



Reflecting on Navy man's career

Bob and Amy Hoffer's path to Buccaneer Bay was quite long as neither had roots in Nebraska. But, like many of our residents, they purchased a home on Lakeside Drive in 2018 and enjoyed a new, relaxed lifestyle. Their journey included living in different parts of America, but they're looking forward to retirement, likely in Washington state.

Bob was destined to be a Navy flight officer. As a self-confessed "Navy brat," he got used to living in many corners of the world as his father was a career Navy enlistee. Once he reached high school in Virginia (Virginia Beach, to be exact), Bob finished prepping for the Navy by attending Naval Academy prep school in Newport, R.I. He literally enlisted in the Navy at that time.

After graduation in 1981, Bob earned an appointment to the Naval Academy (located in Annapolis, Md.) and then embarked on a 25-year career flying jets. Nebraska wasn't among the states in which he lived — until making Offutt Air Base his last stop while serving his country.

After graduating from the Academy, Bob chose aviation as his Navy career path. He was sent to Pensacola, Fla., for flight training. From there, he went to Corpus Christi (Texas) for additional training. That's where he met his future wife, Amy.

Fate brought them together in November 1986 when Bob arrived in Corpus Christi. His plan was to find an apartment and share it with a Marine who arrived ahead of Bob.

"When I showed up, all I had to do was sign the lease agreement," Bob said. "Amy was the leasing agent. That's where I met her."

The couple began dating before Bob was sent back to Pensacola. By then, Amy was living in San Antonio. Things were getting pretty serious at that time. On one of his visits to San Antonio, Bob had to get something off his chest.

Bob recalled: "I told Amy, 'You know, I'm not really good at long-distance relationships. I'm busy with flight school.' She said, 'Then marry me.'"

Bob returned to Florida, leaving Amy behind. (She was attending then-named Southwest Texas State University.)

Said Bob: "About three weeks later, she said, 'I'm leaving school. Come get me.' So I came back and picked her up."

On one of Bob's days off, they decided to get married. They drove to the courthouse, found a judge and exchanged vows on



Bob and Amy Hoffer first met in 1986 when Bob arrived in Corpus Christi, Texas. They were married the following year.

March 2, 1987.

The couple, like most of those in the military, lived all over the country from Virginia Beach to California — Oakland, to be exact, which is where daughter Mackenzie was born in 1993.

"That was the year I was home for just 43 days," Bob said.

The time in Virginia Beach learning to be an A-6 bombardier navigator is a special memory for Bob.

"That was kind of cool, because my dad was still on active duty and stationed on the fighter side of the beach," he said. "He was in a Tomcat squadron, and I was on the attack side of the base."

While serving as an avionics division officer, Bob remembers checking in a newcomer to the base who turned the meeting into a strange-coincidence moment.

Hoffers: Flying came with some white-knuckle moments

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“He was pretty old, long in the tooth,” Bob said. “I was looking through his service record, and I recognized one of the signatures. He worked for my dad.”

A couple of months later, Bob asked the enlisted man, who was now working for him, if he knew who he was.

Recalled Bob: “He said, ‘Yes, sir.’ I said, ‘How long have you known?’ He said, ‘Since the day I got to the squadron.’”

“I said, ‘You don’t have to answer this, but I’ll always wonder who you like working for better.’ He said, ‘You. Your dad was a real hard-ass.’”

Bob’s last deployment came on a ship that has some history to it. The USS Coral Sea was the third-oldest ship in the Navy fleet. It was around that time that the Navy began downsizing, and Bob’s A-6 squadron was cut in half.

“We still had to maintain all of our proficiency and everything,” Bob said. “Then Desert Shield kicked up, so I was on the USS Kitty Hawk.”

The Kitty Hawk had just come out of its port in 1991, meaning the ship had to be in tip-top shape for planes to take off and land.



Bob from his younger days.

involved, and Bob’s was one of them.

The tension eased to the point where Bob’s team was sent back to the states — but with some side trips. At the time, Amy was expecting their first child.

During the trip back to America, Bob was sent to Saudi Arabia by helicopter. There they waited there for a few days for their



Amy and Bob during a 2018 visit to see their daughter in Japan.

next move, which turned out to be Sicily. Upon arrival, they learned they would be flying three planes back to America.

“The planes were broken,” Bob said. “They fixed them, and we did a test hop. We flew from Sicily to Spain, then we waited for an Air Force tanker that was going to drag us across the Atlantic.”

That turned into a trip that Bob won’t forget.

“By the time we got to Virginia Beach, none of the weapons systems were working,” he said. “It was like an old-fashioned airplane, two motors and a compass.”

Refueling the plane with an Air Force tanker while in the clouds was an adventure.

“The Navy (refueling) guys do things different,” Bob said. “It’s not right or wrong, it’s just different.”

There was another bigger issue on the flight, Bob said, and it had to do with the plane’s generators. It made for a white-knuckle flight the rest of the way, but they managed to make it safely to Virginia Beach.

The movie “Top Gun” hit the theaters when Bob was in flight school. As you might think, he took an interest in it.

“The movie from the flight-deck operations and launching (planes) and all that stuff was very accurate,” he said.

Bob’s Navy career ended in 2008, when his last duty station was Offutt Air Base. Not ready to retire, he began a second career working at Offutt (which is ongoing).

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Hoffers: Buc Bay life included a reunion with Navy mate

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“I call it the life cycle,” he said. “You have kids in high school, so now you have a choice. Where are the kids in high school, and can you go to where you want to be and get settled?”

Reflecting back on her husband’s career, Amy said it wasn’t always easy with Bob being away so much.

“It was a busy time of starting our family,” she said, “so there was a lot of learning how to be a mom. I was fortunate that Eve, my mother-in-law, was a seasoned Navy wife, so I always had someone who could understand and guide me.

“Bob being an aviator also helped as squadrons are built around friends and family, so you get a lot of support. The most difficult part was preparing for him to be away and then working together when he came home to integrate into where we were as a family.”

While Mackenzie was in high school at Bellevue West, she befriended a classmate named Felicia who was living a troubled home life in Bellevue. Bob and Amy chose to allow Felicia to live with them. (They are planning a trip to Hawaii in May to watch her commencement ceremony at the University of Hawaii.)

With Bob working at Offutt as a civilian, Bob and Amy decided to make Bellevue their permanent home. Eventually came a decision to take on foreign-exchange students. Bob and Amy enjoyed the experience.

Their first was a student named Jacob from Denmark. Next came students from Germany and Norway. They all got a good cross section of American life.

“We have a flag from the country of each of them,” Bob said.

Bob and Amy continued housing exchange students while living on Buccaneer Bay’s Lakeside Drive, where they arrived in May 2018. They also convinced Bob’s mom to live with them as her health was declining.

“It was a perfect location for us to take care of Eve,” Amy said. “With her being pretty much house-bound, she could see all the

activities and views over the lake. It really helped her still feel a part of the community.”

Said Bob: “We knew my mom wasn’t going to get out of the house much. She had to have something to look at with the view of the road and the lake.”

Sadly, Bob’s mother died four years ago.

Living here took on a small-world turn when Bob found out one of his squadron-mates, Tom Deyke, was living in Buc Bay. Tom, who last year moved to Colorado with wife Karen, recalled serving with Bob, starting in Virginia Beach in the 1980s.

Said Tom via email: “During the first Gulf War in 1991, I was the Executive Officer of Attack Squadron Thirty Six onboard the aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt in the Northern Persian gulf. We unfortunately lost a crew and aircraft to enemy fire. ‘Hobo’ (Bob’s call sign) and his pilot volunteered to augment our squadron and on one day’s notice left Virginia Beach and joined us in the Persian Gulf.

“Hobo never missed a beat and performed like he had been there from the start. In later years, we worked together at U.S. Strategic Command, and once again he stood head and shoulders above his peers. Bob is a really great guy.”

After six years of Buc Bay life, the Hoffers have returned to their Bellevue home that was being rented while living in Buc Bay. Eventually, the plan is to make Washington state their permanent home on land they have purchased.

Bob and Amy said they enjoyed their time here.

“We will miss all the neighbors the most,” Amy said. “Lakeside Drive is a nice group of folks and so welcoming.”

6 Historical moments from March

1. Ratification of the Articles of Confederation (1789)
2. The establishment of the Peace Corps (1961)
3. FDR’s “fear itself” speech (1933)
4. The Boston Massacre (1770)
5. Churchill’s “Iron Curtain” speech (1946)
6. The Spanish Flu comes to America (1918)

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One soggy visit to a PGA event

As a golf fan (who wishes he could play the game better), I've always wanted to attend a PGA tournament. It took longer than I had planned, but last month Shirley and I drove to Phoenix to visit former Papio High classmates and, specifically, to witness the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

I made the less-than-smart decision to make the drive in just two days. We took back roads through Kansas and parts of Oklahoma and Texas on Day 1 and spent the night in Amarillo, Texas.

The second leg of the trip took us through Albuquerque, N.M., and then I ventured off I-40 onto mostly two-lane roads, thinking that would be a shorter route. It would have been except for one issue: snow, lots of it at one point.



By the time we stopped one last time for gas in Payson — which is less than 80 miles northeast of Phoenix — the snow was really coming down. I wasn't worried, because I figured (hoped) conditions would improve the farther south we drove. Fortunately, things improved quickly, and there were no more issues.

We crashed for the night at the home of classmates Greg and Carol Eymann, who were attendants at our 1972 wedding. The weather forecast for the opening round of the tournament called for 100 percent chance of rain, but we woke up to mostly sunny skies and decided to make the hour-plus drive to the shuttle parking lot.

The lot was a good distance from the Scottsdale course, and the skies turned cloudy by the time we passed through the main entrance. Sure enough, it began sprinkling shortly after we walked by the ninth green.

The course is known for the rowdy



Nate Lashley watches his putt on the par-3 seventh hole. By the time he teed off on No. 8, the rain and wind ramped up. (Note the headgear.)

crowd of thousands who sit in the horseshoe-shaped exclusive skyboxes surrounding the 16th hole. You could hear the roar of the (mostly) drunken spectators throughout the course.

My sole desire was to see Nebraska native Nate Lashley in person. Lashley grew up in Scottsbluff, and I've loosely followed his PGA career ever since he first qualified for a Tour event in 2015. (You might have heard about the tragedy of Lashley losing his girlfriend and parents in a plane crash after they watched him play for the University of Arizona.)

Lashley opened his round on the back nine early that Thursday morning, and by the time we arrived he was finishing hole No. 6. We set up near the par-3 seventh green, and by then the sprinkles turned to light rain.

I got a fairly up-close photo of Lashley missing his birdie putt just as the rain and wind really started kicking in. After watching him finish on No. 9, we decided we'd suffered enough. (Just as we boarded the shuttle to the parking lot, I saw on my phone the players were pulled off the course.)

Of course, by the time we were dropped off at the parking lot the rain stopped

and the sun came out. We stopped for a late lunch before returning home to change into dry clothes.

With the top goal of the trip in the books — soggy as it was — we had to decide when to return to Nebraska. I wanted to make sure we were *somewhere* to watch the Super Bowl, but I wasn't about to make the drive back in two days. We elected to stay in Phoenix so we could watch the game with others. (My older brother put us up at their Peoria home Friday, Saturday and Sunday.)

Naturally, the best weather Phoenix had came on Monday when we took off for home. Once we exited the busy Phoenix traffic, the three-day return trip went just fine with overnight stops in Santa Fe, N.M., and Colby, Kan.

On the way to Colby, we stopped for lunch in Limon, Colo. Oscars Bar & Grille is right off I-70. Talk about a great place to eat — not just the food. The eatery had a Hollywood theme (hence the name Oscars) and was decorated with autographed photos of movie stars and dozens of baseballs signed by some famous Major Leaguers. We were both amazed.

The last leg of the trip (343 miles) was easy compared to the others. It was good to be back home.

SID Board still eyeing trash issue

The SID Board continues to examine the proposal to an all-inclusive trash collection for Buc Bay by Gretna Sanitation. The measure was first considered in October and was followed by a request by the Board for feedback on the issue.

The Board discussed the matter again at the February meeting, according to Board Chair Kurt Meisinger, who said additional contract discussions were held with Gretna Sanitation and various items were clarified. The March agenda will include an action item related to a contract with Gretna. If the vote passes, the service will likely start this summer, potentially July 1, Kurt said.

PFD includes 3 from Buc Bay

Demetreus Delgado recently became the third Buc Bay resident to become a member of the all-volunteer Plattsmouth Fire Department. He joins Dan Kunce and Dan Sempek from our neighborhood as firefighters.

“I’m extremely proud to be a part of this Department and family,” Demetreus wrote last month on his FB page. “Firefighting has an incredible way of humbling an individual, and I’ve learned many new things. I’d also like to thank my wife, Olga, for allowing me to pursue this passion of mine. Working a full-time job and being a part of this organization can make for some long days and nights. But her support has been unwavering.”

Speaking of the PFD, its annual firefighters association fundraiser raffle has begun. There are many excellent prizes out there — four quarter-sides of beef from Plattsmouth Meat Garden, a \$500 Hy-Vee gift card and other great prizes. Tickets, at \$20 each, can be obtained from any Plattsmouth firefighter. Only 1,000 will be sold, which increases your chances of winning. The drawing will be on or near May 21. (You must be 18 or older to win.)

Sommers family to open business

You’d be hard-pressed to find any Buc Bay couple more into barbecuing than Jennifer and David Sommers. They took it to the next level by creating a business called Sommer Butts, Brew and BBQ, LLC.

Jenn recently announced that they have obtained space in downtown Plattsmouth that will house their catering business. They plan to launch it March 9. The eventual hope is to hold some culinary classes in the remodeled building. Stay tuned for updates on Jenn’s Facebook page.

Jenn and David live super-busy lives. Jenn recently joined the SID Board as the replacement for Christine Gibson. She also was on the Cass County Board of Commissioners, serving the remainder of Janet McCartney’s term until being defeated in the 2022 election. David is a sheriff deputy with Cass County.




The storefront of the soon-to-be open catering business owned by Jennifer and David Sommer. (Photo courtesy of Jenn Sommer.)

Buc Bay garage sale coming in June

The calendar may have just turned to March, but some of our neighbors have posed the question: When will the annual Buc Bay garage sale take place? The answer isn’t quite clear, thanks to the 2024 calendar.

Cheryl Myers, coordinator of the event, initially said on Facebook it looks like the date will be the second full weekend of June, meaning June 7 and 8. Check the April newsletter for confirmation of those dates.

Golf outings in February?



Many took advantage of last month’s incredible warm weather by hitting the Bay Hills links. Pictured, from left, are Ed Murphy, John McClain and Mike Gabriel.

Buc Bay residents witness CU history



At least three Buc Bay residents saw history Feb. 20 when Creighton University upended then-No. 1 UConn 85-66 before 18,071 fans. The students rushed the court after the upset that marked the first time in school history that a CU team beat a top-ranked opponent. "It was crazy," said Damon Wagner, who was at the CHI Health Center with wife Amy. Also attending was Karen Luksa, a Creighton fan who lives on Lakeside Drive. (Photo courtesy of Brad Williams.)

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Meet Lola, new to Villamonte home

Christine and Steve Villamonte, who live right off Buc Boulevard on Shoreline Circle, added a new family member to help ring in the New Year. Meet Lola, a Havanese Poodle (Havapoo) who turned four months old in February. This is one smart pooch.

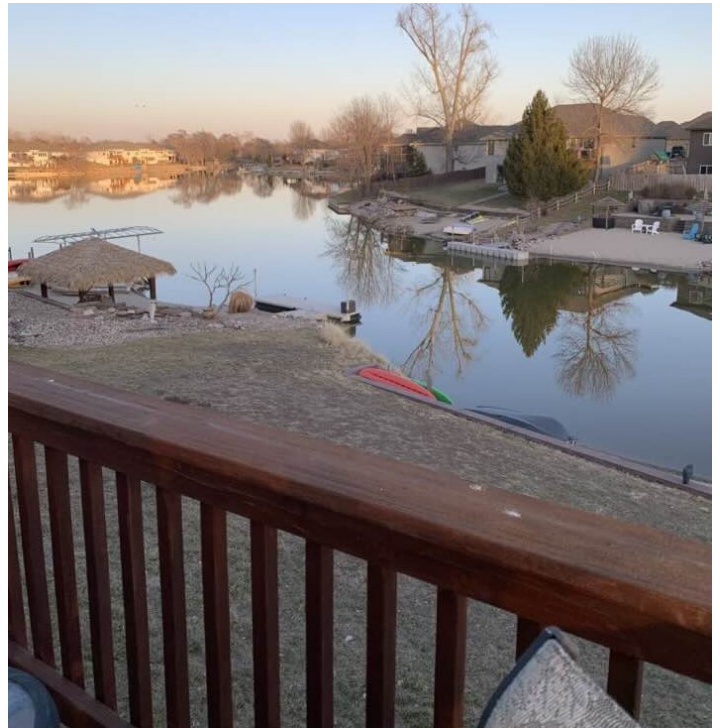
“It’s one of the few dogs that can be litter-box trained,” Steve said. “She has stolen the hearts of our entire family with her beautiful personality!”

Christine and Steve recently took Lola to watch the Plattsmouth High baseball team’s practice on one of the many nice February days. While walking around the track behind the field, Christine stopped to pick up batting-practice baseballs that went over the outfield fence. Suddenly, a ball that cleared the fence hit Lola on the foot.

“She yelped for a few seconds but was fine,” Steve said. “We received many calls and texts from people worried about the puppy. What are the odds of that happening?”



Christine with Lola.



A peaceful Sailboat Lake

After January’s wild week of snow and bone-chilling cold came the February thaw. Steve Villamonte took this photo of Sailboat Lake during the week when we set a February record high of 80.

Basketball court turns into a pickleball venue



Buc Bay resident AJ Poppleton calls it “Poppleton’s Playground.” What started as a basketball court just off Buc Boulevard near Ewel Court has been transformed into a place to play pickleball as well.

“We have added a pickleball court to the Playground,” AJ wrote last month on his Facebook page. “Anyone interested in playing or learning to play ‘America’s fastest growing sport’ is welcome. We are new to this and want to promote this in the neighborhood by inviting any/all old/young to join.”

Want to know more about the sport? Click on this link:

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Trail extension starts



The Platte River bridge trail project began recently, affecting northbound traffic on Hwy. 75. The eventual goal is to extend the Pappas trail south into Cass County. At this time, however, it isn't clear where the funding will come for completion of the project. (The view in the photo is from the east side of the bridge looking north.) The eventual plan is for:

- A 10-foot-wide trail north and south of the bridge
- A 12-foot-wide paved trail on the east side of the bridge
- New trail abutments on the north and south sides of the Platte River
- A new culvert extension and grate inlets
- A new railing and covered observation decks on the east side
- Fencing between the trail and US-34/75

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| 27.5 | John Fey – 402-250-6574 | Lakeside Dr. – 1 home, 2 Townhomes |
| 30 | Todd Clark – 402-926-1737 | 4420-4432 Windward Dr. 819-841 Wedgwood Ct. – 20 homes |
| 31 | Judy Link – 402-298-8750 | 21034 Treasure Island Rd. – End 6 homes |
| Lead Coordinators | Jill Bobenhouse Tesar, John Fey | Fill in vacancies, schedule meetings as needed, liaison to Sheriff's Office |



Rebecca Ehrenfried
Attorney

Meet Your Omaha Advocate: Rebecca Ehrenfried

Rebecca Ehrenfried is the newest member of The Nebraska Advocates. She is a local Nebraskan who is passionate about helping her community members get the help they need after an accident. As your attorney, Rebecca will be by your side every step of the way— from the moment you call our office to the day you receive your settlement check, Rebecca and her team will have your back.

If you've been injured in an accident, the personal injury attorneys with The Advocates can help you get on the road to recovery.

We take on a number of different injury cases, including:

- Car, truck, and motorcycle crashes
- Bicycle and pedestrian accidents
- Premises liability cases
- Dangerous and defective products

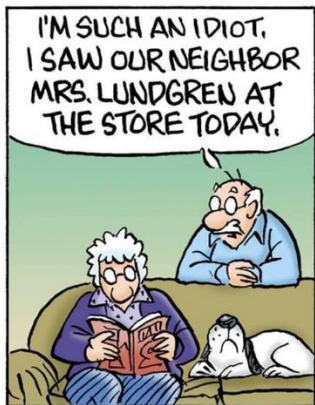
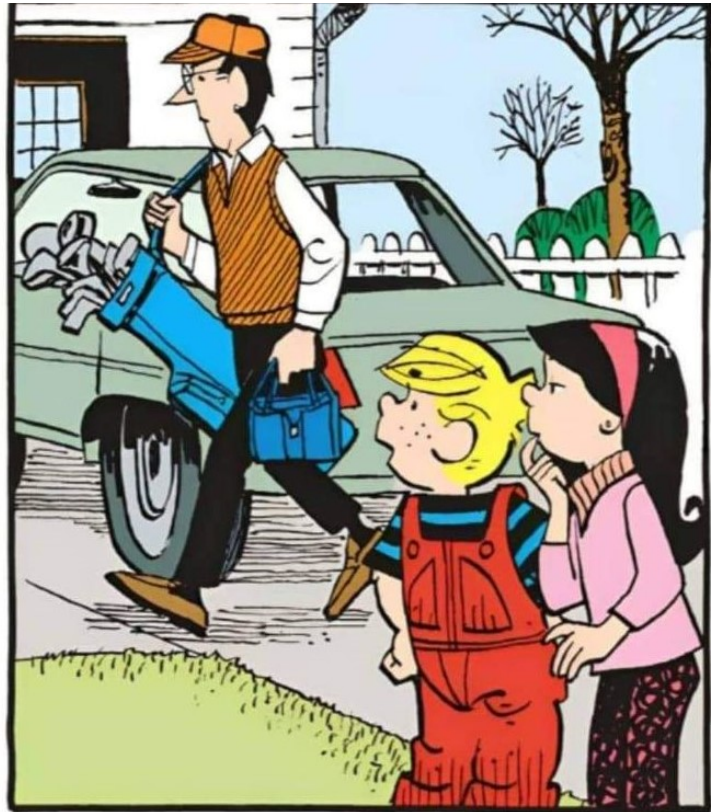
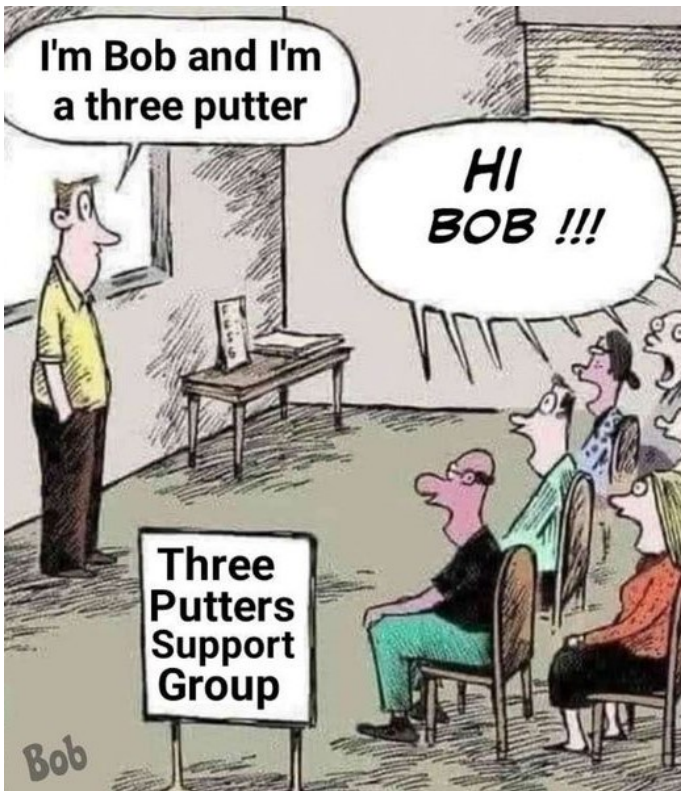
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Contact information for SID No. 5 Board

| <u>Board Member</u> | <u>Phone</u> | <u>Email</u> | <u>Committee — Primary</u> |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Kurt Meisinger (Chair) | 402-297-4365 | kurt.meisinger@buccaneerbay-ne.org | Finance, Budget and Audit |
| Jim Grotrian | 402-679-9158 | jim.grotrian@buccaneerbay-ne.org | Grounds |
| Jennifer Sommer | 402-889-1918 | jennifer.sommer@buccaneerbay-ne.org | |
| David Martin (Clerk) | 402-578-7147 | david.martin@buccaneerbay-ne.org | Water and Wastewater |
| Robert Karr | 402-672-7300 | robert.karr@buccaneerbay-ne.org | Roads and Storm Water Management |

Please feel free to contact any board member with your problem using the contact information from above but please give board members at least 24 hours to respond. Most of the board members have full time jobs and are subject to business trips, meetings, etc. If your concern or problem is of an emergency nature you may try to contact one of the other board members.

You can also contact a board member via regular mail via the SID #5 address at:
SID #5 Board of Trustees
19457 Treasure Island Rd.
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

Text message alerts: Would you like to receive alerts and notifications related to SID infrastructure such as a water main break, road closure or hydrant flushing via text message? Click this link to find out: [Alerts and Notifications via Text Message – Buccaneer Bay – SID #5 \(buccaneerbay-ne.org\)](https://buccaneerbay-ne.org/alerts-notifications)

To view the most-recent meeting minutes and find out future meeting dates, click on this link (it’s under the tab at the top that says communication):
<https://buccaneerbay-ne.org/>

Cass County Historical Society information and news

Cass County Historical Society Museum
646 Main Street, Plattsmouth, NE

Winter Hours — November-March:
Tuesday-Saturday — Noon-4 p.m.

Summer Hours — April—October:
Tuesday-Sunday — Noon—4 p.m.
Closed Sundays and Mondays

Admission: \$2.50 for adults, free for museum members and children under age 12.

Website: casscountynemuseum.org

Mission Statement: The Cass County Historical Society shall collect, preserve, and study materials to document, interpret and present the history of Cass County Nebraska to the public.



2023 Board of Directors

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Amusing (or not-so-amusing) one-liners

- » Which letter is silent in the word “Scent,” the S or the C?
- » Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
- » The word “swims” upside-down is still “swims.”
- » I’m responsible for what I say, not for what you understand.
- » It’s not my age that bothers me — it’s the side effects.
- » I want to be 18 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

- » I put my scale in the bathroom corner and that’s where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.
- » Hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.
- » I’m on two simultaneous diets. I wasn’t getting enough food on one.

SID#5 Covenants – Architectural Control

The Buccaneer Bay Architectural Control process of reviewing requests for changes on your property is now being managed by Teresa Dilts and Kayla Graff. They will be working with Mike Jensen, Cass County Zoning Administrator.

There are 8 sets of Covenants for Buccaneer Bay. It seems like every time a new section of Buccaneer Bay opened up another set of covenants was made. I try to make sure that every resident in Buccaneer Bay gets a copy of the covenants that is for their section of the neighborhood. Some realtors will provide a copy of the covenants to the buyer, but I don't think all of them do. Most of the covenants have some sort of termination clause.

All sets of covenants are filed at the Register of Deeds office at the Court House. Not all of the covenants have the same number of years that the covenants are in force.

HILLS COVENANTS in the second section titled: **“AMENDED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS”**, which covers the following: These covenants shall run with the land and be binding upon the current and future Owners of all Lots in Blocks One (1) through Six (6), inclusive; all Lots in Blocks Fifteen (15) through Twenty (20), inclusive; Lots one (1) through Five (5) in Block Seven (7), and; Lot Ten (10) in Block Fourteen (14), all in Buccaneer Bay, a subdivision as surveyed, platted and recorded in Cass County, Nebraska, until the year 2029, together with any Lots created by a replat of these Lots, and shall be continued for successive periods of twenty-five (25) years unless sooner modified or terminated in writing by seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the then record owners of the Properties, with one vote per Lot.

BAY LAKE COVENANTS in the second section titled: **“AMENDED DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS”**, which covers the following Blocks: Block 21, 22, 23, 24, and 26 until the year 2000, at which time the covenants shall be extended for **successive terms** of 25 years, which should make them good until 2025.

Block 31 in Buccaneer Bay includes Windward Dr. and all side streets in this section, approved in September 2008 for term of 25 years, which would then expire in 2033.

Blk 28 Lots 8A/B, Lots 9A/B, and Lot 10 on Lakeside Dr. These first 2 townhomes and one house are under the original covenants for Lakeside Dr. approved May 18, 2005 for a term of 25 years, which should terminate in 2030.

Blk 28, Lots 1A – 24B, minus Lots 8A/B, 9A/B and Lot 10 on Lakeside Dr. as described in the Covenants from Lone Tree Holdings. Approved May 18, 2017 for a term of 30 years, which would terminate in 2047.

Bucc Bay 1st Edition – Lots 1R – 39R – Davy Jones Dr. and Davy Jones Cir. Filed February 14, 1996 for a term of 25 years. **These Covenants have expired.**

Blk 29 Lots 1-26 Fairway Cir., Blk 30 Lots 1-6 – Fairway Dr. – Covenants and restrictions shall run with and bind the land and for a term of twenty-five years. Filed May 18th, 2005, which would expire in 2030.

Blk 27 Lots 1A – 20B, and Lots 21 – 62 – Sailboat Lake – The Covenants and restrictions shall run with and bind the land for a term of 25 years. Filed December 23, 1996, the Covenants have been renewed.

Residents under the covenants that will be expiring can be renewed by having residents who want to have the covenants continue review and update them. Each set of covenants has a specification of how many signatures are required to approve the revised covenants. It has been done, but it takes a lot of work. Once the covenants are out of date, that section of residents will no longer have to follow any restrictions for their section.

Note: The process below may be modified as the Newsletter and Welcome Packages are being updated.

Each time a new resident moves in they receive a Welcome Package that has a copy of the covenants for their location. The information on new residents come in an email from Peoples Service. Jill Bobenhouse-Teaser will take on putting the Welcome Packages together and provide the packages to the appropriate Block Captain so the new resident can fill out a Data Sheet to be sent to one of the members taking over for Janet. The changes will require the new information to be added to the Buccaneer Bay Phone Directory, if the new resident approves, and update the Block Captains list as residents move in and out.

Helpful Phone Numbers

Board of Trustees S.I.D. #5

Elections held in even numbered years.

Kurt Meisinger — 402-297-4365
 Jim Grotrain — 402-679-9158
 Robert Karr — 402-672-7300
 Christine Gibson — 402-680-1593
 David Martin — 402-578-7147

SID Auditor

Goracke, Ritterbush & Piotrowski
 Tom Shearer 402-896-1500

SID Fiscal Agent

Ameritas Inv. Corp. 402-384-8433

Water/Waste Water Maint.

PeopleService Inc.
 402-932-8143
 888-527-9853

Contact for water or sewer issues.
 24 hour Emergency# 888-861-1921

Monthly Water Billing Rates

Sewer \$17.00 + tax monthly flat fee
 Waste Water Treatment Plant Debt
 Reduction — \$16.00 a month
 Water base fee up to 5,000 gallons — \$17.00
 Additional fees beyond 5,000:
 5,001 — 10,000: \$3.80
 10,001 — 20,000: \$4.65
 Over 20,001 — \$5.30

Architectural Control Committee

Neighborhood Watch/Block Captains

Kayla Graff and Teresa Dilts are the
 new ACC leaders. The general number
 for ACC submissions is 402-813-5295.
 Teresa can be reached at 402-680-
 1631.

Plattsmouth Schools

St. John School 296-6230
 First Baptist 296-5489
 Plattsmouth High School 296-3322
 Plattsmouth Middle School 296-3174
 Plattsmouth Elem. School 296-4173
 Superintendent's Office 296-3361
 Head Start 296-5250

First Students Bus Service 296-5624

Bad Weather

The school district will notify the
 following radio and TV stations with
 school closing information:

KFAB (AM 1110)
 WOW (FM 94.1)
 The River (FM 89.7)
 KMTV (TV Channel 3)
 WOWT (TV Channel 6)
 KETV (TV Channel 7)
 KPTM (TV Channel 42)

Local News Papers

Plattsmouth Journal — 296-2141
 Published Thursdays, delivered by
 Mail to Buccaneer Bay, arrives on
 Friday.

www.cass-news.com

Cassgram — Free at Local Businesses
 Contact Steve Warga via E-mail:

Cassgram@windstream.net
www.cassgramonline.com

Omaha World Herald — 444-1000
 Daily Delivery

Buccaneer Bay Newsletter

John Fey — 402-250-6574
jmfey1952@gmail.com

Other Numbers

Emergency 911
 Cass County Sheriff — 402-296-9370

Neighborhood Watch Lead Coordinators
 Jennifer Sommer, Jill Bobenhouse Tesar

Bay Hills Golf Course — 402-298-8191

COX — 402-933-3000
 Windstream — 800-501-1754

Future Technologies (Internet)
 — 402-933-2877
 Spiral (Internet) — 712-800-1100

Black Hills Energy — 888-890-5554
 Emergency — 800-694-8989

OPPD Electric — 877-536-4131
Outages — 800-554-6773

Trash Pickup:

Papillion Sanitation — 800-494-5441
 Gretna Sanitation — 402-332-4710
 Waste Management — 800-457-2599

Plattsmouth Post Office — 296-2152

Union Pacific RR — 800-848-8715
 Burlington Northern — 800-832-5452
 Public Service Comm. — 471-3101

Architectural Control for Blk 27 Sailboat Lake

Sailboat Lake Board/Architectural Control

Buccaneer Bay Web Site

www.buccaneerbay-ne.org
 Provides various information on the
 Sanitary Improvement District.



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT?

| FUNCTION | WHO IS RESPONSIBLE | COMMENTS |
|---|---|---|
| <u>ANNIMAL CONTROL</u> | <u>Property Owner/Resident</u> | The county does not have an Animal Control until. In 2008 the Nebraska State Legislature passed a new law that the county is responsible for capturing dangerous animals. Cass County has not created an Animal Control Officer, so it is up to the Sheriff's department. The Sheriff will come out on dangerous animal calls. If someone has been bitten they will try to trap the animal. |
| <u>COMMERCIAL PROPERTY</u> | <u>Other</u> | Governed by County and State Laws. Lot must be zoned appropriately. |
| <u>ELECTRICITY</u> | <u>OPPD</u> | OPPD – 234-2455 Outages – 800-554-6773 |
| <u>ENFORCEMENT OF COVENANTS</u> | <u>Property Owners</u> | The original developer of a neighborhood, to help protect the community, establishes covenants. Buccaneer Bay has 7 sets of covenants: Davy Jones, Sailboat Lake, Bay Lake, Hills, Blk 28, Blks 29&30, and Blk 31. The SID is not involved with enforcing protective covenants. |
| <u>FIRE/RESCUE</u> | <u>Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire & Ambulance</u> | Plattsmouth Volunteer Emergency/Fire - 911 |
| <u>LAW ENFORCEMENT</u> | <u>Cass County</u> | Cass County Sheriff's Department 911 or 296-9360 |
| <u>MAIL</u> | <u>Plattsmouth Post Office</u> | It is up to the post office to determine if you can install a mailbox in front of your home or if you will be assigned to a cluster box – 296-2152. |
| <u>MOWING</u> | <u>SID/Resident</u> | SID property only – including maintenance of the front island Resident – responsible for owned lot and right-of-way |
| <u>NATURAL GAS</u> | <u>Black Hills Energy</u> | Service – 888-890-5554 Emergency – 800-694-8989 |
| <u>NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH</u> | <u>Property Owner Resident</u> | Everyone can belong to Neighborhood Watch. When suspicious activity is spotted it should be reported to the Sheriff's department and information passed on to the neighborhood through the volunteer Block Captain and the Lead Coordinator. These names are listed in the Buccaneer Bay Phone Directory. |
| <u>NEW CONSTRUCTION OR CHANGES TO BE APPROVED</u> | <u>Architectural Control</u> | Neighborhood Watch/Block Captains will review new house plans and any changes you may be making to your home externally, as well as any additions you might want to make to your home. Sailboat Lake – Blk27 Sailboat Lake Board/Architectural Control |
| <u>OUTLOTS</u> | <u>SID</u> | SID is responsible for maintaining the outlots. |
| <u>ROAD MAINTENANCE</u> | <u>SID</u> | SID is responsible for keeping roads within the district boundaries, repaired in safe operating condition. |
| <u>SCHOOLS</u> | <u>Property Owner Resident</u> | Plattsmouth School District or school of choice. |
| <u>SNOW REMOVAL</u> | <u>SID</u> | SID is responsible for having the roads within the district snow plowed, salted, and sanded when needed. The board has set a 2-3 inches as the threshold for having the streets plowed. |
| <u>WATER/WASTEWATER PLANT</u> | <u>SID</u> | Peoples Service – to establish/terminate service or questions 403-932-8143 888-527-9853 888-861-1921 – Emergency Calls |