ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp freshly ground pepper

Rinse & scrub potatoes; pat dry and halve. Place in foil bag with garlic, vinegar, oil, sweet pepper, salt & pepper. Seal bag & shake to combine. Preheat grill. Place bag on grill & cook over moderately high heat, turning occasionally until potatoes are golden brown & tender (use caution when opening bag) about 15 minutes. Transfer to a serving bowl. Per serving: 115 calories, 2.5 g total fat, 0.5 g saturated fat, 8 mg sodium, 21 g carbohydrates, 16mg calcium, 0 cholesterol, 3 g protein, 2 g fiber

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I need to apologize for the misspelling of one word in October's newsletter. After being hit by Hurricane Ike, I was without Internet for 9 days. Then, I was rushing to complete the newsletter and didn't realized I misspelled till a person told me. Sorry! The correct word should be "deck". The sentence was "Mix 2 tps. of apple cider vinegar in a glass of water placed on your deck or balcony..." My apology to Lavern Fair as it was not her errc but mine. I proofread the article several times and somehow missed that one letter. I really feel very badly about this error. Please understand that Lavern is innocent when submitting this article to me.

If you have any information, jokes, recipes, event, pictures, sports, or news that you want me to publish, please send them to me by the 15th of each month. Please keep articles to less than 300 words, due to limited space on the newsletter. My E-mail address is nmorris726@gmail.com or you can mail to me at 15335 Falmouth Ave., Houston, TX 77084-1412.



Please note that Editor may, at her discretion, edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors.

Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving with your families and friends!

Nancy Morris

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