



Getting to know Buc Bay residents

He took cycling to the next level

Damon Wagner is well known in the Buccaneer Bay community as the director of golf for Bay Hills Golf Club. As you might guess, he enjoys the sport as a league member and participant of many tournaments. But golf didn't bring him to Buc Bay. When he and wife Amy moved here 21 years ago, he was on the downhill part of a long career with Menards.

There's a side to Damon that not many folks know. He's completed two full triathlons and several Olympic triathlons. More on that later.

A multi-sport athlete at West Fargo (North Dakota) High School, Damon ran track and cross country and played basketball and baseball. His freshman year, his cross country team took the state championship.



Damon with the medals from his two Ironman competitions – Madison (Wis.) and Boulder (Colo.).

where he was hired as its electrical manager. After a few years in that department, he moved to hardware.

"Hardware was one of the toughest departments," Damon said. "It was definitely an honor to be picked to take on the challenge of the store's busiest department."

Today, Amy and Damon have two grown daughters and, as of now, one granddaughter.

While in his 20s, Damon coached three softball teams and also played the sport. But due to a knee injury, he decided to hang up his cleats.

"I was looking for an avenue (to keep in shape), and the doctor said I should try cycling," he said. "So I bought a mountain bike. Then a friend got me hooked on racing, so I competed in

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Damon celebrates with wife Amy after completing the Madison (Wis.) Ironman.

been married for 29 years.

About six months after their wedding, Damon interviewed for Menards openings in Council Bluffs and the new store in Belle-

"Baseball was my love," he said, "but I made a decision to start working and didn't play my senior year."

He was just 17 when he joined the Menards team in Fargo. Two years later, he learned of a new store opening in Columbus, and he moved there when he was 19.

"I packed the car up and left," he said. "There were about eight of us who moved to work there."

As fate would have it, his future wife also worked at that same Columbus Menards store. They've



Damon and the other hundreds of competitors take on Lake Monona for the 2.4-mile swim portion of the 2011 Madison Ironman. After the swim came the 112-mile bike ride and the 26.2-mile full marathon.

Triathlete: Finding time to train meant budgeting his time

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races all around the Midwest.”

The next thing Damon knew, he was urged to try a triathlon, a grueling sport that includes swimming, cycling and running. He recalls his first triathlon in Norfolk, called a sprint triathlon. It started with a 750-meter swim, followed by a 20K (12.4 miles) bike ride and a 5K (3.1 miles) run.

“I almost ended up winning my division,” he said. “I was still in good shape and had that runner’s mentality. It kind of stuck, and I started doing more.”

Damon then moved on to the Olympic triathlon, which involves a 1.5K open-water swim, a 40K (24.8 miles) bike ride and a 10K run (6.2 miles).

“I did quite a few of those, because that was my niche,” he said. “I was better at the longer distances than I was at the sprint. The Iron Man was always a goal.”

Damon’s first Ironman took place 11 years ago in Madison, Wis. He trained for about a year ahead of it. The full Ironman starts with a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and concludes with a full 26.2-mile marathon.

“I was a pretty good swimmer, but around here there’s not a lot of pools,” he said. “I’d go to either Prairie Life or the 24-Hour Fitness on 72nd Street, and then drive back to Menards.”

The crowd support at the Madison Ironman was amazing, Da-

mon said.

“The whole city comes out for it,” he said. “It’s kind of like the Tour de France. You always had people yelling (encouragement) at you. It was pretty cool.”

The swim portion of the triathlon meant navigating around others in Madison’s Lake Monona, which Damon remembers as a bit difficult.

“Being in the lake didn’t rattle me,” he said, “but a lot of people trained for a year and then weren’t able to handle the water portion.”

He survived the swim, then hopped on his bike for the cycling leg. The marathon course included running through Camp Randall Stadium, home field for the University of Wisconsin football team.

Damon said the key for him was making sure he had enough energy in the tank for the marathon.

“It was all about pacing,” he said. “You just get into the zone and go. My downfall for the Ironman was proper nutrition. That was the biggest obstacle. I ran really well until I got to mile 20, and then I got sick. But I was able to gut it out the last six miles.”

Two years later, Damon registered for the true Ironman in Boulder, Colo. Things didn’t go well, even though he finished.

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He decided that would be his last Ironman.

“If I hadn’t had such a bad experience in Boulder, I think I’d probably still be doing them,” he said. “It was a bad race day. It was about 90 degrees with probably 20 to 30 mph winds, and then there’s the altitude (5,259 feet).

“The swim was slower, but the bike part was good. But it was just so hot. People were dropping out. When it got to the run, it was just a survival thing. I finished, but I was mentally and physically exhausted.”

For proof of how difficult an Ironman can be, Damon recalls one of the competitors at the Boulder Ironman was hospitalized after his attempt at the race.

Though his triathlon days ended, Damon held on to his bike and other triathlon garb but eventually sold it to a classmate who used it for his first Ironman. Damon had invested quite a bit of time and money in all of his triathlon adventures.

While spending so much time working and training, he and Amy have found time to enjoy their shared passion for Nebraska and Creighton sporting events.

“I worked a lot at night, which was tough,” he said, “but it was great for training. I could get my workouts in.”

Three years ago, Damon was ready to move on from his long career with Menards and became the director of golf for Bay Hills Golf Club. With his long years in retail sales, it was an easy transition managing the clubhouse apparel and wares.

“I enjoy the challenge of purchasing and merchandising products that cater to our members and guests,” he said. “I didn’t have that at Menards.”

Of course, there’s much more to his job than stocking the clubhouse merchandise. During golf season, he and Daryl Hubbell tag team the duties of checking in golfers, taking tee-time reservations and serving drinks to players and customers.

Damon also serves as tournament director for all Bay Hills out-



Daughter Emma, left, and wife Amy share Damon’s thrill of completing the Madison Ironman in 2013.

ings — which also is time consuming. His goal for the outings is to make sure participants have a good time.

“I really enjoy hosting some pretty competitive events,” he said. “But it’s all about having fun.”

He and Amy moved from Columbus to Plattsmouth proper and lived in town for eight years. Then they moved to Buccaneer Bay’s Spyglass Court, where they’ve been for 21 years.

“When we first moved in, we were always able to see the golf course,” Damon said. “Now the trees are so big, it’s hard to see it as clearly.”

Like most folks who live here, Damon and Amy enjoy their neighbors — even though there have been new families moving in over the years. And they’re loving life in Buccaneer Bay.

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Keith family gets a special present

Buc Bay residents Nate and Patty Keith had an extra-special early Christmas present this year, and they were happy to share it with viewers of KETV (Channel 7). Two years ago in this newsletter, Patty posted a plea on Facebook to pray for her husband as he battled glioblastoma, a highly aggressive form of cancer. With the cancer discovered on the left side of his brain, Nate was given a short time to live.

Fast-forward to last month, Dec. 18 to be exact, he was alive to celebrate his third Christmas after that bleak prognosis. The couple shared his story with KETV reporter Mary Regli.

It all started in 2022 when Nate was having back and balance issues. Then came the news he was in serious trouble.

“Originally, they said three months, maybe six,” Patty said.

A procedure was scheduled in Omaha to determine how extensive the growth was. With no idea how long he’d live, Nate decided to do what he does best.

“I said, ‘OK, that’s fine.’ And then I started planning a party in my head,” Nate said.

The day before his procedure, hundreds of people showed up in Hawaiian attire to accompany him through the tough times.

“We decked out the room and all kinds of stuff. It was so cool,” Patty said. “And we made it bright and cheerful. That’s what Nate is.”

While the surgery was successful, his doctor told him the tumor couldn’t be fully eliminated.

To give Nate a better chance at a longer life, Nate was enrolled in a clinical trial in San Francisco, called SurVaxM. That’s when Patty spread the word to the Buc Bay neighborhood.

“Not having Nate just wasn’t an option,” Patty said.



Patty and Nate Keith explained their story of hope with KETV reporter Mary Regli.

The treatment attacks Nate’s tumor with immunotherapy, in addition to chemotherapy.

“He gets two injections every time we go out there,” Patty said.

Throughout it all Nate never gave up.

“I didn’t see the results in my mind,” he said. “I just kept on one day at a time and kept attacking.”

After sharing the Christmas that wasn’t expected, the couple looks forward to more positive progress.

“We didn’t know if we were going to get the first one,” Patty said. “And, you know, every week we just keep moving the milestone.”

If the clinical trial gets approved, treatments could become more widespread as early as this year.



Christmastime on Sailboat Lake

Jill Bobenhouse Tesar shared this photo at sunset on Dec. 7 from their home on Sailboat Lake.

A little information on drones

Editor's note: In light of the reports of drone sightings on the East coast, we asked folks here if they owned/flew them. Here's a reply from Buc Bay's relative newcomer Matt Fitzgerald:

I decided to obtain my FAA Part 107 commercial drone pilots license. I did my study online at <https://pilotinstitute.com/courses/drones/> then went to the Millard Municipal Airport to take the FAA supervised test. The online course is \$160, and it is very comprehensive. The training requires that you learn a great deal about general aviation. My son John is an Air Force pilot and flies the C5 out of Dover AFB in Delaware. The course helped me to better understand what he does as a pilot. The license allows me to fly my drone for commercial purposes (I can get paid for my drone work).

I fly a DJI Mini Pro, and here is some sample footage I took when we moved our garden shed from



one side of the property to the other. <https://youtu.be/SGktZP2lCmM>. The FAA has strict rules about how high and far you can fly a drone. Based on the FAA Part 107 rules, the maximum allowable altitude is 400 feet above the ground — higher if your drone remains within 400 feet of a structure. The maximum speed is 100 mph (87 knots). In general, you have to stay within 400 feet above ground, or you can go higher if you are flying next to a structure, say a 1,000-foot radio tower. Then you are allowed to fly to the top of the radio tower. As with most rules, the FAA allows you to go higher if you file for a waiver.

As far as the drones in the news, as long as the operators are following FAA rules, I am OK with it. For example, in December 2020, the FAA finalized the Remote ID rule, which mandates the implementation of remote identification technology for drones operating in the National Airspace System (NAS). Remote ID enables real-time identification and tracking of drones, allowing authorities to monitor their movements and ensure compliance with airspace regulations.

Under the Remote ID rule, drones are required to broadcast identification and location information to nearby receivers, such as other aircraft and ground-based stations. This information includes the drone's serial number, latitude, longitude, altitude, and velocity. Additionally, drone operators must comply with specific requirements regarding the transmission of Remote ID data and ensure that their aircraft is equipped with

compliant hardware and software. However, my drone is less than 250 grams, so it is exempt from this requirement. That's important to know if one is planning to buy a drone.

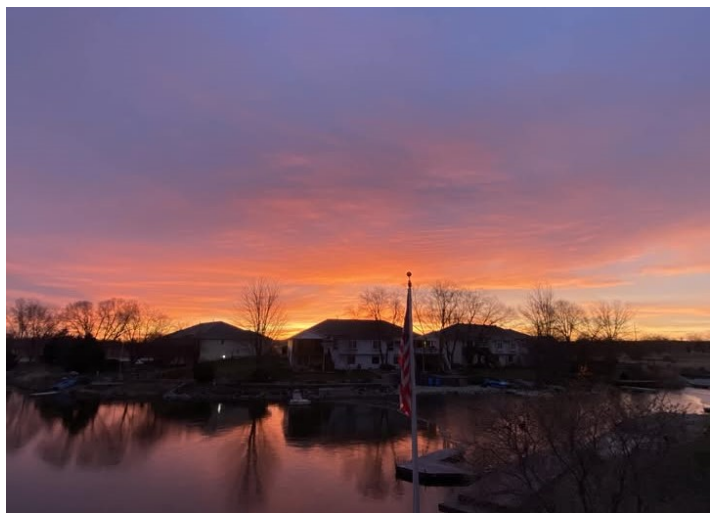
Drone operators must also adhere to something called VLOS (Visual Line of Sight) which means you must always have a clear VLOS when you are flying your drone. You must also be careful where you fly as it turns out Buc Bay is about 1 mile outside of the Class C controlled airspace of Offutt AFB. So it is OK to fly in our neighborhood.

However, just north of the Platte River, in the city of La Platte, you would not be able to fly as it is within the Class C controlled airspace for Offutt AFB. But if you first obtain permission, known as "getting clearance" from Air Traffic Control, you would be able to enter a controlled airspace such as Offutt AFB.

There is also airspace which is restricted. For example, the airspace directly around the White House is considered "restricted airspace," specifically classified as "prohibited airspace" under the designation "P-56," meaning that most aircraft are not permitted to fly over it due to security concerns. Only authorized government aircraft can operate within this zone. These airspaces are dynamic, meaning they can change from time to time. For example, if Air Force One landed at Offutt with the POTUS onboard, that airspace would be restricted for a period of time.

I've been thinking about doing a drone flight and demo some night to take some of the mystery out of drones for people. In fact, I just ordered an anti-collision strobe — which is another FAA rule that you must have such a light which is visible at 3 statute miles.

Sunrise over Sailboat Lake



Watersedge Circle resident Annette Wiles captured this photo over Sailboat Lake last month.

December's highlight: Family fun



John Fey

I'll start the New Year with bits and pieces of things that floated around in my mind over the final weeks of 2024. Those days, like the years since we moved here in July 2017, flew by. I still have a hard time grasping how it seems like yesterday when I took over this newsletter, starting in 2022. So off I go.

Last month, I finished reading the book authored by Chuck Gorman, who was featured in the December newsletter. It's a fascinating account of his Vietnam service. His recollection of the many dangerous patrols he completed was so vivid I felt like I was in his platoon. (But I'm sure glad I wasn't.)

After reading his novel ("Saddle Up! Untold stories about Vietnam from an Army Infantryman"), I could understand how he suppressed his combat experience for so many years. As he stated in our interview, he used the book-writing process as a form of therapy. Today, he willingly shares his tales to anyone who asks.

One of my favorite lines in the book came from his epilogue, putting his Vietnam tour in proper perspective. Here's what he wrote:

"I told some of my friends in Vietnam that once I got home and had a house I was going to construct a rice paddy in my backyard, and whenever I thought life was getting a little rough I was going to spend a night lying in it to remind myself that things could be worse!"

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We made it through December without a significant snowfall, but we did get a Friday-night ice event that struck during the afternoon rush hour. Weather forecasters were calling for the possibility days ahead, so it didn't exactly come as a surprise, and the result was what you'd expect — lots of vehicles slip-slidin' away (as Simon and Garfunkel once sang).

What I found somewhat amusing was the outrage from Omaha residents who blasted the mayor for a shoddy job of treating the roads. It was reported that the major roads and secondary streets received brine, but it was washed away by the rain before it froze. Not only was driving treacherous, simply walking was risky. Just ask any of our residents who ventured out.

We had planned on attending UNO's home hockey game that night, but we agreed that wouldn't be a good idea. We were able to watch the game on TV, and the drinks were much cheaper than what we would have paid at Baxter Arena.

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Speaking of alcohol (a bit of a stretch when changing the subject, but stay with me here), it was announced last month that



The traditional Fey family pyramid included all six of our grandkids during our stay at Mahoney State Park. Bottom row, from left, Jake, Logan and Chad. Middle row, Callie and Peyton. On top is youngest one, Miles.

former UNL regent Howard Hawks died. The affable Hawks was one of the many sources when the late Don Leahy and I assembled the book on the history of UNO hockey. During our meeting, Hawks recalled pushing for alcohol sales for Maverick hockey. He called it a necessary source of revenue for the program's survival. He also lamented the fact that Husker football was losing about \$500,000 a year by not selling alcohol at Memorial Stadium. Will we see that change?

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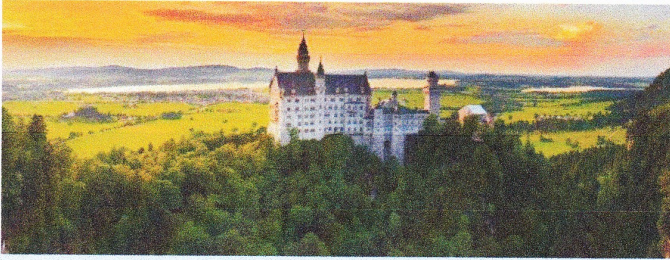
This was an extra-special Christmas for our family as we were able to get all six grandkids together for the first time in quite a few years. For those of you who have children scattered far away, you know how difficult that can be. Four of our six grandkids are in the Omaha area, but the other two live in Baltimore. Throw in visitation rights for the ones who are divorced (all three boys in this case), and it adds to the challenge of complete family gatherings.

The matriarch of the Fey family has always been wife Shirley. She totally takes charge of planning special family occasions, and this one kept her extremely busy in the days leading to Christmas. It included, of course, many trips to the grocery store and the Plattsmouth Family Dollar store.

The weekend after Christmas, we took over one of the Mahoney State Park treetop cabins for two days — squeezing in 12 adults and children for good food, remembering past Christmases and lots of game-playing.

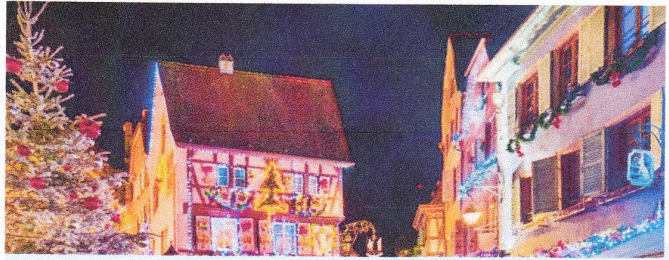
With the six grandkids at the cabin Saturday, Shirley's No. 1 priority was family photos, something that hadn't taken place in several years. Speaking of photos, one of the traditions that always takes place each Christmas is the Fey family pyramid, regardless of whether everyone is there. That's why this Christmas was one of the best ever for us.

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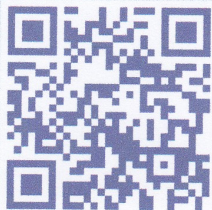
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2016	24	21	3	31	\$245,631 ↑
2017	22	17	5	21	\$248,630 ↑
2018	46	38	8	32	\$270,796 ↑
2019	28	21	7	41	\$269,436 ↓
2020	34	28	6	27	\$285,584 ↑
2021	31	25	6	26	\$285,216 ↓
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Buc Bay players boost PHS girls

Buc Bay resident Mila Wehrbein and the other seniors on the Plattsburgh High girls basketball team haven't enjoyed much success the past three years, but they're hoping that will change by the end of the season. The Blue Devils, who haven't had a winning record since 2009-10, entered January with a 6-3 mark.

Mila is one of four team members who live here. Others are Justine Villamonte, Elaina Field, and Finnley Henrichs. Bri Carney is on the junior varsity team. Sisters Stella and Ruby Campin are former Buc Bay residents.

After the first nine games of the season, Mila was averaging a team-best 12.2 points per game. She sees this team's start as much better compared to the past few seasons.

"I feel we've been working together as a team this year," she said. "That's really exciting. I'm just excited to see how well we're playing. It's fun group of girls to be around."

The team is coached by Justin Widzick, who is in his second year. Heading into the Wayne holiday tournament, he liked what he had seen from his players.

"The girls are playing well," he said. "They're able to put shots up and take care of the ball well enough to be able to score and get some rebounds. They're playing really good defense, and that makes for fun basketball."

The coach lived in Buccaneer Bay for 13 years until moving into Plattsburgh in 2017. He likes the contributions of those who live here.

"The nice thing is we have a mix of girls who take the lead game to game," Justin said. "Mila is shooting the ball very well and taking good shots. Of course, her teammates are getting her the ball at the right time as well."

"Elaina Field is coming off the bench and doing a really good job on defense. And she's hit a few key 3-pointers for us as well. We've had girls step up in key times, and the five seniors on the



Mila Wehrbein was her team's leading scorer heading into the Wayne holiday tournament to end 2024.

team are doing a good job and sharing the ball."

Mila usually plays guard and enjoys shooting 3-pointers.

"We're not a very big team this year," she said, "but I think we work together really well. There's a pretty good group of seniors, and we've all been playing together for a while. I think we know how we play, which is exciting. I think we're headed in the right direction."

The coach agreed with Mila.

"One of the things we talk about is playing great defense, and let our defense turn into offense" Justin said. "Our girls do a really good job of that and make life really tough on other teams."



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Sand bar to be removed

According to a Nov. 15 report by Nebraska Public Media, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resource District Board approved a contract with Valley Corporation to remove a sandbar in the Platte River.

The sandbar is located near the Highway 75 bridge, just south of Omaha in Sarpy and Cass Counties.

John Winkler, the NRD's general manager, said the sandbar developed after severe flooding in 2019, permanently changing the river channel.

"What this particular sandbar has done is it's grown, and it's changed the bed dynamics of the river, so it's not going to go anywhere unless it's removed," he said. "And the reason it's a problem is it takes up about two-thirds of the river channel, so the channel has been constricted."

Winkler said if it's not removed, the sandbar has the potential to turn moderate rain events into severe flooding that would typically occur once every 100 years, posing a risk to communities like Louisville and Cedar Creek.

The project will come at a total cost of just around \$4 million, which is about half of what the NRD anticipated earlier in 2024.

Winkler said the lower cost is reflective of an economy that has slowed down, resulting in more contractors bidding on projects with competitive prices.

"We're seeing a lot of bids, and we're seeing a lot of contractors that are sharpening their pencils to win work," he said. "I just think it's the general environment right now."

Most of the funding for the project comes from a Nebraska Department of Economic Development-administered federal grant, along with additional money from Sarpy County, Cass County, Sanitation Improvement District 101, the Lower Platte South NRD and the Papio-Missouri River NRD.

Sandbar removal was expected to begin last month and will likely conclude by May.

This month's quiz: What Nebraska town produces spam? A) Wymore. B) Alliance. C) Crete. D) Fremont. Answer on Page 19 (above the Edward Jones ad).

This month in history

» **New Year's Day** — The most celebrated holiday around the world.

» **Jan. 1, 1776** — During the American Revolution, George Washington unveils the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

» **Jan. 4, 1790** — President George Washington delivers the first State of the Union address.

» **Jan. 5, 1925** — Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming becomes the first female governor inaugurated.

» **Jan. 7, 1714** — A patent is issued for the first typewriter, designed by British inventor Henry Mill.

» **Jan. 10, 1861** — Florida becomes the third state to secede from the Union ahead of the Civil War.

» **Jan. 20, 1945** — Franklin Delano Roosevelt is inaugurated to an unprecedented fourth term as president.

» **Jan. 24, 1895** — The U.S. annexes Hawaii, 64 years before it becomes America's 50th state.

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2025 Gretna Sanitation schedule

Day	Date	2025 Service	Notes
Thu	2-Jan	Trash Only	(Delay Jan 1st)
Wed	8-Jan	Trash & Recycling	(Delay none)
Wed	15-Jan	Trash Only	(Delay none)
Wed	22-Jan	Trash & Recycling	(Delay none)
Wed	29-Jan	Trash Only	(Delay none)
Wed	5-Feb	Trash & Recycling	(Delay none)
Wed	12-Feb	Trash Only	(Delay none)
Wed	19-Feb	Trash & Recycling	(Delay none)
Wed	26-Feb	Trash Only	(Delay none)
Wed	5-Mar	Trash & Recycling	(Delay none)
Wed	12-Mar	Trash Only	(Delay none)
Wed	19-Mar	Trash & Recycling	(Delay none)
Wed	26-Mar	Trash Only	(Delay none)
Wed	2-Apr	Trash & Recycling	(Delay none)
Wed	9-Apr	Trash Only	(Delay none)
Wed	16-Apr	Trash & Recycling	(Delay none)
Wed	23-Apr	Trash Only	(Delay none)
Wed	30-Apr	Trash & Recycling	(Delay none)
Wed	7-May	Trash Only	(Delay none)
Wed	14-May	Trash & Recycling	(Delay none)
Wed	21-May	Trash Only	(Delay none)
Thu	29-May	Trash & Recycling	(Delay Mem Day)
Wed	4-Jun	Trash Only	(Delay none)
Wed	11-Jun	Trash & Recycling	(Delay none)
Wed	18-Jun	Trash Only	(Delay none)
Wed	25-Jun	Trash & Recycling	(Delay none)

How to Recycle Right

Yes - In the Bin

Plastics:

- ✓ Food & Beverage Containers
- ✓ Detergent & Shampoo Bottles
- ✓ Hard Plastic Take-Out Containers
- ✓ Spray & Pump Bottles

Paper:

- ✓ Newspaper & Inserts
- ✓ Magazines & Brochures
- ✓ Paperback Books
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Shipping boxes
- ✓ Egg Cartons
- ✓ Cereal Boxes
- ✓ Milk & Juice Cartons

↳ Pro Tip: Flatten Cardboard boxes for the bin & curb

Cans:

- ✓ Aluminum Cans
- ✓ Steel Cans

No - Skip The Bin

- ✗ Film plastics / bags
- ✗ Styrofoam
- ✗ Straws
- ✗ Cassette Tapes / VHS

- ✗ Wet / Soiled Paper
- ✗ Paper Towels
- ✗ Tissues or Napkins
- ✗ Waxed paper items

- ✗ Electronics / Scrap

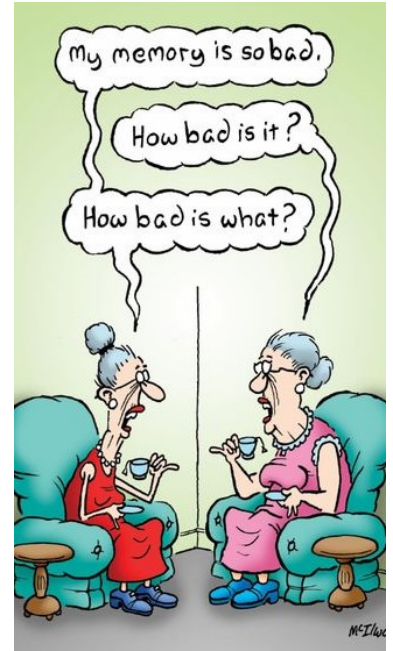
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They were born this month

- » Muhammad Ali — born 1/17/1942; died 6/3/2016
- » Martin Luther King — born 1/15/1929; died 4/4/1968
- » Jeff Bezos — born 1/12/1964
- » Betty White — born 1/17/1922; died 12/31/2021
- » Rowen Atkinson — born 1/6/1955
- » Alexander Hamilton — born 1/11/1755; died 7/12/1804
- » Jim Carrey — born 1/17/1962
- » Dolly Parton — born 1/19/1946
- » Isaac Newton — born 1/4/1643; died 3/31/1727
- » David Bowie — born 1/10/2016
- » Elvis Presley — born 1/8/1935; died 8/16/1977
- » Benjamin Franklin — born 1/17/1706; died 4/17/1790
- » Bradley Cooper — born 1/5/1975
- » Nicolas Cage — born 1/7/1964

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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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

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
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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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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR BUC 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.

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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
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Bad Weather

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

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 WOW (FM 94.1)
 The River (FM 89.7)
 KMTV (TV Channel 3)
 WOWT (TV Channel 6)
 KETV (TV Channel 7)
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 Daily Delivery

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Other Numbers

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 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