



Getting to know Buc Bay residents

Catering to Buc Bay community

To say Jennifer Sommer enjoys cooking might be the understatement of all time. Yes, she was introduced to her grandmother’s kitchen when she was 5 years old. But even so, with so much on her plate you wonder what she was thinking by taking the initiative (with husband Sean’s blessing and help) to go full-bore into the catering business.

That’s just what the couple did when they launched their venture, Sommer Butts, Brew & BBQ LLC, which opened in downtown Plattsmouth last March. While the process was difficult, Jenn and Sean said in a recent interview, it was worth clearing each hurdle.

Before getting to that, you should know more about Jenn and

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Sean. Jenn, who grew up in South Omaha, met Sean in 2016. They were married two years later, which marked the beginning of a busy life for the couple.

“Talk about a whirlwind,” Jenn said. “In

April I graduated with my bachelor’s degree (from the University of Phoenix). In May we bought the house (on Buccaneer Boulevard) and in July we got married — all within 90 days.

“I don’t recommend something like that to happen so soon. One of those in a year is stressful enough, let alone three in 90 days.”

They were living in a home near the Bellevue Medical Center before moving here. Sean, who has served in law enforcement approaching 30 years, wanted to find a home in Cass County since he’s a sergeant with the Cass County Sheriff’s Office (where he started in 2013). Sean spotted the house while on duty one night.

“I had no idea that this housing addition even existed,” Jenn said. “We came out and saw it, and I told him, ‘Don’t fall in love with this house, because we’re not going to get it.’ He said, ‘It’s too late. I already did.’ So we moved in.”

The couple, who have six children together from previous marriages, were living here less than a year before the 2019 flood



Sean and Jenn Sommers cleared all the necessary hurdles in March and opened their doors in downtown Plattsmouth.

hit. That’s when they found out that Buc Bay is a caring community. They became a distribution site of sorts for donations for people whose homes were damaged by the flood.

Becoming involved in her neighborhood is a natural for Jenn. She serves in a director’s role with the nonprofit called Cass County Behind the Badge. It supports first responders from all of Cass County.

“Every holiday,” Jenn said, “I’d feed them well. It kind of morphed from there. I had fire chiefs tell me I had to do this for other people.”

The next thing Jenn knew, she was cooking for others. Most often, she was able to take care of catering jobs from home. There were notable exceptions, like the time she relied on the Murray Fire Department’s larger kitchen for a bigger gig.

Said Sean: “It finally got to the point where we discussed it, and

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she realized that at this point we needed a commercial kitchen to keep up with this (growing) business. It was such a pain to haul everything to a certain location for prep work, get it ready, then take it back home and then deliver it.”

Late last year, the couple got serious about seeking a home to expand and accommodate her new venture.

“About eight months ago we started looking,” Jenn said. “We looked in Syracuse and Nebraska City. Some of the kitchens were massive — one was like 3,000 square feet.”

Added Sean: “The one in Nebraska City looked like it was a steak house, and they added sections in pieces. A lot of them needed so much work. We didn’t have that kind of funding. We weren’t going into this as a restaurant business. We were going into it as a catering business.”

Then Jenn learned that the downtown Plattsmouth ice cream shop space was vacant on the ground floor of the Fitzgerald Building. A real estate agent gave Jenn some bad news.

Said Jenn: “She said, ‘No, absolutely not. They don’t want another food vendor in here.’ About 45 days went by, and I called her back, and I told her a lot of what we were going to do was not going to be done in that building.”

Jenn and Sean then met with the owners of the 100-year-old building and explained their business plan. They immediately got the OK to proceed.

Said Sean: “A lot of times we were sitting there thinking we weren’t going to find the right space. This was the right space.”

Turning that “right space” into the home for the catering company was a challenge to say the least. The couple took possession Jan. 11 with the hope of a grand opening on March 10 — 60 days later — and then found there were many hurdles to clear before that could happen.

Permits had to be pulled and inspections needed to be passed before the business could be launched. The couple agreed it was a bit stressful due to a couple of unforeseen delays.

“We really hit the ground running,” Jenn said. “I think God had a plan. I heard people say, ‘Is Plattsmouth ready for a caterer? What does that even mean?’ There’s a lot of misconception of what a caterer really does.”

Starting out, Jenn was prepared to cater for as few as one person or hundreds.

“I had a lady who was getting ready to have knee surgery,” she said. “When she got home she was out of commission. So she hired me to cook seven to 10 days of meals just for her. I’d put them in her freezer.”

Then there’s an August wedding scheduled that she will handle



Jenn calls her downtown kitchen her “super power.”

for 350 guests.

During the interview at their store the day before Memorial Day, customers stopped in to collect their food. Any order that involves smoked meat must be placed at least 48 hours in advance. All the meats are smoked at their home and then prepped at the space for delivery or pickup.

The store is large enough to accommodate a small group of diners — by reservation. Large ovens are used to cook side dishes and keep food warm. Most often, their company delivers to area homes. Graduation parties last month kept them extremely busy.

Before the catering-business idea hatched, Jenn ventured into the world of politics. Newer Buc Bay residents probably don’t know she served out the term of Janet McCartney, who stepped down in 2021 after 11 years as a Cass County commissioner. Jenn was defeated by Taylor Boyle in the following election when that term was up a year later.

She doesn’t regret taking on the commissioner’s role, even if it lasted just a year.

“I did commissioner work every, single day,” she said. “It didn’t matter what time of the day. You’re on 24/7.”

Even though she’s not a commissioner, she still interacts with the Board as its Information Technology consultant.

Not discouraged by that defeat, Jenn was urged by friends to throw in her name as a replacement when a vacancy came up last year for the SID Board. She feels it was a natural step to

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take as a public servant.

She's glad to answer the occasional phone call or email from Buc Bay residents seeking information or assistance with a matter of concern.

"I want to do what I can for the community and represent them the best I can," she said.

Jenn likes to "escape" to her home away from home — their downtown catering headquarters.

"This space is my super power," she said. "I don't care if I have a headache. I don't care if I don't feel good. When I walk into this building it all goes away."

Before opening, Jenn took charge of decorating the seating area of the store. The walls contain family photos, including one of her grandparents.

"My grandma taught me how to make Italian gravy," Jenn said. "My dad was the head chef at Johnny's Café before I was even born. Yes, I've always loved to cook."

She takes enormous pride in the products she sends out the door or delivers to homes.

"That's my name, my reputation and my food," she said. "I taste everything. Everything has to be tasted before it goes out the door."

Long before she got seriously into catering, Jenn took part in barbeque cook-off competition. She phoned her dad, who was then retired, and said, "We're going to compete in a barbeque contest."

This was a big-time Omaha event, sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society. Jenn and her dad were competing against 71 other teams from all over the country in the mid-1990s.

Said Jenn: "We called ourselves 'The Backyard Barbequers.' That first year we finished 70th (out of 72)."

The following year, they outcooked 12 teams. The fifth year of



Jenn has ample pantry space for any dishes she needs to prepare in the downtown store.

competition, she and her dad placed 10th in the brisket division out of 72 teams.

After taking time away from competition, she introduced Sean to it. Last May, the couple entered the Smoke Your Butt Off contest in Weeping Water.

From there, Jenn went to the other side of BBQ competitions by becoming a KCBS-certified contest judge.

Their business is growing through word of mouth, but it's apparent that the word is spreading as they're keeping quite busy. That doesn't mean they don't make time for enjoying the company of their neighbors.

"Everybody really comes together here," Jenn said. "I would say for me it's the people, the community. I've never had the best neighbors like I have now."

Said Sean: "We literally know everybody on either side of us on either side of the street. We love Plattsmouth, we love the community."

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Graduation parties highlight May

May was graduation time for many of our Buc Bay young people — both from high school and college. It's the next important step in the young lives of our sons, daughters and (in our case) grandchildren. It's also a chance for us to celebrate with friends we've made since moving here seven years ago.

I remember our graduation from Papillion High School in 1970. The parties were quite different back then — not



nearly as elaborate as the ones we've attended in recent years. One thing that I'm sure hasn't changed, though, is the relief and joy today's students feel when picking up their diplomas.

Our three sons graduated from Omaha Westside High in the 1990s as did our oldest grandson. His graduation ceremony was moved to the school's football field due to COVID-19.

For the most part, my high school years were enjoyable — especially my senior year, due mostly to the fact wife Shirley



Wife Shirley and I enjoyed celebrating neighbor Gabe Villamonte's graduation. (Photo by Steve Villamonte.)

Congrats to these additional recent graduates:

» **Lincoln Bradney** — 3-year football letterman, honorable mention all-district and Ironman Award; 2-year basketball letterman; 3-year track letterman and state track meet qualifier; National Honor Society; honor graduate (3.50-3.99 GPA); Grand Canyon University Dean's Scholarship; Robert & Dorothy Walling Wiley Memorial Scholarship.

» **Tim Druce** — graduated from Plattsmouth High this year and completed the welding pathways program.

» **Laura Bolton** — graduated from UNL college of law with distinction this year and passed the Nebraska bar exam. She also represented UNL at the National Trial Team competition in Austin, Texas. Laura was the PHS valedictorian in 2013.

» **Ashley Bolton** — earned her Masters degree from UNL in education and is employed as an eighth-grade middle school science teacher at Pond Middle School in Lincoln. Ashley has been the PHS flag line choreographer for the past five years after participating on the UNL Flag line for four years.

» **Miles Victory Poppleton** — graduated from Neb. City Lourdes Central High with honors. He is headed to UNL, majoring in engineering.

» **Parker Aughenbaugh** — graduated from Plattsmouth High. He played on the football team.

and I were nearing our first year of dating. Being active in sports as the football student manager and player on the basketball and baseball teams made for some memorable times — mostly all fond.

We attended neighbor Gabe Villamonte's grad party last month. You might recall his being featured in this newsletter about a year ago for his ability to pitch for the Plattsmouth baseball team — with both arms. I watched his last two games of his high school career when the Blue Devils gave a valiant effort but lost their two district contests.

Gabe and most of his high school teammates jumped right into the summer Legion season. They're a fun group to watch, and I'm looking forward to catching some more of their games.

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Looking back on May, you likely have

heard the saying, "Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it." May's amazing stormy and wet weather dominated most conversations.

Just one year after we received less than a quarter of an inch of precipitation for the entire month of May, most of eastern Nebraska got soaked. It was unlike anything longtime residents here have witnessed.

Chad Wehrbein of Greenlife Gardens, the company that takes care of mowing and snow removal for the duplexes on Lakeside Drive, said May was the wettest he can ever remember. One of Chad's workers told me they were putting in 60-hour weeks trying to keep up.

The amazing thing, to me, was how well our golf course held up. It's a

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Switch to Gretna to begin on July 3

At its April meeting, the SID Board officially approved the proposal to switch all residents to Gretna Sanitation. It takes effect July 3. The contract that was signed is in place for five years.

Under the new plan, residents will be charged the monthly fee that includes the months you might be away during the winter. Trash fees will appear on your monthly water bill as a separate item.

Trash pickup will take place each Wednesday, except for major holidays (Christmas, New Year's Day, etc.) that fall on weekdays. All Buc Bay residents should have been notified by mail.

Residents who don't currently use Gretna should be getting new receptacles.

Rainy May helped reduce water use

With that incredibly wet month of May behind us, residents are still being urged to follow the directives for outside water use. Here are the guidelines:

- Even numbered addresses may water lawns and landscaping only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
- Odd numbered addresses may water lawns and landscaping only on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday.
- Watering lawns or landscaping is not allowed on Monday.
- If the property owner waters the lawn and landscaping only with a rain water reclamation system or the owner's private sand point well, and does not use the District's water system, the owner is exempt from these rules and regulations.

Street sign on Davy Jones is missing

A resident reported last month that the street sign for Davy Jones Circle and Davy Jones Drive fell from its pole. When SID Board member Dave Martin looked for it, the sign was gone.

Residents no doubt would appreciate the return of the sign. That way, visitors will be able to find the right street.

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testament to the great work by superintendent Steve Bogner and his crew who endured the difficult conditions to keep the course in tip-top shape. Due to all the rain, they had to mow more often than usual to keep the rough from swallowing shots missing the fairways. Of course, for duffers like me, it's easier to find your balls when you keep them in the fairway. For anyone who has played Bay Hills, that's easier said than done.

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Finally (if you're still reading), I can't dismiss a major event in our lives: our 52nd wedding anniversary. I tipped readers off on the milestone last month when I noted in the historic dates for May that on May 27, 1972, Shirley Chadwick married John Fey. Friends we've made here know the story, but I'll repeat it for the newer folks.

Shirley and I began dating at the end of our junior year at Papillion High School. We quickly became serious the summer of 1969 (the title of my favorite Bryan Adams' song). By the end of our senior year it was a foregone conclusion that we would be wed. The only question was when.

We agreed upon May 27 as the date to become Mr. and Mrs. Fey. I was into my fifth month in the Army, so at least we had a monthly income so we weren't "just" living on love. I was stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs and came back for a week to get ready for the big day.



Shirley and I on our wedding day (1972) and in front of our new home on Lakeside Drive (2017).

Our first apartment's rent was \$125 per month (it was totally furnished). I was making around \$300 a month, as I recall, but we weren't a penny in debt that first year.

The apartment complex was adults-only, so when Shirley became pregnant with the first of our three boys, we had to search for a new home. During a phone call to my dad, he suggested we move to a mobile home. Shirley and I agreed it would be better than moving to another apartment with a newborn — and trying to purchase a house was out of the question.

We couldn't qualify for a loan, so my parents co-signed the loan that allowed us to live our remaining two years of military life in a trailer park.

Fast-forward to July 1, 2017, when we moved here. We've made so many friends since then and couldn't be happier with the decision to get away from Omaha's noise and traffic. We, like many of you, are enjoying Buc Bay life.

Meet this month's featured pets



We ran across two puppies who live in Buc Bay. Pictured at right is Archie, who lives on the Boulevard with Sarah and Bryan Bjorkman.

In the left photo is Dixie. The black lab, who is about to turn 2, lives with Adam and Becky Stoskopf on Cape Horn Circle.



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| Both | 2906 Lakeside Drive |
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| Both | 19623 Ridgeway Rd |
| Both | 19201 Spyglass Ct |
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| Both | 19310 Spyglass Ct |
| Both | 19403 Spyglass Ct |
| Both | 19706 Sterling Ct |
| Both | 19515 Watersedge Circle |
| Both | 713 Windward Court |
| Both | 4312 Windward Drive |
| Thursday, June 6, noon to 4; Friday all day | 4316 Windward Drive |

Rainy May was one for the books

What a difference a year made for the month of May. A year ago, we endured the driest May on record. Twelve months later came the wettest month on record. While the constant rains allowed homeowners to turn off the sprinklers, it was a challenging time for our golf course. Bay Hills superintendent Steve Bogner said he hasn't seen anything like it since his arrival in 1984.

"We have had years where it would rain for a week," Steve said, "and we never thought we would be able to mow, but we would get through it somehow. We will take the rain when we can get it. We just wish it would not come with high winds, hail and tornados."

Amazingly, the course held up well with some of the heavy storms, Steve said, but the rain forced him and his crew to mow more often than usual.

"We mow every day even in the rain as long as it isn't lightning," he said. "It is hard on the equipment when the grass is thick and wet. The belts and blades wear out faster, and the mowers use more fuel. We also have to mow more often so the grass doesn't clump up."

Another problem came when heavy rain washed out the sand in the traps that was added this year. The conditions didn't impact play as much as you might think.

"We have only closed the course down for an afternoon to allow the course some time to drain," Steve said. "The course does drain well for the most part. We have posted cart paths only



Players prepare to tee off at the start of the May 29 senior men's golf outing. Sixteen players participated.

just a few times due to low areas on the course."

Men's senior golf up and running

Wednesday mornings, starting at 8 a.m., are reserved for the older crowd who wants to get in an early 18 holes. With Jerry Williams leading the way, players show up at 7:45 to check in at a cost of \$5, (plus green fees for non-members). Optional skins contest is \$5.

Formats vary, and handicaps are established to level the playing field. Just show up when you want, and plan to have a good time. You'll even get to meet some new people!

Couples outings return for summer

The popular couples golf outing kicked off the summer campaign on May 31, the first of four tournaments. The 9-hole event begins with a 5:45 p.m. shotgun start. Members' cost is just \$10 per couple, \$50 per couple for non-members.

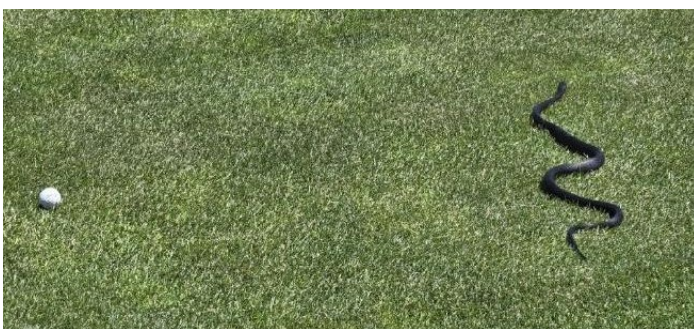
Future dates are: June 14, July 19 and Aug. 16. If you'd like to participate, you must register online. Just click on this link: www.bayhillsgolfclub.com

Members Remembered tournament

One of the top events on this year's Bay Hills golf calendar is the Members Remembered Memorial. The four-person scramble takes place Saturday, June 15, with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

The tournament raises funds to maintain the area around the flag pole and to add name plaques of those who have passed. As of May 31, the tournament hadn't filled up, so if you're interested, register on line by clicking this link: www.bayhillsgolfclub.com

Spotted on the golf course



A couple of unusual sightings took place last month on our course. Above, a black snake was seen on the 10th fairway by Diane Merk. At left, a large turtle was slowly headed toward the sixth fairway.



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| *2821 Lakeside Drive | \$339,950 |
| *2916 Lakeside Drive | \$359,500 |
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Buc Bay junior right on target in trap

Kasten Hellbusch had quite the ending to his junior year of high school. At the May 2-4 Nebraska state trap meet, he placed 54th overall. Approximately 1,600 competed at the Doniphan meet, and Kasten placed second for high overall on his Bellevue trap team.

“For him to finish 54th (overall) is a huge deal,” his mother, Deanna, said last month on Facebook. “We are so proud of him!”

Kasten nailed 72 out of 75 on the 16-yard line.

“Only seven kids out of the 1,600 shot a perfect 75,” Dee said, “so that put him in the top tier of shooters.”

For his handicap, Kasten had to shoot at the 24-yard line, and he hit 60 out of 75 but fell short of a trophy.

“If he would’ve shot six more rocks in total (16s or handicap) he would have placed out of the 1,600 kids,” Dee said. “That’s how crazy this competition is and how close he was to placing.”

His teammate, Michael Day, was the state champion for the 16-yard line competition and second at state for high overall.



Kasten Hellbusch placed 54th overall at this year’s Nebraska state trap meet, held in Doniphan. He hit 72 out of 75 shots on the 16-yard line while competing for the Bellevue team. (Photo courtesy of Deanna Hellbusch.)

This month’s quiz: The bar code was invented in 1974. What was the first item to be scanned? A) Cigarette pack. B) Cereal. C) Soup can. D) Juicy Fruit gum. Answer on Page 16.

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Buccaneer Bay Area – Ridgeway Road

Residents pitch in, clean up Buc Bay

The annual Buccaneer Bay clean-up day took place on a perfect Sunday, May 5. To those who participated, thank you. And here's a shout-out to Jill Bobenhouse Tesar for coordinating the event.



Casting votes in May's primary election



Buccaneer Bay residents kept poll workers busy during the May 14 primary election. Thanks goes to those who worked that Tuesday.

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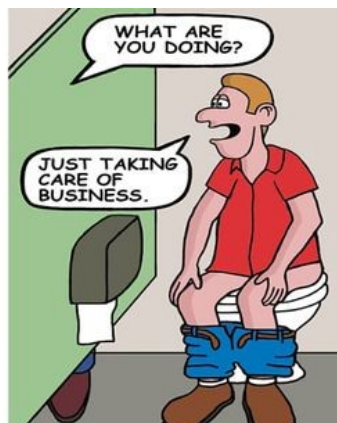
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- » **June 3, 1964** — The Rolling Stones begin U.S. tour.
- » **June 6, 1998** — "Sex and the City" TV show premieres.

- » **June 11, 1982** — "E.T." hits movie theaters.
- » **June 14, 1775** — U.S. Army is formed.
- » **June 20, 1975** — "Jaws" is released.

They were born this month

- » Henry VIII – born 6/28/1491; died 1/28/1547
- » Angelina Jolie – born 6/4/1975
- » Morgan Freeman – born 6/1/1937
- » Liam Neeson – born 6/7/1952
- » Paul Giamatti – born 6/6/1967
- » Heidi Klum – born 6/1/1973
- » Marilyn Monroe – born 6/1/1926; died 8/4/1962
- » Anderson Cooper – born 6/3/1967
- » Paul McCartney – born 6/18/1942
- » Elon Musk – born 6/28/1971
- » Prince – born 6/7/1958; died 4/21/2016
- » Mike Tyson – born 6/30/1966
- » Anne Frank – born 6/12/1929; died 3/12/1945
- » Mark Wahlberg – born 6/5/1971
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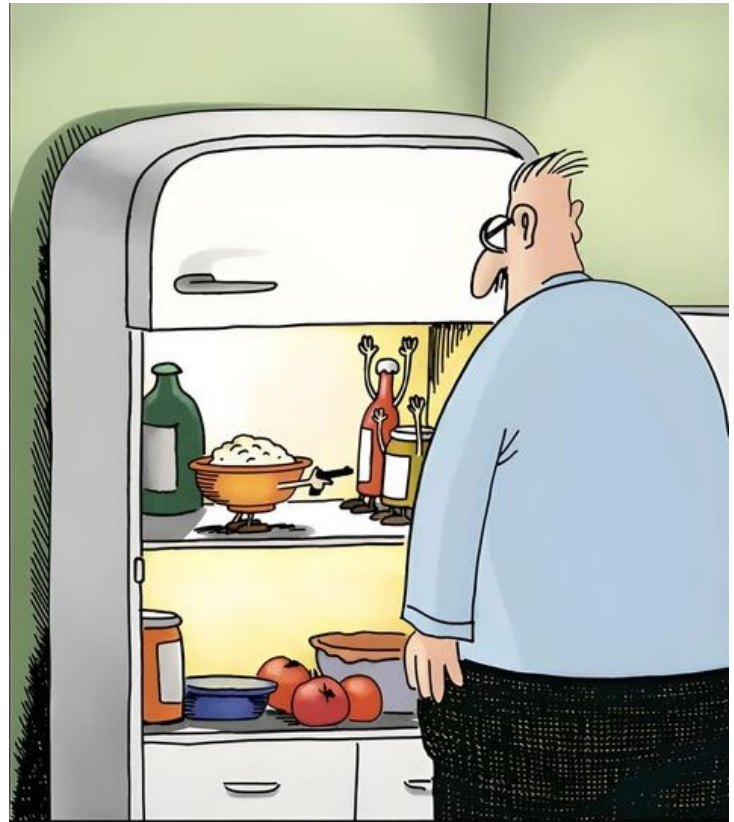
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| 2 | Mary Moneke 402-298-8055 | Cape Horn Cir. 26 homes |
| 3 | VACANT | Captain Morgan Ct. 10 homes |
| 5 | AJ Poppleton 402-706-5459 | Front half of Buccaneer Blvd. up to Ewel Ct. 3501-3617 – 10 houses |
| 6 | Jeff Groshans 720-644-7418 | Buccaneer Blvd. 3811 – 3911, 11 houses |
| 7 | Jennifer Sommer 402-889-1918 | Buccaneer Blvd. 3706 – 3810, 10 Houses |
| 8 | VACANT | Buccaneer Blvd. 3920 – 4016 – 15 houses |
| 9 | Debbie Meyer | Sterling Ct. – 23 houses |
| 10 | VACANT | Davy Jones Cir. & Davy Jones Dr. – 25 houses |
| 11 | Linda Goodman 402-917-2914 | Rainey Cir. – 11 houses |
| 12 | Patty Weirauch 402-298-7325 | Fairway Cir. – 10 houses |
| 13 | Cheryl Myers 402-296-6924 | Becker Ct. – 9 homes |
| 14 | Carol Kellison 402-296-0282 | 19309 – 19413 Spyglass Ct. 22 houses |
| 15 | VACANT | 19225 – Spyglass Ct. – 11 houses Cypress Ct., 6 homes (17 total homes) |
| 16 | Sheila Nelson 402-297-4101 | 19201 – 19223 Spyglass Ct. – 16 houses |
| 17 | Rita Offutt | Ridgeway Rd. – 46 homes, Blk 15 Lots 7-35 |
| 18 | Cheryl Myers | Ewel Ct. – 16 homes |
| 19&20 | Jill Bobenhouse Tesar 402-298-7171 Kayla Graff & Teresa Dilts | Townhomes on Sailboat Lake - 36 houses Homes on Sailboat Lake, Blk 27, 32 houses |
| 21 | Renie Kula 402-296-5239 | Buccaneer Blvd. 4018-4109 – 16 houses |
| 22 | VACANT | Buccaneer Blvd. 4113 -4130 - 17 lots |
| 23 | Agness Lenaugh 531-205-7797 | 4320 – 4416 Windward Dr. 708 – 714 Windward Ct. – 14 houses |
| 24 | Barbara Hamlin 402-298-9911 | 3501-3618 Fairway Dr. – 17 lots |
| 25 | Lauri Deseck 402-672-9866 | 4211 – 4319 Windward Dr – 48 homes |
| 26 | Jeanne Thompson 402-216-4287 | 3224 – 3335 – Fairway Dr. 17 lots |
| 27 | John Fey 402-250-6574 | 2833 – 3043 – 14 Townhomes |
| 27.5 | John Fey | 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 |

Your dose of June funnies



When potato salad goes bad

I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.

R & K Lawn Service

- Serving Buccaneer Bay Residents Since 2007
- 20 Years Mowing Experience
- Exceptional Pricing (Senior Citizen Discounts)
- Weekly Mowing
- Also Available for Vacation Lawn Service
- Over 25 Buccaneer Bay Residents Have Used R & K Lawn Service



Call Ron for Free Quote

Cell – 402-916-0940

Home – 402-502-0015

Quiz answer: D.

Bright Northern Lights



Buc Bay resident Micah Lauf captured this photo of the Northern Lights that appeared in our area last month.



Retirement for 'Buch'

Mike Buchman's 20-year career at Offutt Air Force Base came to end last month when he officially retired. Congrats, Mike!

More June funnies



What do you call a hippie's wife? Mississippi.



Rebecca Ehrenfried
Attorney

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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.

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- Dangerous and defective products

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CASS COUNTY MUSEUM
 646 MAIN STREET
 PLATTSMOUTH, NE.
LIVING HISTORY DAY!

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024
 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 FREE ADMISSION; DONATIONS ACCEPTED

In the Museum at 646 Main Street

SPINNING
 by Jill Lokke of Brownville

QUILTING
 by Sandra Allgeier of Plattsouth



ORGAN PLAYING
 Carol Wehrbein will be playing our
 1893 Packard Reed Organ

In the Davis Conference Room:
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN
 Making a RAG DOLL, rolling a CANDLE,
 playing "STAKE A HOMESTEAD" and
 "LEWIS AND CLARK BINGO" and
 learning about Cass County History with a
 COLORING BOOK.

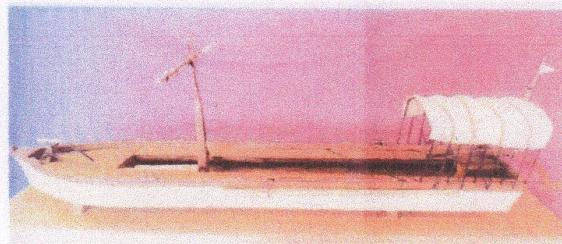
**The Farm Building and Shed in the Courtyard
 will also be open.**

At the end of Main Street



**Joseph and Mary Cook Log Cabin,
 Burlington Caboose,
 and replica of Lewis and Clark Pirogue
 open for tours.**

**At 10:30, there will be a dedication of the
 new Lewis and Clark markers**
 Harlan Seyfer will speak about the markers that
 replace those destroyed in the flood of 2019.



**Lewis and Clark re-enactors, Mike Bowman
 and Dale Clark (and his dog Sailor), will be
 camped by the Pirogue. Both will tell you about
 their travels on the Lewis and Clark Trail.**

**On Exhibit at Museum: Educational items relating to the Lewis and Clark Expedition and
 The Plants of Lewis and Clark, featuring photographs by Linda Barnard Duncan.**

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-via-text-message)

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.



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The board usually meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

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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
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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:

Gretna Sanitation — 402-332-4701

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>ANIMAL 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 |