



Getting to know Buc Bay residents

Soldier's story helped him heal

Growing up in the small South Dakota town of Lake Andes, Chuck Gorman couldn't have predicted he'd someday live in Nebraska, get drafted, spend more than three decades in the Plattsmouth School District and end up retired in Buccaneer Bay. But, as fate would have it, that's just what happened.

Chuck is one of the many Buc Bay residents who proudly served in the military. He's also among those who fought in Vietnam and kept that horrific experience bottled inside for many years until eventually letting it spill out. The Army veteran even took it to a higher level by writing a book about his service experience.

As his children grew older, they were curious about his service. In 2012, they convinced him to write about it. It was a long journey that brought him to that point.

Following high school graduation, Chuck attended South Dakota State University in Brookings. After earning his degree, he taught a year in Newcastle, Neb. Not wanting to stay there, he chose not to sign a new contract, and that's when Uncle Sam gave him induction orders in 1968.

"At that time, if you were a teacher or a college student, they didn't draft you," he said. "When I didn't sign my contract they drafted me."

Chuck was sent to Fort Lewis, Wash., for basic and advance training. Then his company got orders for Vietnam. But he and another soldier were sent to the Noncommissioned Officer Academy in Fort Benning, Ga.

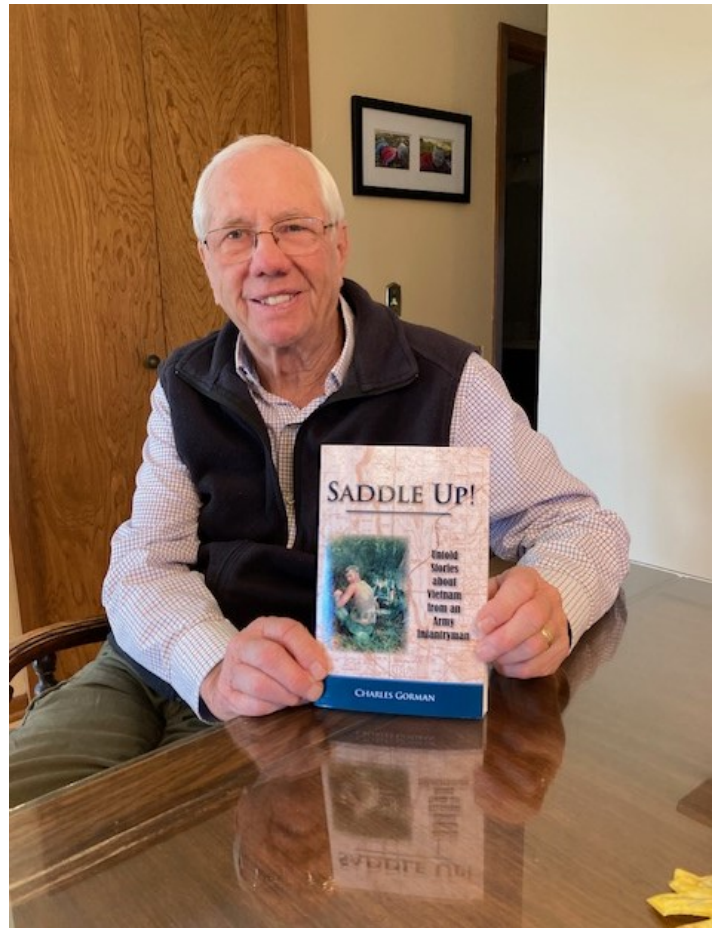
While there, he got word that his younger brother was killed in a car accident.

"My parents were having a hard time," Chuck said. "I was gone for a week or two, and when I went back (to NCO school), they told me I had to start over. I didn't want to do that."

He was sent to Vietnam, where he served in an infantry unit. It was, to say the least, dangerous duty. He arrived in May of 1969 and spent 11 months in combat.

Chuck said, unlike many vets, he wasn't mistreated upon returning to the states. Still, the horrors of war weighed on him, and he wanted to put it all aside.

After his discharge in 1970, he resumed his life by attending



Chuck Gorman's book — titled, "Saddle Up!" — is available on Amazon. (Search Saddle Up by Charles Gorman.) It was published in 2012.

graduate school at UNO. When one of his classmates asked about his Vietnam experience, he was caught off-guard.

"I just froze," he said. "I almost started crying. That's when I thought, 'What is wrong with me?' I had post-traumatic stress disorder, and I didn't even know what that was."

After earning his master's degree while living in Omaha, Chuck



Chuck and Cherie were married in 1975, and they raised two sons and a daughter. Their offspring provided them with seven grandchildren. They gathered last year in their backyard for this family photo. (Gorman family photo.)

Soldier: Couple moved into Buc Bay’s Spyglass Court in 1978

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discovered there was an opening for a science teacher at Plattsmouth Middle School. He remembers the first day of commuting from Omaha years before Hwy. 75 was completed.

“It was a hard time getting down there,” he said. “The first day I went to work, instead of taking a right turn and going south, I took a left and ended up in downtown.”

His plan was to spend a year there, bankroll some money and move on. Then he discovered by staying he would be in better position to pay off his student loans faster.

It turned out to be a wiser move than he had expected.

“That’s when I met my wife,” Chuck said. “She was a teacher.”

Cherie and Chuck were married in 1975 and commuted from their Bellevue home. In 1978, they decided to move closer to town and found a lot on Spyglass Court.

At the time, there were less than 60 homes in Buccaneer Bay.

The Gormans raised two sons, John and Jeff, and a daughter, Allison, in that home. Today they enjoy spending time with their seven grandchildren.

Years after his discharge, Chuck was among the thousands of soldiers who suffered from the effects of Agent Orange. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer but, happily, was cured.

“Four of the guys I served with have had cancer,” Chuck said. “One died and another had his tongue removed from Agent

Orange.”

Early in his career, Chuck served as athletic director at the Plattsmouth Middle School, where he also was the school’s guidance counselor. He then got into coaching various sports. All three children ran cross country, and he was the assistant to head coach Todd Nott. His two sons competed at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and Allison ran track at UNO.



Chuck Gorman was photographed by his commanding officer. The photo didn’t surface until Chuck began writing his book.

see the progression.”

It wasn’t until after Chuck retired for good that he was able to open up about his war experience.

“That’s what it was like most of my life,” Chuck said. “Then

Chuck retired in 2000 but returned as a full-time substitute until 2008 when Cherie retired. That allowed them to travel, and one of the trips was a return to Vietnam.

“It was good,” Chuck said. “They’re still a very poor, third-world country, but they’re building tall buildings. You can

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Soldier: Book project turned into a therapeutic exercise

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around 2012, my kids started bugging me. They wanted to know about Vietnam. They said, 'Why don't you write something down for us so we know?' I said, 'OK, I'll do that.' I was just going to write a couple of pages."

Well, once he got started, he found himself writing more and more.

"I was terrible in English at college," he said. "I was a little nervous about writing."

He then took a class on writing a book and had his instructor look at his early work. With some encouragement, he finished his book in 2012 and had it published on Amazon.

The book is titled, "Saddle Up! Untold stories about Vietnam from an Army Infantryman." Featured on the cover is a photo of Chuck, a picture he had forgotten about.

The photo was taken by his company commander (who later was killed), and it didn't surface until after Chuck was contacted by the daughter of his fallen commander.

"I told her everything I could about her dad," he said. "Then she sent me that picture. It had my name on the back, and all her life she wondered who I was. It was amazing."

Writing the book, Chuck said, was therapeutic.

"That was really good for me," he said. "I really was able to get it out."

There was a downside, however, in that he was asked to speak in public about it.

"I was scared to death to do that," he said. "But I ended up doing it, and that helped, too. But I still get nervous."

Chuck took part in one of the honor flights out of Omaha that took veterans to Washington, D.C.

"Coming back to Omaha, there were almost 5,000 people at the airport welcoming us back," he said. "It was very emotional."



Cherie and Chuck Gorman were married in 1975. After they both retired, they traveled to Vietnam. Chuck also took part in an honor flight to Washington, D.C. (Gorman family photo.)

As one of the longest Buccaneer Bay residents, Chuck and Cherie have seen our little village grow over the years. Chuck remembers when Sailboat Lake "was just a mud hole."

"My daughter would walk around there and come home all muddy," he said. "It's crazy how much it's changed."

Chuck Gorman's military awards

- Air Medal—Twenty-five Airborne Combat Assaults —1st award, July 9, 1969 — Aug. 13, 1969
- Air Medal — Twenty-five Airborne Combat Assaults — 2nd award, Aug. 14, 1969 — Sept. 21, 1969
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WimBro Farms' business blooms

Ten years ago, when Carrie Brown and her husband, Jake Wimer, moved into their home across from Buccaneer Bay's main entrance, they had a plan to turn part of their land into a large flower garden. But they waited until 2021 to begin the experience, and this was the first year of seeing results of their labor. They named their business WimBro Farms (a combination of their last names).

"We bought the house because of the land," Carrie said. "We wanted to do some homesteading activities. It was the first time we really settled down after moving all over the place."

Carrie and Jake aren't Nebraska natives and don't have a farming background.

"We're figuring it out as we go," said Carrie, who once lived in the Philadelphia area. "I'm loving it, because I'm a scientist. Everything's an experiment. We tried to do a little bit last year, but the way we did it last year, the weeds just took over."

"For a first-year business, it's been outstanding. There's been a lot of support from the local community and, especially, Buccaneer Bay."

The first step was preparing the soil and removing the weeds. It took a lot of effort to finally kill the weeds and make the soil fertile. Then there was the challenge of this year's strange spring and summer weather.

"This was a hard year weather-wise," Carrie said. "We had a ton of rain, and we had some diseases that we'd never seen before. Then we had the drought. It was a wild year."

Their growing season begins in April when they plant daffodils. At the end of fall, Carrie makes dried flowers and ornaments.



WimBro Farms now has an outbuilding that is used as a flower workshop and store. (Photo courtesy of Carrie Brown.)

This summer, they added an outbuilding that serves as a flower workshop and store.

Jake is a Colorado native who served in the Marine Corps. He and Carrie have lived in North Carolina, Florida, Hawaii and California.

"We love it here," Carrie said. "It's a wonderful place to be. We're very, very happy."

Echo (the dog) welcomes baby 'sister'

Readers who aren't new to Buccaneer Bay might recall the story that appeared in the October 2023 newsletter about Echo the dog who became lost the day she arrived at the home of Joe and Melissa Giesick on Sterling Court. Echo slipped out of her collar and wandered around Buc Bay for days until being captured and reunited with Melissa's son CJ, who lives in Atchison, Kan., and works as a special education teacher.

CJ and Melissa had picked up Echo in Iowa. CJ wasn't able to stay here during the hunt for his new dog, but he was obviously thrilled to get the news she was found. They were grateful for all the support that came from the Buc Bay neighborhood.

Fast-forward to last September when the news came that CJ and his girlfriend, Alicia, brought home a baby girl named Charlie-Kate. The baby was delivered at 33 weeks and spent



Echo, right, is now a big 'sister' to Charlie-Kate, who was born Sept. 9.

several weeks in the NICU unit in Overland Park, Kan. The Giesicks are happy that the new baby is healthy and thriving.

"Our family grew quickly this year and we are loving every minute of it," Melissa said. "Funny enough I just realized she's our ninth grandchild born on 9-9."

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Memory lapses can be frustrating



John Fey

As part of our AARP membership comes a subscription to its magazine. It's a very appropriate publication as its geared to an audience of folks like us who are, ahem, getting up there in years. I particularly enjoy reading the monthly cover stories (the most recent was on Samuel L. Jackson).

The magazine also had a column that really hit home. The headline was: "Our Maddening, Magic Memories." Here's how the author of the piece, T.R. Reid, opened his article:

cle:

"I had a frustrating moment the other day when I just could not remember the name of the British prime minister I covered when I was a correspondent in London. I knew the man pretty well; he invited me twice — or was it three times? — to fancy dinners at No. 10 Downing St. In my mind, I could see his face and hear his lilting Scots accent. But I couldn't pull up the prime minister's name."

I think most of us can relate to failed memory moments as we get older. Yes, I often find myself drawing a blank when trying to remember names that should automatically pop into my head. Worse, I've found myself walking into a room to get something, only to say to myself, "What am I looking for?" It even extends to working on the computer when I click on the Google tab and then can't remember what I was searching.

I've seen the memory supplement commercials and the "testimonials" that claim they help, but I doubt that they work as advertised. If you've tried one with success, let me know.

Meanwhile, what was I going to come up with next?

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Oh, yeah, now I remember. The subject is college football and the out-of-control money being paid to players. I read last month an Associated Press report that Michigan offered a high school quarterback who had pledged to LSU \$10 million in NIL money to flip his commitment to the Wolverines. You read that right, \$10 million. Am I the only college football fan who finds that off-the-charts wrong?

The NCAA allowed name, image and likeness (NIL) to begin three years ago, and it has become a disaster — along with the transfer portal, which began in 2018. College sports have become a professional business with players now being paid outlandish sums of money.

UNO, for example, lost its best basketball player from last season to what amounts to free agency. Frankie Fidler had a legitimate chance to break the career scoring record had he returned for his final season. There's no way UNO could compete with the NIL offers that came his way. The transfer portal allows



The cabins at Mahoney State Park provide a relaxing place to stay.

players to jump schools without sitting out a year as was the case before 2018. The new "rules" affect all college sports, but mostly football and basketball. One of UNO hockey's best players, Sam Stange, transferred after four seasons at Wisconsin (he's a graduate student who gets another year due to the COVID-19 rule). Half of UNO's 28-man roster is made up of eight freshmen and six transfers.

Am I the only college sports fan who sees this as a disaster? I'd rather doubt it.

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Christmas this year will be a bit different for our family. The plan is to spend the holiday at a Mahoney State Park cabin. We're hoping all three sons and their kids can be together for the first time in quite a few years. That's not easy with two of the grandkids living in Baltimore.

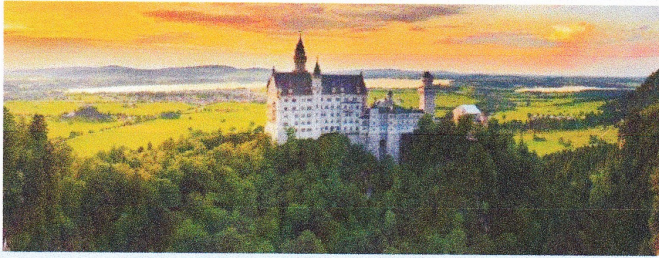
We've made many visits to the park, and the cabins always provide a relaxing atmosphere. And, every once in a while, we'll spot deer passing through. We spent a weekend there last month when middle son Derek's College of Saint Mary cross country team hosted the Great Plains Athletic Conference meet on the park grounds.

The night before the meet, the team dined on Olive Garden takeout food inside our cozy cabin. After the meal, we listened as Derek gave the Flames a heartfelt pep talk. I had to attend the UNO Hall of Fame induction ceremony the next day, so I didn't get to witness the team's amazing second-place finish — best in program history. Unfortunately, the entire team didn't qualify for the national meet, but two of the runners (both freshmen) earned individual berths.

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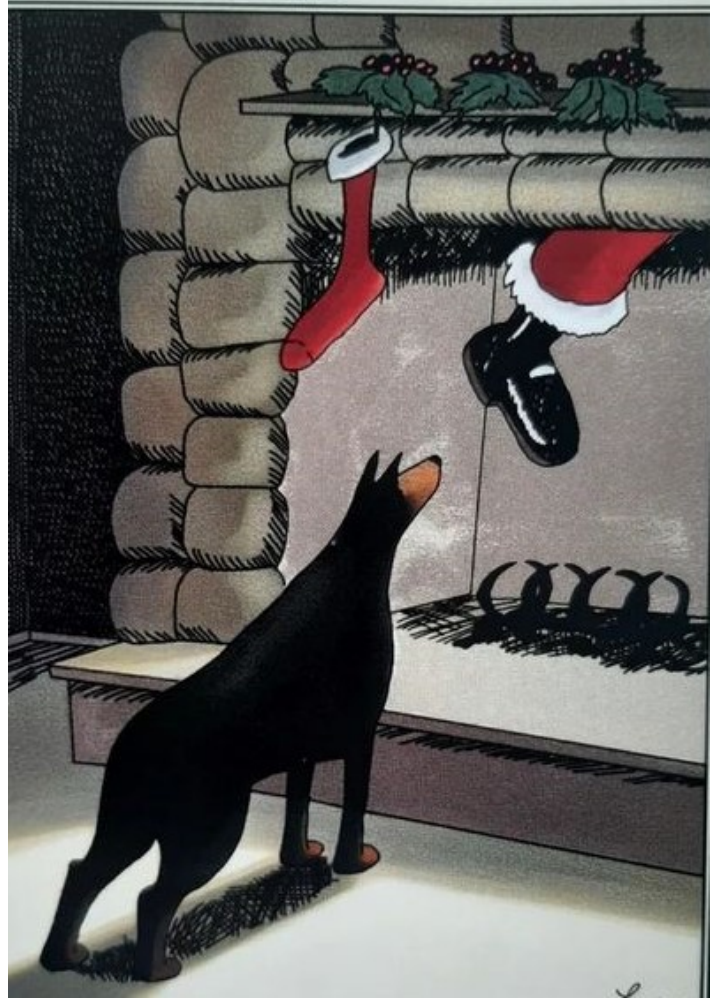
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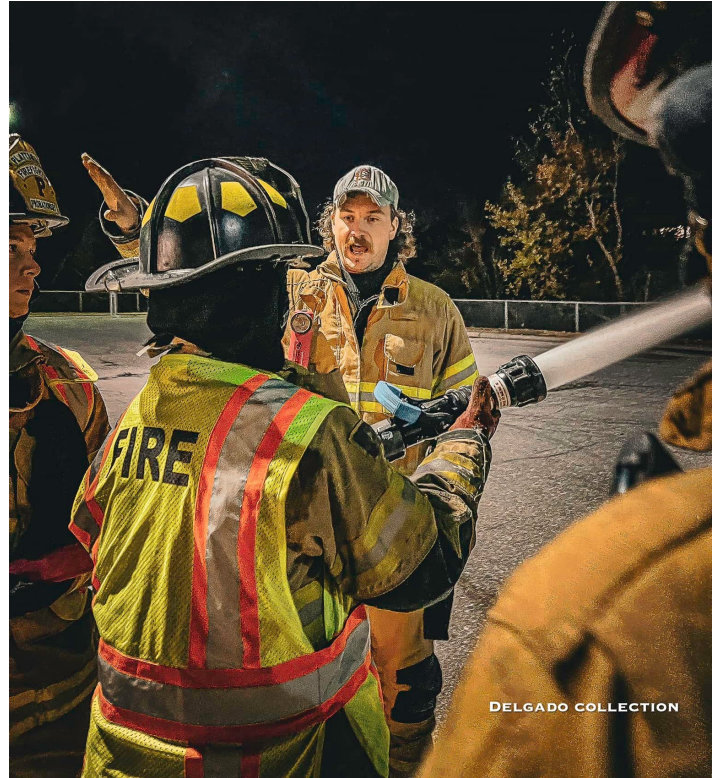


This month's Buc Bay pet

Meet Rico, a 12-week-old Shih-Poo (a Shih Tzu-Poodle mix). Rico lives with the Demetreus Delgado family.



PFD prepares with weekly training



Members of the Plattsmouth Fire Department conducted weekly truck training Nov. 19. The department includes some of our Buc Bay residents. (Photos courtesy of Demetreus Delgado.)

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Team Red holds onto Cup trophy

This year's Winter Cup Tournament couldn't have been closer. The two-day competition came down to the final hole, and when the dust settled, Team Red and Team Blue battled to a 7-7 tie. But because Team Red was the defending champion, the Cup remained in its hands.

A year ago, Team Red ran away with the Cup with a 9-3 victory over Team Blue. Team Red also won the Cup in 2022. This year's competition took place Nov. 2 and 3.

Following the Sunday round, Team Red players celebrated their retention of the Cup. The weather totally cooperated, and a good time was had by all.

Jerry Williams scores another ace

Longtime Buc Bay resident Jerry Williams notched his fifth hole-in-one on Oct. 29. The latest one came on hole 17, one of the two par 3s that golfers can actually see their ball drop into the hole.

"I hit a pretty good shot," Jerry said. "It landed about a yard short of the green, bounced on the green, a little left of the flag, and rolled down the hill and into the hole."

Witnessing the feat were Bob Belsaas, Tom Weirauch and Jim Wessel.

Jerry has also aced hole 9 (twice) and now two on No. 17. He also aced No. 2 when it was being played as a par 3 many years ago.

Glow Ball Tournament canceled

For the second straight year, the popular Glow Ball Tournament, which had taken place on the driving range, won't take place. Damon Wagner, director of golf, said the range wasn't safe for play. He was hoping to come up with another pre-winter event.

Damon also wanted to thank the Bay Hills golfers who participated in the various tournaments that were held during this season. The 2025 tournament schedule will be released just before spring arrives.

Winter hours set for pro shop

Now that the cold weather has officially arrived, the clubhouse and pro shop have begun their winter hours. They are:

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Opens at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday: Opens at 10 a.m.



Representing Team Red were Amy Wagner, Bernie Kiscoan, Brent "BJ" Jordan, Carli Rhylander (captain), Chris Jordan, Cindy Benson, Cody Robertson, Jeff Hefner, John Fey, Patti Hiemer, Peggy Wyffels, Ray Herek, Tallon Barber and Zach Scott.



Playing for Team Blue were Brian Watt, Carol Strazdas, Damon Wagner, Dan Troshynski, Darek Hubbell (captain), Erica Fairchild, Joni Meisinger, Michael Sawyer, Mike Buchman, Mike Gabriel, Ron Sylvester, Timothy Sands, Traci Boyer and Vince Bruce.

- Thursday: Opens at 10 a.m.
- Thursday: Opens at 10 a.m.
- Friday: Opens at 10 a.m.

If weather cooperates, the clubhouse will be open at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Otherwise, the course and clubhouse will be closed.

This month's quiz: What county in Nebraska has the most square miles? A) Douglas. B) Lincoln. C) Cass. D) Cherry. Answer on Page 17.

First responders get feted and fed

Jennifer Sommer leads a busy life with her barbeque business and service on our SID Board. But eight years ago, she took on a role that she relishes: director of the non-profit organization called Cass County Behind the Badge.

“We support all of the first responders in Cass county during ‘their’ time of need, providing food and drinks on extended scenes and fires to keep them hydrated,” Jenn said. “But we also have the honor and privilege every major holiday to provide those who have to work a wonderful home-cooked holiday meal.”

This past Thanksgiving was Jenn’s ninth year feeding the group that usually is around 60 to 75 people. Her volunteers delivered meals to the Law Enforcement Center for dispatch, jail staff, Plattsmouth Police Department and Cass County Sheriff deputies; the Plattsmouth Fire and Rescue personnel; and the Emergency Management Agency in Weeping Water.

“We have the most amazing volunteers who signed up to make sides dishes and desserts galore, and we serve each station family style,” Jenn said. “We feed this group on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, Easter and the 4th of July. Our menu changes with each holiday, and our volunteers open their hearts and their kitchens to share their specialties.”

Jenn added: “Most folks working these holidays now know and look forward to a wonderful meal, and I am blessed every year to feed this fine group of folks.”

Christmas on Main celebration

December is the most wonderful time of the year for Buc Bay resident Darcy Klaus. She and husband Matt spent the first week of the month gearing up for the annual Victorian Christmas on Main in downtown Plattsmouth in hopes of many visitors at their Relic Factory.

The Dec. 7 event runs from 4 to 8 p.m., and Darcy plans on having 20 vendors inside their space at 321 Main Street selling their hand-made products from noon until 8.

Said Darcy: “They’ll be offering lotions, jewelry, koozies, therapeutic hot/cold packs, candles, soaps, lotions, herbal remedies, woodworking, charcuterie boards, blown glass, sweet treats, tumblers, T-shirts, antiques and so much more all in one spot and never an entry fee!”

The Relic Refinery also will be selling tickets and wristbands for the evening events which start at 4 p.m. (hayrack rides, Ol-



Jennifer Sommer, center (wearing apron), leads the volunteer effort to provide holiday meals to first responders. (Photo courtesy of Jenn Sommer.)

lie the Trolley, hot cross buns, roasted chestnuts, Red Ryder BB Gun drawing and Mrs. Claus’s Closet).

Buc Bay prep athletes earn honors

The Plattsmouth High softball team’s season didn’t end as hoped, but three Buc Bay players were recognized. Stella and Ruby Campin, daughters of John and Niki Campin, were named Class B honorable mention by the Omaha World-Herald. Stella was also named to the Trailblazer Conference second team. Ruby and Justine Villamonte were honorable mention all-conference. Justine is the daughter of Steve and Christine Villamonte.

Stella also was selected for the 20th Nebraska Coaches Association All-Star Softball Game, which takes place next July 21 at UNL’s Bowlin Stadium (home field of the NU softball team). The game will be televised on the Nebraska Public Media Network.

Also recognized was PHS sophomore Mallory Robbins, who was named to the Nebraska Coaches Association All-Class girls cross country team. Mallory placed fourth in Class B at the Oct. 25 state meet held in Kearney.

This month in history

» **Dec. 1, 1990** — England is connected to mainland Europe for the first time since the Ice Age.

» **Dec. 2, 1805** — Napoleon defeats Russia and Austria in the Battle of Austerlitz.

» **Dec. 3, 1967** — The first successful heart transplant is performed by Dr. Christiaan Barnard at Cape Town, South Africa.

» **Dec. 5, 1492** — Haiti is discovered by Christopher Columbus.

» **Dec. 6, 1973** — Gerald Ford is sworn in as vice president under Richard Nixon following the resignation of Spiro Agnew.

» **Dec. 8, 1980** — Ex-Beatle John Lennon is assassinated in New York City.

» **Dec. 19, 1732** — Benjamin Franklin publishes the *Poor Richard's Almanac* containing weather predictions, humor, proverbs and epigrams.

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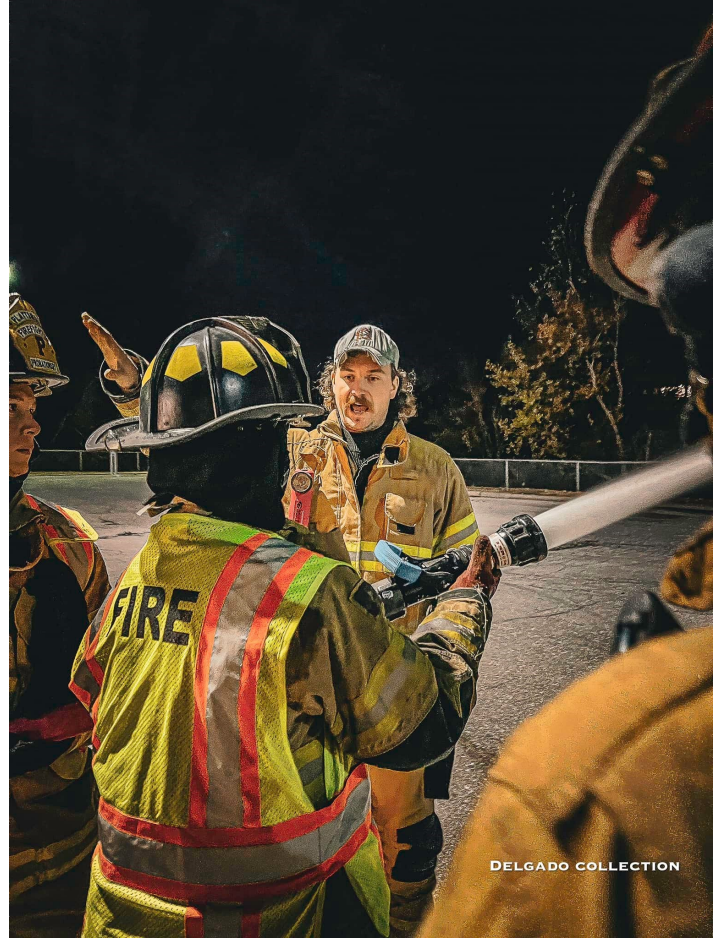
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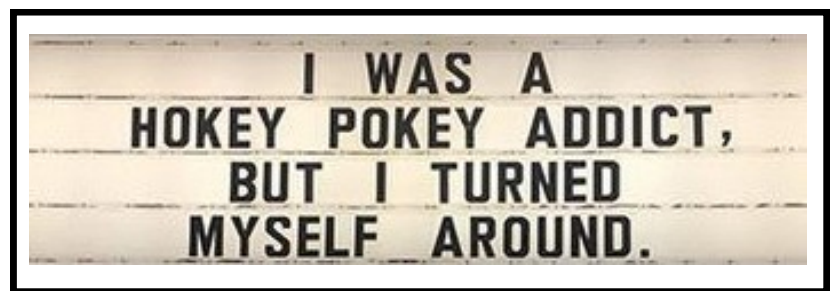
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PFD prepares with weekly training



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They were born this month

- » Billie Eilish — born 12/18/2001
- » LeBron James — born 12/30/1984
- » Taylor Swift — born 12/13/1989
- » Brad Pitt — born 12/18/1963
- » Walt Disney — born 12/5/1901; died 12/15/1966
- » Britney Spears — born 12/2/1981
- » Frank Sinatra — born 12/12/1915; died 5/14/1998
- » Steven Spielberg — born 12/18/1946
- » Samuel L. Jackson — born 12/21/1948
- » Denzel Washington — born 12/28/1954
- » Jamie Foxx — born 12/13/1967
- » Dick Van Dyke — born 12/13/1925
- » Marisa Tomei — born 12/4/1964
- » Tiger Woods — born 12/30/1975

Quiz answer: D.



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CAPTAINS BUCCANEER BAY NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK

Last Updated – May 1, 2024

Block Captain #	Block Captain Name	Block Captain Territory
1	Chris Crisman 402-699-8338	Treasure Island Rd. from Cape Horn Cir. To end of road., 27 homes
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



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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
David Martin (Clerk)	402-578-7147	david.martin@buccaneerbay-ne.org	Utilities
Frank Gorhau	402-880-2960	frank.gorhau@buccaneerbay-ne.org	
Jennifer Sommer	402-889-1918	jennifer.sommer@buccaneerbay-ne.org	Grounds/Recreation
John Bolton	402-676-1854	john.bolton@buccaneerbay-ne.org	Roads/storm water

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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Merry Christmas to all of our Buccaneer Bay residents!

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
 Frank Gorhau — 402-880-2960
 John Bolton — 402-676-1854
 Jennifer Sommer — 402-889-1918
 David Martin — 402-578-7147

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

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 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
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First Students Bus Service 296-5624

Bad Weather

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

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 unit. 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