



Getting to know Buc Bay residents

He helps others weather storms

Buc Bay resident Adam Stoskopf knows the insurance industry quite well. After all, he's been in the business ever since graduating from Kansas State University. As an agent for Farmers, he's also had the misfortune of needing to file his own claims, including damage from the 2019 flooding of Bay Lake (he and wife Becky live on the lake's south end on Cape Horn Circle) and, just a couple months ago, a deer collision.

So how did a native of a small Kansas town end up in Nebraska? Through his job, naturally.

Adam graduated from high school in El Dorado, Kan., located about 30 miles northeast of Wichita. He enjoyed playing baseball and golf while growing up there. While in high school, he had an inkling of what vocation he might pursue and what path he would take to get there.

"My father was a small business owner, nothing to do with insurance," Adam said. "He owned a Hallmark store in town, so business in general interested me. I settled on Farmers, because my uncle had a really long and successful career with them."

He got his start by enrolling at Kansas State, majoring in marketing. Choosing KSU was easy for Adam, even though he had family members who attended K-State's top rival, Kansas University.

"One of my high school coaches played football at Kansas State," he said. "I had a job on the coach's video staff for the football team. I was at every practice, every game for my five years there. It was a job I couldn't pass up."

After graduation in 2006, Adam took his first job with Farmers out of Olathe, Kan., starting on the corporate side in the claims division. He eventually became familiar with the catastrophic logistics side of the industry and marketing of insurance ser-



This is what Bay Lake looked like when the flood of 2019 hit. (Photo courtesy of Adam Stoskopf.)

vices.

In 2012, he jumped on the opportunity to uproot from the Kansas City area to Omaha.

"I had never been to Omaha before in my life," Adam said. "I had been to Lincoln when Kansas State played Nebraska. We actually were 3-2 in my five years against Nebraska."

Adam's first Omaha office was near 137th and Dodge Streets, and he lived near 168th and Blondo. A couple years later, he attended an insurance conference at Prior Lake, Minn., southwest of the Twin Cities. That turned into a life-changing event for Adam.

Said Adam: "One of the agents said, 'I should set you up on a

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The blended Stoskopf family (from left): Cameron, Addison, Adam, Elsie (down in front), Becky, Peyton and Parker. The twin girls are juniors at Plattsmouth High School. (Photo courtesy of Adam Stoskopf.)

Stoskopfs: Blind date was a success; marriage came next

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blind date.’ I was in my early 30s and single. One thing led to another, and I actually ended up going on the blind date. It was a little nerve-racking, but you have to have faith in the people who set you up.”

Becky Rogers (a native of Chappell, Neb.) and Adam hit it off from the start, and just two years later (2016), they were wed in a ceremony that took place in Estes Park, Colo.

Adam immediately became a family man as Becky had four children from a previous marriage. The couple added a fifth with the arrival of a daughter. Becky’s older sons are out of high school, and the twin daughters are juniors at Plattsmouth High.

The Stoskopfs moved into their Buc Bay home in 2015 and immediately embraced lake life while getting to know others on their circle.

“The lake was a big, big draw,” Adam said “The kids were constantly out there fishing, swimming and paddle boarding.”

Then came the March flood of 2019, and everything changed.

“We had evacuated the night before to a friend’s house here in the area,” Adam said. “We had moved some stuff upstairs but not a lot.”



Adam and Becky root for the Huskers. (Photo courtesy of Adam Stoskopf.)

The family had no idea what they were about to discover when they were allowed to return home. Adam envisioned ankle-deep water in their basement, but it was much worse. Water was chest-high deep, and the damage was extensive.

“We had to tear everything out,” he said. “It was quite a process. We were thankful to have a lot of wonderful people who volunteered their time to help. That was a huge undertaking, and it was amazing. It was people from the Buccaneer Bay area and others from Plattsmouth in general.”

A couple months later came another monster rain, and Adam and another flock of volunteers prepared by placing sandbags around their home.

As an insurance agent, filing a

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Stoskopfs: Buc Bay agent helps clients recover from storms

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claim is relatively easy, as you might suspect. But it's the same process.

"You file a claim," Adam said, "and then the adjuster comes by, assesses the damage and takes pictures."

Having lived in the Midwest his entire life, Adam has helped his policy-holders deal with floods, tornadoes, windstorms and, very often, hail damage.

"Tornadoes are absolutely devastating, especially for those affected," he said. "The scope is kind of limited, because the tornado has its path. Windstorms are our version of a hurricane. When thousands of customers need a new roof, it all adds up."

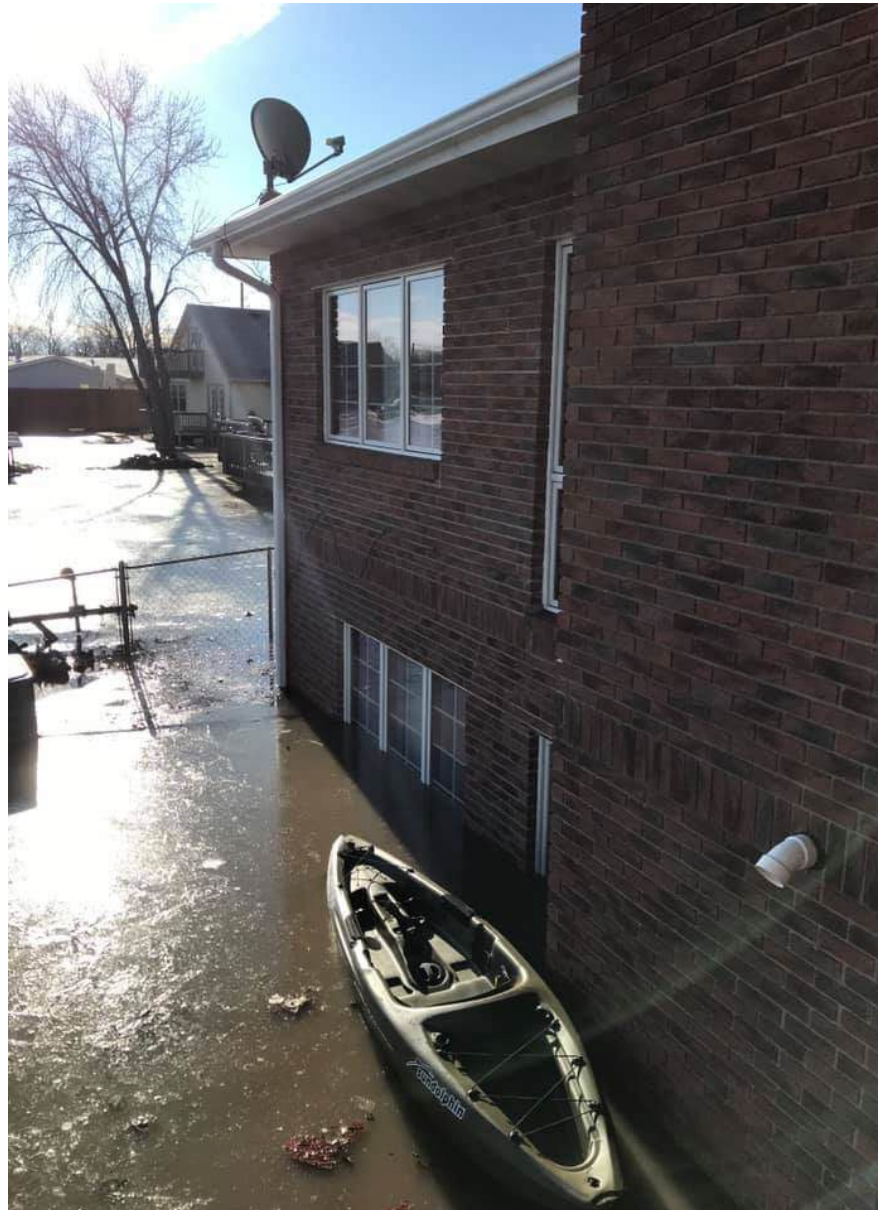
Due to the various disasters that hit this part of the country, insurance premiums have been on the rise. Yes, Adam admits, Nebraska ranks near the top in premium costs. Over the years, all the claims take a toll on insurance companies' profit margins.

Adam pointed to a 2023 study that revealed insurance companies were paying out \$1.12 for every dollar they collected.

"That's everything, including the cost of doing business and paying claims," he said. "It's not good for the bottom line."

Despite the occasional disaster, Adam believes life in the Midwest is pretty good, especially here in Buccaneer Bay.

"We really like the small-town feel, the heart of everyone," he said. "I think of the people who were here to help us recover from the flood. That really epitomizes why we're here."



A kayak floats on the side of the Stoskopfs' home during the 2019 flood. (Photo courtesy of Adam Stoskopf.)

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Work begins on water pipeline

Many of our Buc Bay residents may have noticed the preliminary work being done near Buccaneer Boulevard as part of the planned water pipeline that will run through parts of our development and, eventually, end in Plattsmouth. Kurt Meisinger, chair of SID #5, was glad to provide information about the Metropolitan Utilities District pipeline that will run under the Platte River.

Discussions about the water service connection began after the historic 2019 flood that wiped out the city's wastewater and water treatment plants. Plattsmouth city officials began working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency on flood recovery projects and investigating a way to secure a new and better source of drinking water.

"This is a City of Plattsmouth project," Kurt said. "It is not a Sanitary Improvement District project. The SID is just a property owner that the city is utilizing like other property owners."

The pipeline will start on the north side of the Platte River, where MUD's water treatment plant is located, and go under the Platte and into private land until reaching SID property. (Trees were removed from the land at the end of Treasure Island Road.) From there, the pipeline will run parallel to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks. It will run under Sailboat Lake property, going west to golf course property.

From the golf course, the pipeline runs parallel to Buccaneer Boulevard toward the main entrance. It next crosses Buc Boulevard toward the mailbox parking lot before jutting to Bay Road, where it will run parallel on the south side.

FEMA reportedly is providing 90 percent of the estimated \$23.5 million cost of the water main for Plattsmouth. Because of the FEMA funding, Buccaneer Bay is not allowed to tap into it.

"If that water line is used to feed us, it is no longer feeding the City of Plattsmouth," Kurt said, "and they would lose their FEMA money."

Kurt said that residents living close to the pipeline route shouldn't worry about damage near their property.



Trees have been removed on the west side of the clubhouse to make way for the underground water pipeline.

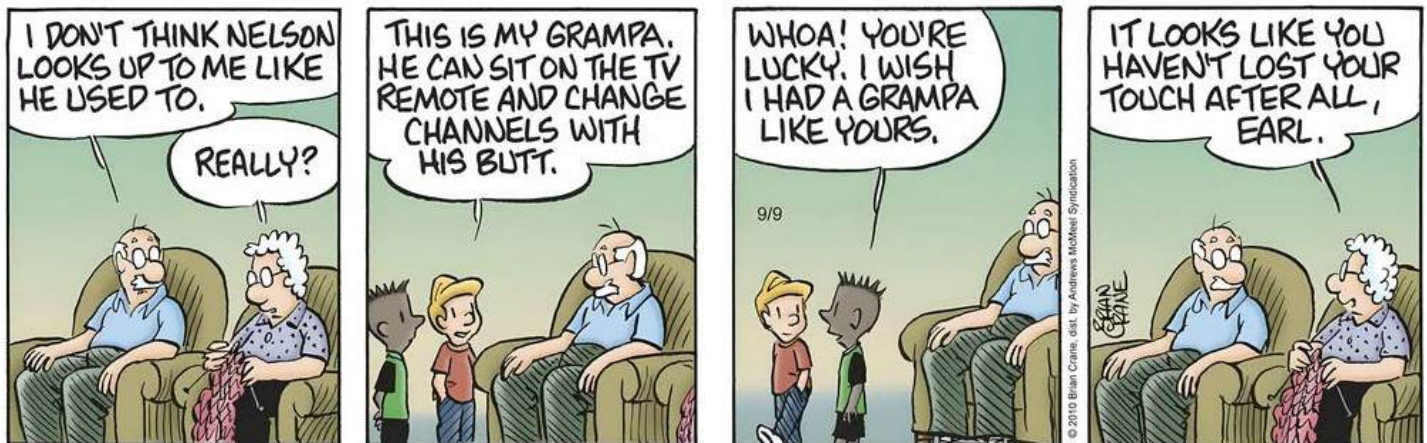
"They will be doing (directional) boring, rather than trenching," he said.

The project is expected to be completed by June 2027.

Staying on the topic of water, Kurt was asked if Buc Bay residents should be concerned about the lack of precipitation we endured from October to the first significant snowfall on Feb. 12 causing issues with our water table.

"Our water table is still reading just fine," he said. "We're deep enough that surface water does not impact us. When we've had concerns of our water usage, it's because during the summer when everyone is watering.

"The usage now (winter) is probably 20 percent of what it is in August because of the people watering yards. If it was this dry in June, July and August, then we might be more concerned because of the draw on the usage."



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Chris Ross honored by Mayans

Buc Bay resident Chris Ross (who was featured in last month's newsletter) returned to the Yucatan the first week of February to accept his award as one of the top 10 philanthropists in Mexico. He and the other honorees shared their stories and experiences and highlights of their work in Mayan communities and in Valladolid.

His words filled with passion and dedication reminded us of the importance of giving without expecting anything in return.

Sandra Romero Loria, one of the many who benefited from Chris' years of volunteer work, posted this Facebook message to him on Feb. 7:

"On behalf of the Mayan communities in Yucatan, from each of our schools, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your tireless work and dedication for 40 years. Your selflessness and generosity have changed the lives of our students by bringing joy to our communities.

"We know you have left an indelible mark on the hearts of our children with your school gifts. Your dedication and love for our culture and our people is a role model for us all.

"Although you say goodbye, we know that your spirit and legacy will remain with us forever. We will miss your yearly visits. May your future be filled with joy, peace, and fulfillment!"

Chris responded a day later with this post:

"Denny Smith and I left Omaha on January 31st. Chacho (my guide for 34 years) met us at the airport with his son Danny. Saturday, February 1st, was the ceremony for the top 10 International Philanthropists. It was a beautiful and emotional moment. I met with the president of Valladolid and the secretary of education, and they thanked me for my years of service.

"We started visiting the children on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. The children in San Pedro each told me thank you and God Bless you when they received their packets. On Friday we were invited for a party with the children and mothers of Santa Rita.

"The children and mothers showered me with many gifts and great food. The children promise to stay in school and improve their education. Friday night all the teachers from the villages came to Valladolid for one last party. I thank all of the teachers for coming.



Above: Chris Ross poses for a photo at the ceremony during which he and nine other philanthropists were recognized.



Left: Chris with one of the thousands of children who benefited from his years of volunteer service. (Photos courtesy of Chris Ross.)

"This will be my last trip, but I have a lifetime of wonderful memories and 47,000 hugs from the children. Thank you for your support and kind words over the years. It really has been amazing."

Fox is right at home

There have been a few fox sightings in Buccaneer Bay, and the one in the right photo established residence close to Sailboat Lake behind the home of Todd and Kathy Bruner. (Photo courtesy of Kathy Bruner.)



What will March weather bring?



You have to be up there in age to remember the 1977 commercial for a margarine product that had the tag line: “It’s not nice to fool Mother Nature.” We sure got spoiled in the first nine or so days of February, especially the first Sunday of the month when the temperature flirted with 50.

John Fey On Feb. 2, I attended the Omaha Running Club’s annual meeting, which took place at Papillion Landing (just west of downtown on Lincoln Street). Heading home, I noticed a convenience store with its front door propped open. Some area golf courses were open for play that day.

We were lulled into the proverbial false sense of security when we got zero measurable snow in December and January, and temperatures were quite tolerable. Of course, anyone who’s lived in this area for as long as we have knows how quickly things can change. And, sure enough, the big chill arrived the second-to-last week of February. Omaha even set a record low of minus-15 in the early hours of Feb. 20. That same week, Columbus had the “honor” of recording the lowest temperature in the 48 contiguous states at minus-20.

There were several days during that stretch where it was warmer in Anchorage, Alaska, than here in Buccaneer Bay. I’m sure our fellow residents who winter in Florida and Arizona were snickering as we froze our behinds off.

I always look at late-winter snow as not that big of a deal since it usually warms up soon after. Sure enough, that thaw came starting the Sunday after Mother Nature’s low blow to our systems. The cold snap put my daily walks on ice. Now that the calendar has turned to March, I can look forward to heading to Florida later this month for my annual spring training trip. (I’ll give you the details in the April newsletter.)

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Speaking of March, college sports really heat up with the NCAA men’s and women’s basketball tournaments, the second month of college baseball and softball and, for hockey fans like us, the NCAA playoffs. The biggest highlight for me is getting to watch my Minnesota Twins wrap up spring training and, at the end of the month, starting another 162-game MLB schedule.

I remember one trip to Florida I took with my friend Buddy Hunter. We flew in and out of Orlando but stayed the last few days with my brother who lives in Cape Coral, which is nearly four hours from Orlando. The day before our flight back home, we watched the Creighton basketball team’s NCAA Elite Eight game against San Diego State.

I decided it would be wiser to stay closer to the Orlando airport that night rather than leave my brother’s place very early in the morning. We had to return the rental car, and I wanted to

avoid any chance of missing our early-afternoon flight. I reserved us a room at the Rodeway Inn just west of Orlando, and we didn’t arrive until shortly after sunset. We walked into the lobby, and I told the clerk I had made a reservation. He had trouble finding it for one reason: I had booked the wrong date. Fortunately, they had plenty of room, even though it was at a bit higher price than my online reservation. On the bright side, we had plenty of time to kill at the airport by staying closer to Orlando.

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From the “I’m running out of topics” department: During my 52 (53 come May 27) years of marriage, I’ve made more than my share of purchases that turned out to be a complete waste of money (wrong-size apparel, you name it). Since moving here, we’ve been huge Amazon customers. Among the dozens (hundreds?) of purchases was a bidet for the guest bathroom.

I had never heard of — or even knew the purpose of — a bidet until watching the 1986 movie “Crocodile Dundee.” (Australian bushman Nick Dundee was introduced to a bidet while staying in a New York City hotel.) I never gave it much thought over the following years.

Then, while visiting my younger brother in Florida years ago, I noticed a bidet had been installed in his guest bathroom. I think I might have asked him if, indeed, that was a bidet, and he suggested I give it a try. I decided to pass, but for some reason I used it on my last stay there and got hooked.

Months after returning home, I began thinking about ordering one off Amazon and finally pulled the trigger on it last July. With the help of our middle son, Derek (who installed one in his home), it took just a few minutes to hook it up — and quickly fell in love with it.

Next, I wondered if there was a portable bidet that could be used while on road trips. Sure enough, Amazon offers that, and I’ll be packing that for my next Florida trip.

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A benefit from being a member of the American Legion is a subscription to the Legion magazine. In the most recent issue was an article about a Vietnam War documentary that was produced by a group of Atlanta veterans. Titled, “Truths and Myths of the Vietnam War,” the 42-minute video was released last year.

The film, which features actor Sam Elliott at the outset, has been touted for “presenting a different narrative, something you don’t hear or read about in school.”

Even though I didn’t serve in Vietnam, I was interested in viewing it. To watch it, go to YouTube and search “Truth and Myths of the Vietnam War.”



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Pets of the month: Cocoa, Diesel

Editor's note: This month's featured pets belong to Wanda and Mark Stranathan, who live on Treasure Island Road and have a nice view of Bay Lake. Here's what Wanda has to say about them:

"The chocolate lab is named Cocoa, and she is 4 years old and crazy. The black lab, Diesel, is 8 years old. Diesel loves to be outside, and sometimes it's hard to get him in. Cocoa loves the inside and to be with people.

"They bark whenever someone walks by, but they love people. So when you walk by, stop and say hi. They have an underground fencing which is why they never come to the front to greet people. Cocoa has a sister in the hills, and her name is Lilly."



Cocoa and Diesel spend their outdoor time on the west side of the home they share with Wanda and Mark Stranathan. (Photo courtesy of Wanda Stranathan.)



Capehart project expected to wrap up by April

Some of our Buc Bay residents might have been wondering what's going on south of Capehart Road near the Papio Creek. A Feb. 12 Facebook post from the City of Bellevue shed some light on the project. Here's the post:

"According to Papio-Missouri NRD General Manager John Winkler, this unplanned repair work is due a sewer manhole top that failed on the Omaha Wastewater Treatment Plant's 96-inch interceptor sewer system.

"The City of Omaha's contractor has set up a temporary system to bypass sewage around this area in the southern part of the metro via the pipes and pumps that are visible from the freeway until they get the manhole replaced.

"No sewage is being dumped into the Papio Creek, and the target completion date is April of this year."

Me as a kid: (Falls 10 feet from the monkey bars) I'm OK.

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A tough lie in Arizona

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This month in history

- » **March 1, 1790** — The U.S. Supreme Court convenes for the first time.
- » **March 2, 1887** — The first Ground Hog Day is celebrated in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.
- » **March 9, 1562** — Kissing is banned in Naples, Italy, with violations punishable by death.
- » **March 10, 1862** — The U.S. government issues paper money for the first time.
- » **March 13, 1936** — Work on the Boulder Dam is completed.
- » **March 17, 1762** — The first Saint Patrick's Day parade takes place in New York City.
- » **March 19, 1918** — Congress approves Daylight Savings Time.
- » **March 21, 1963** — Alcatraz prison is closed.
- » **March 24, 1964** — The Kennedy half dollar is put into circulation.

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Weak March golf jokes

Q: Are you a scratch player?

A: I sure am. Every time I hit the ball I scratch my head and wonder where it went.

How many golfers does it take to change a light bulb? FORE!

Golfer: The doctor says I can't play golf.

Caddie: Oh, he's played with you, too, eh?

Golf is a lot like taxes: You go for the green and wind up in the hole.

My golf game is so bad I had to have my ball retriever regripped.

Wife: I'm sick and tired of your obsession with golf!

Husband: Why, is it driving a wedge between us?

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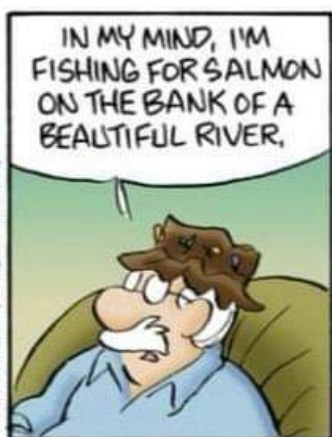
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Here's your dose of March cartoons



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February snow is here, then gone

February was a tale of two seasons. While we dodged any hits from Mother Nature in December and January, it was payback time in Buccaneer Bay toward the end of the month. Two doses of snow hit in the same week, but payback came the last week of the month when temps took an unseasonable about-face. The view is looking northeast from a home on Lakeside Drive as a neighbor walks her dog on Buc Boulevard.

Gretna Sanitation pickup for first half of 2025

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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)
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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)

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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

Fire Safety Checklist for Homeowners and Renters

If there is a fire, you may have less than 3 minutes to get out of your home. Talk about what you should do to be safe. Make sure everyone in your home knows what to do if there is a fire.

Put a check in front of each statement that is true for your home.

Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms are on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms are inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Smoke alarms are tested each month.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.



Test your alarm regularly.
Your smoke alarm is working if it makes a noise when you press the "test" button.

Cooking Safety

- The cooking area has no items that can burn.
- People stay in the kitchen when they are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
- Pot handles are always turned toward the back of the stove.

Escape Plan

- There is a fire escape plan that shows 2 ways out of every room.
- Everyone knows where the safe meeting place is outside the home.
- Everyone living in the house practices the escape plan 2 times a year.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old.

Electrical and Appliance Safety

- All electrical cords are in good condition and not broken or cut.
- People clean the dryer of lint after every use.
- All plug outlets are safe and do not feel warm when you touch them. (If they are warm, call the landlord or an electrician.)

Candle Safety

- Candles are in sturdy fire-proof containers that won't be tipped over.
- Adults blow out all candles when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Candles are kept out of reach from children and pets.



Children are sometimes curious about fire.

If you have children in your home, lock up any items that can start a fire (matches, lighters, cigarettes, etc.) and make sure children cannot reach candles.

Learn more about fire prevention:
www.usfa.fema.gov

U.S. Fire
Administration



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The first one-hour lesson is Free (All Ages)

402-804-6455

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Relaxation: Playing the classical can be a meditative experience, offering a calming effect that helps reduce stress and anxiety.

Emotional Outlet: Music provides a healthy emotional outlet, allowing individuals to express feelings and emotions through their instrument, improving their emotional well-being.

Mindfulness and Focus: Concentrating on playing the guitar helps divert attention from daily stressors, promoting mindfulness and enhancing focus. <https://www.unclebobguitarlessons.com>

They were born this month

- » Albert Einstein — born 3/14/1879; died 4/18/1955
- » Stephen Curry — born 3/14/1988
- » Shaquille O'Neal — born 3/6/1972
- » Lady Gaga — born 3/28/1986
- » Reese Witherspoon — born 3/22/1976
- » Aretha Franklin — born 3/25/1942; died 8/16/2018
- » Elton John — born 3/25/1947
- » Simone Biles — born 3/14/1997
- » Bruce Willis — born 3/19/1955
- » Chuck Norris — born 3/10/1940
- » Peyton Manning — born 3/24/1976
- » Justin Bieber — born 3/1/1994
- » Celine Dion — born 3/30/1968
- » Vincent van Gogh — born 3/30/1853; died 7/29/1890

Quiz answer: D.



Kitchen open Tuesday – Friday

Dine in or Carry out

402-298-8191

Tuesday: Taco Tuesday, Special menu only 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Wednesday: Burger Special, regular menu also available 5 – 8 p.m.

Thursday: Broasted Chicken and Country Fried Steak special, regular menu also available 5 – 8 p.m.

Friday: Prime Rib Special, regular menu also available 5 – 8 p.m.

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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

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

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

You can also contact a board member via regular mail via the SID #5 address at:

SID #5 Board of Trustees
19457 Treasure Island Rd.
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

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

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

Cass County Historical Society information and news

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

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

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

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

Website: casscountynemuseum.org

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

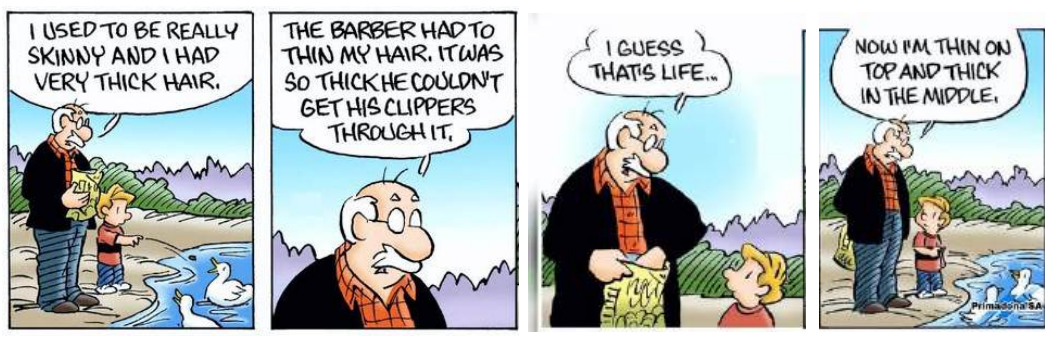


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Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all who live in Buccaneer Bay!

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

<p><u>Board of Trustees S.I.D. #5</u> <i>Elections held in even numbered years.</i></p> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p>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</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SID Fiscal Agent</u></p> <p>Ameritas Inv. Corp. 402-384-8433</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Water/Waste Water Maint.</u></p> <p>PeopleService Inc. 402-932-8143 888-527-9853</p> <p>Contact for water or sewer issues. 24 hour Emergency# 888-861-1921</p> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monthly Water Billing Rates</u></p> <p>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</p> </div> <p><u>Architectural Control Committee</u> Neighborhood Watch/Block Captains</p> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p>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.</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Plattsmouth Schools</u></p> <p>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</p> <p>First Students Bus Service 296-5624</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bad Weather</u></p> <p>The school district will notify the following radio and TV stations with school closing information:</p> <p>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)</p> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><u>Local News</u></p> </div> <p>Cassgram — Free at Local Businesses Contact Steve Warga via E-mail: Cassgram@windstream.net www.cassgramonline.com</p> <p>Omaha World Herald — 444-1000 Daily Delivery</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Buccaneer Bay Newsletter</u></p> <p>John Fey — 402-250-6574 jmfey1952@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Other Numbers</u></p> <p>Emergency 911 Cass County Sheriff — 402-296-9370</p> <p>Neighborhood Watch Lead Coordinators Jennifer Sommer, Jill Bobenhouse Tesar</p> <p>Bay Hills Golf Course — 402-298-8191</p> <p>COX — 402-933-3000 Windstream — 800-501-1754</p> <p>Future Technologies (Internet) — 402-933-2877 Spiral (Internet) — 712-800-1100</p> <p>Black Hills Energy — 888-890-5554 Emergency — 800-694-8989</p> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p>OPPD Electric — 877-536-4131 Outages — 800-554-6773</p> </div> <p>Trash Pickup: <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p>Gretna Sanitation — 402-332-4701</p> </div></p> <p>Plattsmouth Post Office — 296-2152</p> <p>Union Pacific RR — 800-848-8715 Burlington Northern — 800-832-5452 Public Service Comm. — 471-3101</p> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><u>Architectural Control for Blk 27 Sailboat Lake</u></p> </div> <p>Sailboat Lake Board/Architectural Control</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Buccaneer Bay Web Site</u></p> <p>www.buccaneerbay-ne.org Provides various information on the Sanitary Improvement District.</p>
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Things I'm Super Good At

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forgetting someone's name 10 seconds after they tell me. 2. Buying produce...and throwing it away two weeks later. 3. Digging through the trash for the food box I just tossed, because I already forgot the directions. 😞 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Making plans. And then immediately regretting making plans. 5. Leaving laundry in the dryer until it wrinkles. Then turning on the dryer to dewrinkle. Then forgetting it again. 6. Calculating how much sleep I'll get if I can just "fall asleep right now". |
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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