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Ingleside City Hall Damaged in Accident, Suffers Partial Collapse



By Mark Silberstein

A surveillance camera positioned inside Ingleside City Hall captured the moment September 27th when a motorist lost control of her car, striking the front of the building at 2671 San Angelo Ave., causing substantial damage, destroying a brick support column, leading to a partial collapse of the eaves just above the main entrance. Police, in a report shared with the Index, indicate the crash occurred just after 11:20 p.m., long after the office was closed, and both the driver and her passenger were unhurt. The

An elderly motorist lost control of her vehicle late in the evening September 27th, crashing into the front of Ingleside City Hall. The impact caused a partial collapse of the building, an eaves just above the main entrance. Fortunately, neither the driver nor her passenger was seriously hurt, and no one was at City Hall at the time. Damage was extensive, though, and repairs are in progress. A heavy metal bench in front likely prevented the woman's vehicle from careening inside.



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Courtesy: The Rojas Family
A motor vehicle accident Thursday, October 12th in the 3000 block of Ave. A in Ingleside cost the life of 18-year-old Michael Guajardo-Rojas, who graduated last May from Aransas Pass High School. "He was a loving and beautiful soul," the Panther Band Booster Club posted on its Facebook page. Rojas played the tuba and electric guitar on the side at home where he was working on forming his own musical group, family shared.



Ingleside Accident Takes Life of APHS Graduate

By Mark Silberstein

Feelings of shock and dismay saturate the community in Aransas Pass who knew Michael Guajardo-Rojas, a Class of 2023

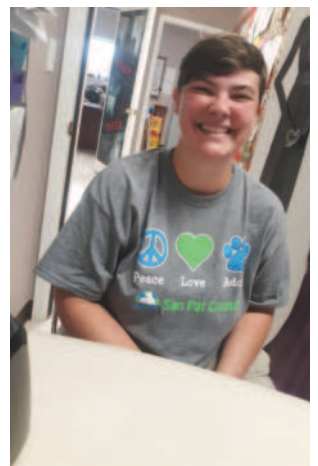
graduate from Aransas Pass High School, killed in a tragic motor vehicle accident Thursday, October 12th in the 3000 block of Ave. A. in Ingleside. He

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SPCA's New Leader Helps Steer Group Through Challenges

By Mark Silberstein

Figures Megan Whitehead shared about operating expenses at the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) in San Patricio County are staggering. Each month, bills range from \$9,000 to \$15,000, much of it to cover veterinarian costs, utilities, and food. The group is working in deficit mode, something Whitehead explained is all too common for a non-profit. That's why this weekend's Denim & Diamonds Casino Night fundraiser Saturday, October



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Megan Whitehead, 22, commutes from Flour Bluff daily, the new Director of the San Patricio County SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) located in Aransas Pass, serving Ingleside and Ingleside on the Bay, too. She just started in the role in April but had been employed as a kennel tech here during a portion of 2021-22. Next year, she plans on moving to Aransas Pass. She's a 2019 graduate of Ingleside High School.

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Wreaths Across America Seeks Support for Aransas Pass/Ingleside Gravesites

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Irene Irely (left) and Marsha Wellman (right) with the GFWC Woman's Monday Club of the Coastal Bend stand near the grave of Raymond L. Culberth inside the historic Prairie View Community Cemetery in Aransas Pass where hundreds of military veterans are interred. Born in October 1919, Culberth served in World War II as a Private in the U.S. Army and was laid to rest here in February 2001. His and many other headstones will display a Christmas decoration in their honor and their memory when club volunteers converge on the cemetery for 'Wreaths Across America' Saturday, December 16th. Veterans gravesites at the San Antonio De Padua cemetery in Aransas Pass, and at the San Ignacio Cemetery in Ingleside will all be adorned with holiday wreaths if the group can raise enough money to buy them.



By Mark Silberstein

Many served their country and died in the process. Others passed away from natural causes. Military veterans buried in three local cemeteries are not forgotten, remembered in tributes when family or friends come to tend to their gravesites, or have their names read aloud at annual commemorative

ceremonies. And there is one additional event where their time in uniform is recalled with honor and dignity, the annual Wreaths Across America campaign, a national program created to pay homage to those who willingly sacrificed all to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. Saturday, December

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Ingleside Ammonia Plant Proposal Set for a David v. Goliath Challenge



Courtesy: Desiree Beaudry
Public attended an Open House Tuesday, October 10th inside the Humble Community Center to hear energy provider Enbridge and European partner YaREN discuss plans for a proposed hydrogen and blue ammonia production facility at the former U.S. Navy base, previously MODA in Ingleside.

By Desiree Beaudry Special to The Index


"Why would you put an ammonia plant in Ingleside upwind of an elementary school? What is the value to those children and to generations of people who live here?" asked Patrick Nye, president of Ingleside on the Bay Coastal Watch Association (IOBCWA). "There's a lot of things that just don't add up," he said during an Open House held on the

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CALENDAR

Ongoing events

Ingliside North Bay Lions Club currently meets on the 2nd Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Ingliside Dairy Queen. For more information call Mari Jo at 281-785-9314

Food pantry distribution every 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Ingliside

Monday

The Aransas Pass City Council meets at 6 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The Aransas Pass Rotary Club meets at 12 p.m. at the Bakery Café every Monday.

Tuesday

The Ingliside City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Ingliside City Hall.

Coastal Bend Woodcarvers invites new or established wood carvers and wood burners to join us Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Portobelo Village Club House at 2009 W. Wheeler in Aransas Pass. Home-schooled children, with a parent, are also welcome.

The Aransas Pass Woman's Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

The Ingliside Rotary Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 12-1:00 p.m. in the offices of the County Commis-

sioner for Precinct 4 at McCampbell-Porter Municipal Airport, 3141 FM 3512 in Aransas Pass.

Wednesday

The John Wiebel VFW Post 2932, 620 W. Wheeler, meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Veterans and their families are welcome to attend.

Thursday

The first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. the **SPCA San Patricio County** holds its monthly meeting at the Sandra Sue Benson Animal Adoption Center at 4630 FM 1069, Aransas Pass.

Aransas Pass Lions Club International. Meets the first and third Thursday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Bak-

ery Cafe, 434 S Commercial St, Aransas Pass (in the back room)

Friday

The Ingliside VFW hosts a dinner each Friday night. The dinners take place from 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. The cost ranges from \$5 to \$20 per plate, depending on meal served.

Check the VFW's Facebook page for the events and meals. All the proceeds go to Veteran and Community Activity Programs. Also, karaoke starts at 7 p.m.

Visit www.facebook.com/InglisideVFW-Posts6386 for events and meals.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Food

Pantry distribution is on the second Friday of the month for Aransas Pass residents. Distribution is from 10 to 12.

Saturday

A pancake breakfast is served very first Saturday of the month from 8-10:00 a.m. at the Maxine Flournoy 3rd Coast Squadron Museum of the Commemorative Air Force, inside Hangar 11 at McCampbell-Porter Municipal Airport, 3201 FM 3512 in Aransas Pass, along the border with Ingliside.

An \$8 donation benefits the museum.

For more information, please contact Robery Perry at (361) 776-3891, or email: rperry385@yahoo.com

Sunday

Please update an organization's meeting or add a new event, by sending your information to editor@aransaspassprogress.com

Ingliside Police Department Weekly Summary of Reported Incidents

Editor's note: street numbers listed below indicate the block on which the incident happened and are not the actual addresses.

Ingliside Police Department Weekly Summary 10/2/2023 6:00 AM through 10/8/2023 6:00 AM

2300030235
Traffic

No Operators License
2400 Main St

10/03/2023 02:19:00

On October 3, 2023 at 0219 hours, a traffic stop was conducted near the intersection of Main Street and Fourth (Ingliside, TX 78362, San Patricio County) in regards to speeding. It was learned that the driver of a black in color Volkswagen Jetta (TX NKG9727) did not have did not have an operator's license to operate the black in color Volkswagen Jetta (TX NKG9727). The driver of the black in color Volkswagen Jetta (TX NKG9727) was issued a citation and the black in color Volkswagen Jetta (TX NKG9727) was towed from the scene

2300030271
DISTURBANCE

Warrant Service
2922 Penook Ave

10/03/2023 08:47:00

On October 3, 2023, W/F was arrested at 2900 Pen Oak Ingliside San Patricio County, TX on an outstanding San Patricio County Sheriff's Department warrant.

2300030301
Traffic

DRIVING W/LIC INV W/PREV CONV/
SUSP/W/O FIN RES

2900 Main St

10/03/2023 15:10:00

On 10/03/23 at 1510 hours IPD made contact with the driver of a vehicle, which had a mechanical malfunction and

stopped in the middle of the roadway on the 2900 block of Main.

2300030315
CRASH - HIT AND RUN

ACCIDENT INVOLVING DAMAGE TO VEHICLE>=\$200

2743 Houston Ave

10/03/2023 18:34:00

Officers dispatched to the 2700blk of Houston Ave. for a report of a vehicle hit and run. Information was gathered and a crash report was completed as well as a criminal offense report.

2300030316
Traffic

Promise To Appear; Release
2630 Main

10/03/2023 18:39:00

On October 3, 2023 at 1839 hours, a traffic stop was conducted in the 2600 block of Main Street and Fourth (Ingliside, TX 78362, San Patricio County) in regards to speeding. The driver of a red in color Hyundai Accord (TX KMS3290) became argumentative and refused to sign the written promise to appear (citation) for the violation of speeding. The driver of said red in color Hyundai Accord (TX KMS3290) was placed under arrest for failing to sign the written promise to appear (citation) and transported the the Ingliside Police Department.

2300030382
FRAUD

DISPOSE SKIMMER ONGOING INVESTIGATION

2686 Main St

10/04/2023 11:08:00

On October 4th, 2023, at approximately 1108 hours, I was dispatched to the Stripes/7 Eleven at 2686 Main St that is located in the city of Ingliside Texas, County of San Patricio. An employee that was doing maintenance to a gas pump found a Skimming Device.

2300030403
Traffic

FAIL TO COMPLY SEX OFFENDERS DUTY TO REG CIVIL

2700 Avenue K

10/04/2023 15:23:00

On October 4th, 2023 at approximately 1523 hours, I was patrolling the School Zones of GJM Elementary School that is located in the city of Ingliside Texas, County of San Patricio. A known subject to have active warrants was observed in the area and stopped. Driver was arrested on site for active warrants and received additional charges.

2300030403
Traffic

Warrant Service
2700 Avenue K

10/04/2023 15:23:00

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2300030412
FRAUD

CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD ABUSE

2616 Hwy 361

10/04/2023 16:59:00

On Wednesday, October 4, 2023, in the City of Ingliside, San Patricio County, Texas, at or about 1659 hours a fraud report was taken at the Ingliside Police Department in the 2400 block of 8th St.

2300030437
DISTURBANCE

CRIMINAL TRESPASS

1686 Morgan Ln

10/04/2023 21:16:00

On Wednesday, October 4, 2023, in the City of Ingliside, San Patricio County, Texas, at or about 2116 hours officers were dispatched to the 1600 block of Morgan Ln for a verbal disturbance between a male and a female.

2300030437
DISTURBANCE

CRIMINAL TRESPASS

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10/04/2023 21:16:00

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2300030475
WELFARE CONCERN

CRIMINAL TRESPASS

2114 Zephyr Cir

10/05/2023 09:11:00

On 10/05/2023 Ingliside Police contacted a male subject at a residence on the 2100 block of Zephyr who had been issued a Criminal Trespass Warning. The male subject was consequently arrested.

2300030500
JUVENILE

POSS CS PG2 <1G DFZ IAT 481.116

2739 Mustang Dr

10/05/2023 16:04:00

On October 5, 2023, at 4:00pm, 2739 Mustang Drive, Leon Taylor Junior High School, Ingliside, Texas (County of San Patricio) School Resource Officer was informed of juvenile with THC Vape on School Campus.

2300030519
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

BURGLARY OF VEHICLES

1980 Main St

10/05/2023 18:59:00

On Thursday, October 5, 2023, in the City of Ingliside, San Patricio County, Texas, at or about 1859 hours a burglary of a vehicle report was taken at the Ingliside Police Department in the 2400 block of 8th St.

2300030519
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

BURGLARY OF VEHICLES

1980 Main St

10/05/2023 18:59:00

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2300030552
PUBLIC INTOXICATION

Public Intoxication

2494 Hwy 361

10/06/2023 01:07:00

On Friday, October 6, 2023, in the City of Ingliside, San Patricio County, Texas, at or about 0107 hours officers were dispatched to the 2400 block of HWY 361 for a male passed out in his vehicle, and the male was arrested for Public Intoxication.

2300030735
VIOLATION PROTECTIVE ORDER

VIOL BOND/PROTECTIVE ORDER

1702 Indian Trl

10/07/2023 14:25:00

On 10/07/2023 at approximately 2:25 PM officers called to Ingliside Police Department for reports of a violation of a protective order.

2300030775
DISTURBANCE

ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJURY FAMILY MEMBER

2494 Hwy 361

10/07/2023 22:14:00

On 10/07/2023 at approximately 2215 hours, officers were dispatched to the 2400 block of State Highway 361, Ingliside, Texas, 78362 in reference to a physical altercation between a male and female.

2300030788
DISTURBANCE

Assault - Family Violence

2613 Alana Ln

10/08/2023 03:51:00

Officers dispatched to the 2600blk of Alana Ln. for a report of a disturbance. Upon arrival and speaking with the reporting party, one male subject was arrested for Assault FV.

2300030793
TRAFFIC HAZARD

Warrant Service

3400 Avenue A

10/08/2023 05:58:00

On 10/08/2023 at approximately 5:58 AM at the intersection of Ave A and Morgan Ingliside Tx 78362 San Patricio County officer stepped out with a vehicle obstructing traffic. Resulting in an arrest.

INGLESIDE ACCIDENT TAKES LIFE OF APHS GRADUATE



Aransas Pass Progress Rojas as he appeared as an APHS senior last year for prom night.

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was 18.

He was "the sweetest kid you would ever meet," remarked a cousin, Melanie Cruz, helping relatives with a BBQ sale at a home on N. Whitney in Aransas Pass Sunday, October 15th, the quickly arranged activity seeking to raise cash towards Rojas' funeral expenses, one that Cruz estimated would run close to \$9,000. The family has chosen Charlie Marshall Funeral Home to handle those arrangements which remained pending at the time of publication.

"Please send your love and prayers to the family," urged the Panther Band Booster Club on its Facebook page after learning of Michael's death. Rojas had played tuba in the high school band. He had a passion for music, Cruz told the Progress, and at home enjoyed electric guitar. He was in the process of



Aransas Pass Progress Sunday, October 15th, relatives gathered on N. Whitney in Aransas Pass for a BBQ, selling plates to raise the funds necessary to bury Michael. His parents have chosen Charlie Marshall Funeral Home to handle arrangements, details of which are still pending.



forming his own group. The Booster Club's social media post used cherubic images of Rojas, several in his band uniform. His family put out a photo of Michael appearing in his prom outfit his senior year, looking dashing, wearing a black cowboy hat. "He was a loving and beautiful soul," the club posted. "He will always be remembered, and the band will continue to carry (him) with them," they added. "May he rest in peace." The Progress has requested additional information from the Ingliside Police Department which is investigating the fatal crash.

Pet of the Week: Miss Kitty

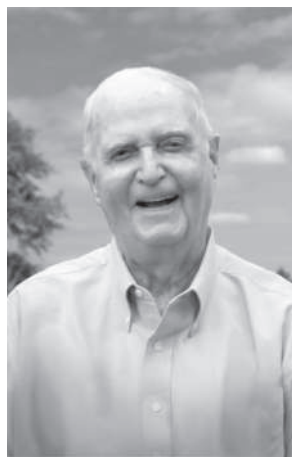
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Obituary

Dewey Albert Holden (1923-2023)

Dewey Albert Holden, 99, went to glory on October 9, 2023, a month shy of his one hundredth birthday. Born outside Aransas Pass, Texas to James and Quinnie Holden on November 7, 1923, he was one of nine siblings.



Tragedy struck in 1927 when his father died. His mother's faith in God held the family together, as they scrimped by during the Great Depression. Moving from place to place, they picked cotton in North Texas and Oklahoma before returning to Aransas Pass. There Dewey and his brother Wayne shined shoes for a nickel a piece and worked as paper boys for the Aransas Pass Progress.

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Dewey joined the Coast Guard later that week. Shipped to Mobile, he met his future wife, Dorothy Smith, at a USO dance there in January of 1942. The two were married that March 10 and moved into a small New Orleans apartment. While on duty, Dewey, a Boatswain's Mate, 1st Class, manned a picket boat on the Mississippi at Southwest Pass, where Nazi submarines threatened and sunk Allied ships. Their eldest daughter Jacqueline came in late 1944.

After the war, the Holdens lived briefly in Aransas Pass before moving to Memphis, where Dewey attended an electronics trade school. Once he graduated, they returned to the Coastal Bend. Dewey initially found work in Taft as a radio repairman, before becoming an instrument tech at Celanese's South Texas research center, a post he held for 31 years.

The family spent nine years in Corpus Christi, where their son Gary was born. Leaving the city, Dewey bought ten acres outside Aransas Pass in 1956. Located across the dirt lane from his birthplace, the new property adjoined ten acres where his brother Wayne and wife Sammye had recently brought their family. Shortly after the move, Dewey's youngest daughter Jenny entered the world while he was building their new home, with a hammer and a hand saw.

In time, the area became known as "Holdenville," as Dewey's three children eventually bought adjacent tracts, joined by other Holden kin. Growing up, all eleven of his and Dorothy's grandchildren enjoyed Sunday roast at their home and came over for cookies and milk, among many other precious memories. And

all of their great-grandchildren who lived nearby were blessed with the same experience.

Dewey's simple faith, modest bearing, and constant humor are endearing traits to all who knew him. A wonderful story-teller, he shared hilarious tales and spoke freely of how God sustained him through hard times. He deeply loved his family, willingly invested in them, and helped them solve day-to-day problems, whenever he could. And he faithfully served his local church, without fanfare, for decades. Never one to grandstand, he quietly gave of himself to others and served his God.

As his Maker would have it, Dewey passed away peacefully, with three generations of family by his side, in Holdenville.

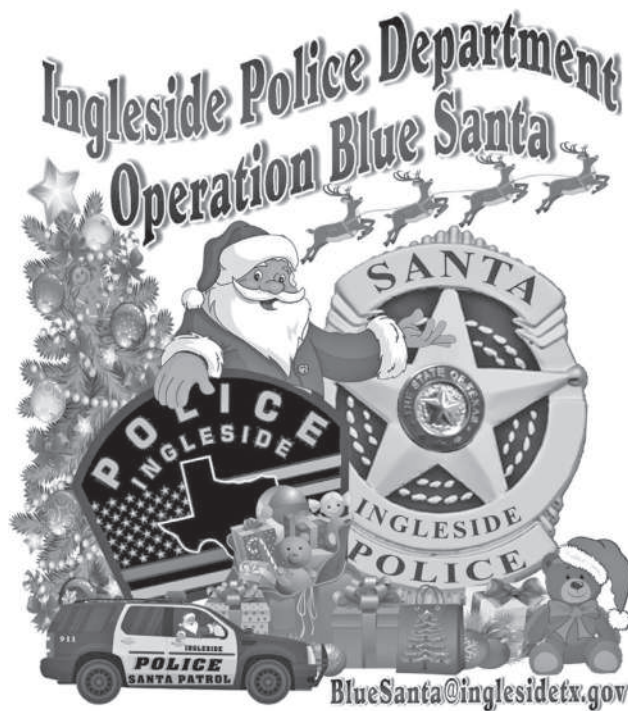
He is preceded in death by his parents, eight siblings, grandson Jason Holden, son-in-law Peter Cheaney, and beloved wife Dorothy, who was called home on December 16, 2001.

He is survived by his daughter Jacqueline Cheaney, son Gary Holden (Cherie), and daughter Jenny Strackbein (Roger); ten grandchildren, Marcy Boatman (Randy), Martin Cheaney (Jan), Steven Holden (Susan), Wesley Strackbein (Micah), Sherena Schlo-neger (Josh), Melody Bannister, Jenna Strackbein, Shanna Sample (Matthew), Emily Springer (Daniel), and Elisabeth Strackbein; along with twenty great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

A public visitation will be hosted at Charlie Marshall Funeral Homes in Aransas Pass on Friday, October 13, 2023 from 1 to 7 p.m. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Aransas Pass Methodist Church (523 South 8th Street), followed by a graveside service at Prairie View Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to: Charlie Marshall Funeral Homes and Crematory, 2003 W. Wheeler Ave., Aransas Pass, Texas 78336.

Operation: Blue Santa Campaign Begins in Ingleside



By Mark Silberstein

Many families will be going without this Christmas season. It's a sad reality of the times, and the circumstances vary. Ingleside Police don't judge the causes, they seek out and provide solutions, even if temporary, hoping to make the holiday merrier for those most in need.

IPD's popular 'Operation: Blue Santa' campaign is underway and will last through mid-December, asking the public to assist them in donating new, unwrapped toys for girls, boys, and especially teenagers. Drop off bins are in the lobby of police headquarters at 2425 8th St. (open 24/7/365) and will be set up in participating businesses and other public buildings throughout the city in the coming days.

As we did last year, the Aransas Pass Progress will also have a collection bin inside our lobby at 346 S. Houston St. in Aransas Pass and will accept dona-

tions Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed between 12-1:00 p.m.

Blue Santa has been an important program for IPD, and he has endeared himself with area children, wide-eyed and smiling, giggling with joy as he visits local neighborhoods, including Ingleside on the Bay where the peninsula community plays host to a yearly stop-over, escorted by Ingleside Police and Chief Tammy Burr as he tosses candies to waiting kids and adults of all ages.

Burr explained that recipients of aid will be required to complete an eligibility application, available at the police station or online: <https://www.inglesidetx.gov/362/Operation-Blue-Santa>

The appeal does not include requests for clothing since the department does not gather sizes for individual recipients. Still, Burr added, donors in the past have provided socks and undergarments for both genders and that is acceptable.



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Bins like this one in the lobby of the Aransas Pass Progress/Ingleside Index at 346 S. Houston St. in Aransas Pass are also set up at Ingleside Police headquarters and businesses throughout the community hoping the public will again show their kindness and generosity and drop off new, unwrapped toys for needy girls, boys, and teenagers, along with any non-perishable, non-expired foodstuffs the department will distribute to families who need some help making this Christmas a merry one. It's part of IPD's annual Operation: Blue Santa campaign.

So is non-perishable and non-expired foodstuffs police will put into Christmas food baskets, for any family that expresses a need. IPD collaborates with the Coastal Bend Food Bank in Corpus Christi which usually supplies hams or turkeys for that project. Business donors willing to offer fresh foods around that time are welcome to reach out to Burr to discuss further at (361) 776-2531.

Financial donations are also accepted, Burr shared. Checks must be payable to the IPD Operation Blue Santa and be mailed in or dropped off at police headquarters. Cash, and gift cards are accepted, too.

Editor's note: The mailing address for the Ingleside Police Department is 2425 8th St., Ingleside, TX 78362.

Port Meeting to Discuss Security Substation

Port Corpus Christi representatives hold a town hall-style meeting Wednesday night, October 18th in Ingleside to allow the public to comment on plans to open a security substation along the La Quinta shipping channel to enhance port safety.

In a Facebook post, the Ingleside on the Bay Coastal Watch Association copied the invitation that called the event a 'Community Conversation: San Patricio Public Safety Cen-

ter Update', 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Signet Maritime Corporation, 1500 Main St. in Ingleside. Dinner will be provided.

According to the flyer, the Port is holding the forum "to inform local residents, officials, businesses, and the general public about efforts to implement a Security Port PD substation along the La Quinta Channel. This will enhance both Port Security and law enforcement presence," the post concluded.

Ingleside PD Food Distribution Scheduled

Free food will once again be distributed by the Ingleside Police Department in collaboration with the Coastal Bend Food Bank Thursday, November 30th from 9-11:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the WIC Office at 2681 San Angelo Ave., near the public li-

brary. It's a first come, first served program and the distribution normally includes fresh meats or poultry, vegetables, fruit, breads and pastries and non-perishable items. There is no pre-registration necessary and the food will be given out while supplies last.




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Ingleside ISD's Mircovich Retiring After 19 Years on the Job

By Mark Silberstein

Ingleside's school department is looking for a new leader. Last month, September 12th, the School Board announced the retirement of Superintendent Troy Mircovich effective at the end of next January.

"The rumor is true. I will be retiring on January 31st," confirmed Mircovich, speaking before the City Council at its October 10th meeting.

Like father, like son, Mircovich assumed his current role in 2005, holding the same title as his late father, Gilbert J. Mircovich, who was school superintendent in Ingleside for more than three decades. An elementary school bears his name, known best as GJM located at 2720 Big Oak Ln. Mircovich will be leaving after 19 years on the job. His dad passed away in 2006.

"It's been a great opportunity for myself and my family," a smiling Mircovich shared of his tenure, standing at a podium at the back of the council chambers, invited to speak during the citizens comment portion of the gathering. He didn't spend a great deal of time reviewing his own past, instead looking toward the future of the school system, encouraging voter turnout November 7th for a school bond measure that he assured the audience assembled at City Hall, or anyone watching on a livestream broadcast that no tax rate increase was involved.

If approved, the district would receive \$19,000,000 in funding, money that would be divided among safety and security expenses, for example. Under a Texas mandate, all public-school districts are required to have armed security in the building during classes, legislation resulting from the tragic Uvalde massacre last year. Ingleside ISD is seeking \$662,500 for that associated cost. Mircovich, however, in describing how this line item would be spent indicated it was earmarked for the purchase of more



Courtesy: Ingleside ISD
Troy Mircovich, who has served as Ingleside ISD Superintendent for the past 19 years is calling it quits, retiring at the end of January next year. A search for his replacement has begun.

advanced metal detector systems for each campus and surveillance cameras.

Another \$9,782,000 is listed under "educational facilities", described by Mircovich as a "physical education center" – a new building to rise behind the existing high school sports complex on Mustang Dr. to include a 10,000 square-foot weight room and a 90-seat classroom, \$859,500 for "deferred maintenance" – much of that dedicated to a new HVAC system at GJM Elementary that was built in the late 1990s, \$296,000 for "buses and equipment" – enough Mircovich said to purchase two new school buses, and \$7,400,000 for a "Leon Taylor Middle School (LTMS) Reimbursement Resolution" – extra money the superintendent said the district had to pay from its own fund balance reflecting the astronomical increases in material expenses for construction after a previous bond to rebuild the school was

passed by voters in 2021.

Mircovich explained that some school funding comes from taxes collected from industry located in San Patricio County, but that disbursement formula is solely based on the number of students – or head count – the district can prove they have.

"If we don't have a ton of students then that funding goes right back to the state and their coffers. And so, it passes through the school district, we don't get to keep that funding," he explained.

Additional uses for the bond money should it pass next month include improved lighting at the high school parking lot, and playground equipment for the Primary School.

"You're not going to see an increase in taxes," Mircovich repeated at the conclusion of his PowerPoint presentation for the council. One reason, he reiterated, was that commercial and industrial businesses bear the biggest burden of school funding cost, almost 90-percent.

"This is a property tax increase," Mircovich said is what voters will see printed on the ballot, he advised, adding that is required by Texas law for any bond measure that goes before the public. However, he remained emphatic that approval of the November 7th measure would not cause a rise in the Ingleside tax rate.

"Even though it's zero," he remarked of the impact a yes vote would have on the tax rate, "we still have to put that (statement on the ballot)."

As for his pending departure in 2024, the school district issued a press release indicating Mircovich would be spending more time with family.

"I am confident that Ingleside ISD will continue its legacy of success and teamwork under new leadership," Mircovich is quoted in a press release announcing his pending departure.

A search for his replacement has begun.

Ingleside ISD Special Election
NO INCREASE TO THE TOTAL TAX RATE

2023
\$1.166

2024
\$1.077

NO INCREASE TO THE TOTAL TAX RATE

Proposed Projects:

- Safety and Security..... \$ 662,500.00
- Educational Facilities..... \$9,782,000.00
- Deferred Maintenance..... \$ 859,500.00
- Buses and Equipment..... \$ 296,000.00
- LTMS- Reimbursement Resolution..... \$7,400,000.00

Projects will include, but are not limited to:

- Instructional Physical Education Facility at Ingleside High School
- Lighting at Ingleside High School student parking lot
- Playground equipment at Ingleside Primary School
- Cooling Tower & Roof Units for HVAC maintenance at GJM Elementary
- Security cameras and stations for weapon detection
- Reimbursement for LTMS additional costs as a result of significant inflation in the construction industry since the original budget was established to build that facility in the 2021 Bond election

Two school buses

IISD Total Tax Rate History

Year	Tax Rate
2020	\$1.166
2021	\$1.077
2022	\$1.063
2023	\$0.961
2024	\$0.978
2025	\$0.802

DID YOU KNOW?
State Law requires that ALL School Districts in Texas that bond propositions must include the following language on the ballot: "This is a property tax increase." This language is on the ballot regardless of whether the percentage of the proposition would result in a tax rate increase, a tax rate decrease or no change to the tax rate at all.

Learn more about the Bond on the district website by clicking 2023 Bond Information on the homepage

0 ZERO TAX RATE INCREASE

Voting Information
Last Day to Register to Vote: October 10
First Day of Early Voting: October 23
Last Day for Ballot by Mail: October 27
Last Day of Early Voting: November 3
Election Day: November 7

Voting Locations

Early Voting
Ingleside ISD Admin Building
2664 San Angelo
Ingleside, TX 78336
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
• Oct 23-27
• Oct 30-Nov 3

Election Day
Ingleside Humble Community Ctr.
2021 Main St.
Ingleside, TX 78336
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Nov 7th

INGLESIDE ISD

Ingleside ISD Schedules School Bond for November Ballot

The Ingleside ISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously on August 14th to call for a bond election for November 7th.

The package, totaling \$19,000,000 will have no increase to the total tax rate and if passed, will provide district-wide improvements in the following areas:

- Safety & Security
- Educational Facilities
- Deferred Maintenance
- Buses and Equipment
- LTMS Reimbursement Resolution

A detailed breakdown of the proposed projects can be found on the Ingleside ISD website, or viewed di-

rectly at: <https://sites.google.com/inglesideisd.org/iisd-bond2020/home>

Take this opportunity to educate yourself on bond election materials, so you as a voter can make an informed decision, the district posted on its Facebook page.

Early voting begins Monday, October 23rd and runs through November 3rd between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. weekdays at the Ingleside ISD Administration Building, 2664 San Angelo. On Election Day, balloting will be inside the Humble Community Center, 2821 Main St. at the corner of W. Main.

Ingleside ISD School Board Names October 'Family Matters' Award Winner

For the month of October, Tiffany Majek, of Ingleside High School was selected for the Family Matters Award. She was recognized during the most recent School Board Meeting, where she was celebrated for her outstanding efforts. She was also awarded \$100 from the Ingleside ISD Education Foundation. Here is an excerpt from the nomination that was submitted on her behalf:

"Tiffany is an outstanding team player, who always thinks of the student first. She wears many different hats throughout the day, but primarily takes care of the Pass program. This often involves many at risk students, and those often with broken home lives. She works hard to get students calmed, re-directed, reorganized, and back to class. She sees some of these students' multiple times during the day and never acts like it is a burden. She guides these students

with a firm hand, but listens to their concerns, and lets them know she is available at all times. She glows when she talks about former students, as many have graduated when they did not think it was possible. Her care does not stop there, she will lend a hand when needed in the lunchroom or hug a co-worker when they have had a hard day. I think Tiffany, otherwise known as "Big Tiff" would be an excellent nomination for this award."

Ingleside ISD requests that if anyone witnesses an employee who goes above and beyond and demonstrates actions or qualities that are worthy of celebrating, to tell their story and help the school department recognize them. The nomination form is located on our website under the 'About Us' section of the menu: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecMOld6074KPODH-HFen2QjVDyIm7QXawVo oimItJEiw6kTQ/viewform>.



Courtesy: Ingleside ISD



IOB Road Fix Still on Hold

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Residents along a portion of Woodhaven Dr. in Ingleside on the Bay, stretching from Post Oak to the curve at N. Sandpiper Dr. have complained of too much dust being generated by passing motorists since there's nothing there but dirt and gravel while the city waits for asphalt to be laid. So, for the past few weeks, Mayor Jo Ann Ehmann confirmed for the Index that these barricades have been put up as a deterrent to drivers who don't live on this section of the street, though it's not an actual blockade. San Patricio County is contracting to have the pavement delivered, but Ehmann acknowledged they're waiting for a date, just like the City of Ingleside that is also dependent on the county to finish several road projects there as well. County officials told IOB it would be more cost effective to have all the asphalt paving done at the same time, but there have been delays caused by supply issues. Woodhaven, at least this section of it, is the only street in IOB awaiting the infrastructure improvements, a cost the administration estimated would run at least \$100,000 to do.

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Out & About

Local Airport Hosts War Birds Fly-In This Fall

Next month, the Maxine Flournoy 3rd Coast Squadron Commemorative Air Force Museum at McCampbell-Porter Municipal Airport, Hangar 11, hosts a fly-in featuring vintage warbirds. The squadron arranged for the fundraiser event in collaboration with the Central Texas Wing of the C.A.F. based in San Marcos. Among the historic planes that will visit in November is a T-6, a single engine aircraft that was used during World War II to train pilots of the U.S. Army Air Forces. Also on display will be a BT-13, nicknamed the Valiant, also used in training for the Army Air Corps. And a Curtiss C-46 Commando, the largest of the planes, is a multi-engine transport. Also featured is a 1930's era Boeing Stearman biplane that was the principal training aircraft used by the U.S. Navy at their air station in Corpus Christi during World War II. All the visiting aircraft are due to arrive November 3rd, the first day reserved for media and press flights and tours. Saturday, November 4th and Sunday, the 5th are both open to public events including paid excursion flights. To learn more follow their Facebook page under '3rd Coast Squadron', or pre-order tickets at <https://thirdcoastcaf.org>. The museum's phone number is (361) 356-4918.

Mr. Kippy's Storytime Returns to Aransas Pass Library

Classes are underway for the 2023-2024 school year in Aransas Pass and that means Mr. Kippy's Storytime has resumed at the Ed & Hazel Richmond Public Library at 110 N. Lamont St. in Aransas Pass. The iconic San Patricio County Children's Librarian brings his wacky costumes and bag full of props to delight children of all ages every Tuesday at 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the library meeting room.

Battlin' BBQ Fundraiser Returns to Ingleside

Bring your appetites for some of the best grilled meats in Texas when the 'Battlin' BBQ' competition returns to N.O. Simmons Park in Ingleside, October 21st. Admission is free, and a portion of the proceeds helps support families of children battling cancer. Hours are noon to 10:00 p.m. This year, funds are earmarked to help the family of two-year-old Saraya Hernandez of Corpus Christi who is being treated for leukemia.

'Between the Covers' Book Club Invites You to Read Along

Ingleside's Public Library is actively encouraging readers to consider joining the 'Between the Covers' book club that meets once a month. Times and locations vary, based on the host. For more information call Judy at (361) 534-9096, or the library at (361) 776-5355.

Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce Hosts 'Trick or Treat' Market

Just days before Halloween the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce hosts a 'Trick or Treat Market' in the parking lot of its property at 130 W. Goodnight Ave., Saturday, October 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. "Join us for a fun day of Trick or Treating and Shopping! Fun for all ages. Visit our amazing vendors and shops of Dolphin Alley! Costumes encouraged!" the Chamber posted on Facebook.

Christmas in Aransas Pass Debuts After Thanksgiving

Another first for downtown Aransas Pass premieres the day after Thanksgiving, Saturday, November 25th. 'Christmas in Aransas Pass', organized by the Chamber of Commerce, runs from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. behind 130 W. Goodnight Ave. for a photo op with Santa, view a fully decorated Christmas display, enjoy food vendors and live music, culminating with a lighting up of downtown for the holiday season at 6:00 between 203 and 360 S. Commercial St.

Ingleside Churches Host Halloween Trunk or Treat

A combination of Ingleside houses of worship will host a Trunk or Treat event next to the Fellowship Hall of Ingleside Methodist Church Tuesday night, October 31st, from 5-7:30 p.m. Located at 2572 Church St. is collaborating with the congregations at Central Baptist and Bethany Baptist, as well as the local Girl Scout Troop to organize the event. A bounce house and other kid's activities are planned.

Aransas Pass Schedules Citywide Cleanup Saturday

Do your part and help keep Aransas Pass free of litter and blight. Saturday, October 21, the Department of Public Works has scheduled a citywide cleanup campaign from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., located at 520 W. Cleveland Blvd. "Grab your gloves," a Facebook post reads, encouraging volunteers to come out in force. "We need all hands-on deck to pick up large amounts of debris. We will have large roll-offs on the corner of N. Lamont and Cleveland Blvd. and DeBerry and Rife for residents to bring large bulk items. If you have a pickup truck, trailer, or just want to come and help," DPW officials welcomed any assistance, according to the social media notice. For more information contact Tito Villarreal at (361) 758-3111, ext. 3105. The city will allow residents to drop off bulky items, including household objects, but they will not accept brush or yard waste. No tires or commercial waste is permitted, either. Clean-Green Aransas Pass is organizing its group, too, asking volunteers to meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Chamber of Commerce parking lot at 130 W. Goodnight Ave. before they disperse.

Conn Brown Harbor Hosts 'Trunk-or-Treat'

Aransas Pass will once again host its 8th annual 'Trunk-or-Treat' event at Conn Brown Harbor Saturday, October 28th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Harbor Point Park. As a result, the boat ramps, Turnbough and Allen Boulevard will be shut down starting at 5:00 p.m.

Last Aransas Pass VFW Market Days for 2023 in December

Need some last-minute holiday gift-giving ideas? Your last chance to take advantage of the Aransas Pass VFW Market Days this year is the weekend of December 2-3, located inside Post 2932 at 620 W. Wheeler Ave. The event runs for both days from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and admission is free. Food trucks and merchants of all kinds will be on hand indoors and outdoors for shoppers to browse and buy.

Halloween Festival Fills Aransas Pass Civic Center

Ghosts, ghouls, and goblins are welcome to attend a Halloween Festival Monday night, October 30th from 5-8:00 p.m. inside the Aransas Pass Civic Center, 700 W. Wheeler Ave. "Come in your best costume and bring your best smile!" encouraged the Civic Center staff on Facebook. There will be a haunted house, games, candy, and concessions. There is a cost of admission. Learn more here: <https://www.facebook.com/APCivicCenter>

Faulk Elementary Hosts Fall Festival

Faulk Elementary, 902 W. Nelson Ave., Aransas Pass hosts its 'Fall Festival' October 26th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. The event includes a haunted hall, food, fun, and games. Organizers stress it's a cash only policy for any purchases.

Denim & Diamonds Event Benefits SPCA

Help support the San Patricio County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Sandra Sue Benson Animal Adoption Center by attending their annual 'Denim & Diamonds Casino Night' fundraiser Saturday, October 21 from 6-10:30 p.m. at the Aransas Pass Civic Center. For more information, call the SPCA in Aransas Pass at (361) 332-1445.

GJM in Ingleside Hosts Fall Festival

Ingleside's Gilbert J. Mircovich (GJM) Elementary at 2720 Bik Oak Ln. hosts their annual Fall Festival Saturday, October 28th from 5-7:30 p.m. There's a silent auction, costume contest, cake walk, hay rides, bounce houses, crafts, games, food trucks and more the school posted on Facebook.

Ingleside Outdoor Movie Series Will Give You a Fright

For its next outdoor movie screening at Live Oak Park the Ingleside Parks & Recreation Department has scheduled the frightful film, 'Halloweentown', for Saturday, October 21st starting at sundown. The 1998 film's plot is described this way by online sources, "When a young girl living with her secret witch mother learns she too is a witch, she must help her witch grandmother save Halloweentown from evil forces."

Halloween Hot Rod Horrors Coming to Ingleside

What's Halloween without a hearse, or two? Classic car enthusiasts are inviting the public to come see a special collection of 'creepy' vehicles being gathered for the Halloween Hot Rod Horrors: Trunk-or-Treat Car Meet Saturday, October 28th at the Sonic at 2250 Hwy. 361 in Ingleside from 6-9:00 pm. It's billed on Facebook as a family-friendly event.

IOB Prepares for Christmas Celebrations

In just a few more weeks it will be close to Christmas time once again. Ingleside on the Bay is already preparing. Their Parks & Recreation Committee has scheduled two events. December 1st is the lighting of City Park across from City Hall at 475 Starlight Dr., and December 9th is the peninsula community's annual Christmas golf cart parade. More details as they become available.

Halloween Parade Through Ingleside

Join the GFWC Fireside Juniors and the City of Ingleside Parks and Recreation Department for the annual Halloween Parade Tuesday, October 31st, starting at 6:00 p.m. It begins at the high school on Mustang Drive and ends at the skate facility at N.O. Simmons Park on Ave. J at Hwy. 361. Then, from 7-9:00 p.m. the Ingleside Police Department hosts a trunk-or-treat event at the park, and it's free.

IOB Schedules Annual Turkey Trot Run/Walk

A seasonal favorite just before Thanksgiving, Ingleside on the Bay's Parks & Recreation Committee has scheduled their annual Turkey Trot for Saturday, November 18th, starting at 9:00 a.m. from City Park across from City Hall at 475 Starlight Dr. There are two events, a three-mile walk/run, and a one-mile "fun run", organizers shared. Participants must pre-register and forms are available at City Hall, open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Each runner/walker gets a t-shirt and will enjoy snacks and prizes distributed at the end. The course starting line is at IOB Park and concludes at Sunset Hideaway in Bahia Marina.

Ingleside Library' After School Programs Underway

Ingleside ISD's Public Library at 2775 Waco St. has resumed their after-school programs. Every Tuesday from 3:45-5:00 p.m. children can join in arts and crafts activities. For ages five and under, the program takes place Fridays from 10-11:00 a.m., right after Mr. Kippy's Storytime. And Mr. Kippy, the iconic Children's Librarian for San Patricio County is back, dropping by the library with his wacky costumes and antics that have delighted generations. He visits Ingleside Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m., and Friday mornings from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

IOB Remembers U.S. Military Veterans

Ingleside on the Bay hosts its annual tribute to veterans who've served in the Armed Forces, planned for Saturday, November 11th, the traditional date set aside for national Veteran's Day activities. A ceremony will be held at City Park starting at 10:00 a.m., located directly across from City Hall at 475 Starlight Dr. Veterans who live in IOB are strongly encouraged to come to City Hall in advance to get placed on a list of all service members who will receive an honor. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

'One Page at a Time' Book Club Invites You to Read

If books are still a favorite pastime versus TV or video games, an Ingleside on the Bay group invites you to join them once a month and turn 'One Page at a Time'. The third Tuesday of each month the group meets at 612 N. Sandpiper in IOB. Remaining dates and authors this year include November 21st, 'Going Zero' by Michael McCarten; and, December 19th, 'The Wager' by David Grann. For more information, call Gelinda at (972) 463-0310, or the Ingleside Public Library at (361) 776-5355.

Light Up Live Oak Coming to Ingleside in December

A community favorite, Light Up Live Oak comes to Ingleside's Live Oak Park, Friday and Saturday, December 8-9. Now in its fourth year, the event is a collaboration between the Chamber of Commerce, city, police, and school departments. Thousands of lights adorn the park, its many trees,

buildings, and structures. The landscape is converted into a mini-Santa village, celebrating the Christmas holiday season and draws visitors from far and wide. Friday, December 8th, is the drive through portion from 6-9:00 p.m. Then Saturday, December 9th, a host of activities are planned to kick off at 9:00 a.m. More details coming soon.

Rialto Theatre Hosts Haunted Halloween Maze

A free 'Haunted Halloween Maze' is planned at the historic Rialto Theatre in downtown Aransas Pass, 327 S. Commercial St., October 27th. The event from 6-10:00 p.m. is also serving as a toy drive to assist local families for the upcoming Christmas holiday season. A \$3 donation is appreciated, but not required, the theater owners posted on Facebook. Another event that same evening includes a "lockdown" for the first 20 individuals who sign up. There is a fee to participate in a ghost hunt. For more details on that, call the Rialto at (361) 758-0383. On October 28th, the theater hosts a free 'Halloween High School Dance' for grades 9-12, from 6-10:00 p.m. A \$3 donation is appreciated, but not required, the owners stated.

Butterfly Release for Aransas Pass Random Acts of Kindness Day

Butterflies will be set free as part of the annual Random Acts of Kindness Day celebration in Aransas Pass, scheduled Monday, October 23rd at Newbury Park at 4:00 p.m. Each year the event is held in honor and the memory of Rudy Abrego, a former AEP utility executive and community activist from Aransas Pass whose wife is a current city councilman.

Pardi Gras Returns to Downtown Aransas Pass

Laissez les bons temps roule. Pardi Gras returns to downtown Aransas Pass February 10th next year, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. The event runs from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will feature live music, a gumbo cook-off, food trucks and a parade.

Panther Pawlooza Benefits APISD Booster Fund

Athletics is a big part of the history of the Aransas Pass ISD, and the Aransas Pass Athletic Booster Club hopes you'll support a major fundraiser they have scheduled this month, proceeds earmarked to assist the school department and student athletes afford what they need to be a success in whatever sport they pursue. The group is hosting their first 'Panther Pawlooza' 5K run at Conn Brown Harbor, Saturday, November 18th, starting at 8:00 a.m. You can learn more about it from a special Facebook page they created: <https://www.facebook.com/events/6355298757911962?ref=newsfeed>. You can also sign up to participate by following this link: <https://aransas-pass-panther-booster-club.square.site/?fbclid=IwAR33AdWsEHMrBW3kZDyHrwq39yeHLWkfGP510Vt0qzRR1RZuhmZAoNfjeyo>

Aransas Pass Church Hosts Fall Festival

The Saint Joseph Men's Club Family Fun Festival happens Saturday, October 28th from 1-3:00 p.m. at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Aransas Pass, 342 S. Rife St. The group will be sponsoring a day of fun for parish families and the community. There will be a pumpkin decorating contest and costume contest with prizes of Walmart Gift Cards of \$25 for 1st place, \$15 for 2nd place & \$10 for 3rd place. Other events and games will be available.

Aransas Pass Church Hosts Blood Drive

Roll up your sleeves and give the gift of life. St. Mary Star of the Sea Church at 342 S. Rife St. in Aransas Pass hosts a blood drive Sunday, October 29th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Appointments are recommended, walk-ins welcome. Call the Blood Center at (361) 855-4943 or go to their website at coastalbendbloodcenter.org. Donors will receive a T-shirt & Longhorn Steakhouse Coupon. While supplies last.

'Salsa Fest' a First for Downtown Aransas Pass

Two local business partners are planning a premiere event for downtown Aransas Pass on November 18th. 'Salsa Fest' debuts, running from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. along a section of S. Commercial St. (Hwy. 361) that will be closed to traffic between Goodnight and Yoakum. Vendors are being solicited. Organizers promise a family-friendly event to include bounce houses and face painting for children.

IOB Business Hosts Halloween 'Trunk or Treat'

Children from Ingleside on the Bay, or elsewhere, can enjoy some Halloween candy during the Sunset Hideaway's 'Trunk or Treat' event Saturday, October 28th starting at 5:30 p.m. The popular waterfront venue at 84 Bayshore Dr. is on the edge of Bahia Marina. The event includes a kid's costume contest at 6:30 p.m. Contact sunsethideaway@gmail.com or call (361) 238-4071 to learn more.

Faulk Elementary's 'Storybook Character Walk' Halloween Morning

It's become an annual tradition at Faulk Elementary at 902 W. Nelson Ave. in Aransas Pass and this year is no different. The annual 'Storybook Character Walk' starts at 8:45 a.m. and is a positive and fun-filled way for all the kids in the school to celebrate Halloween. Local businesses, civic groups, and public sector agencies like the Aransas Pass Police and Fire Departments will be represented, each with a table set up to distribute free candy and treats. Children come dressed as their favorite storybook characters, the goal of school administrators to encourage kids to read more and improve their literacy skills.

APHS Hosts 'Trunk or Treat' for Halloween

Aransas Pass High School hosts a 'Trunk or Treat' event just days before Halloween, Friday, October 27th from 7-9:00 p.m. The event will feature a haunted house, game booths, photo booths, food, truck or treat and much more, according to a flier posted on the school's Facebook page.

Toddler Time Ingleside Hosts Halloween Party

Ingleside's Parks & Recreation Department popular 'Toddler Time' program at the Humble Community Center hosts a Halloween-themed costume party for children Thursday, October 26th from 9-10:00 a.m., located at 2821 Main St. The event will include arts and crafts activities. "Spots are limited, and each child must be registered in order to participate. Click the link below to register your child at: inglesideparksandrec.ticketleap.com/toddler-time/," the city posted on Facebook.

INGLESIDE CITY HALL DAMAGED IN ACCIDENT, SUFFERS PARTIAL COLLAPSE

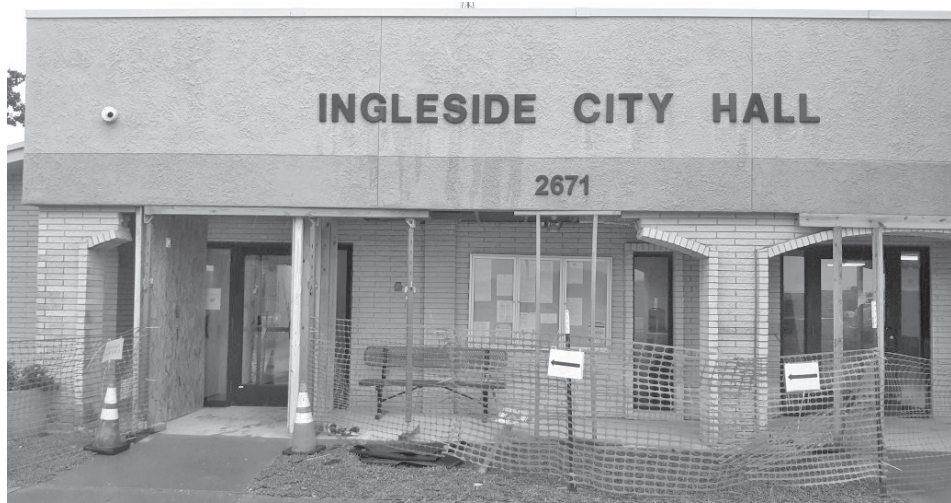
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city is busy picking up the pieces and fixing what's broken.

In the brief video clip, the city made available for the Index to view, the crash occurred within a split second. The camera angle from inside Council Chambers does not capture the actual impact but shows the ceiling of the eaves collapse. City officials expressed relief no one was inside or outside the building at the time, certain their injuries could have been substantial.

Access to the main entry door has resumed while restoration proceeds. The cost of the damage and repairs is still being appraised.

In the narrative, police indicate the 81-year-old Ingleside driver was behind the wheel of a white Ford Escape. She was, "wearing a boot on (ger) right foot when attempting to hit (the) brakes (but) hit the gas pedal instead," the police report noted. "(The) vehicle struck (a) handicap (parking) sign and brick pillars in front of (the) main doors causing them to collapse," the report continued.



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Viewed from the front you can see how a portion of the structural brick was obliterated by the impact. Wooden braces are in place to prevent further collapse.

Tree City, Here We Come

Ingleside's government administration has completed just about every prerequisite to submit a formal application to obtain status as a 'Tree City USA'. On Friday, November 3rd, recognized as Arbor Day in Texas, will also be celebrated here with an event at N.O. Simmons Park features the distribution of 175 one-gallon trees to the public, first come, first served. Organizers have not settled on a time of day, though.

Reviewed at the city council's

October 10th meeting, 25 Anacua, 25 Kidneywood, 50 Texas Ebony, 50 Live Oak, and 25 Wild Olive trees will be given away to the public while supplies last, hoping to encourage tree planting throughout the community.

No Shelf for Awards

All the hard work and dedication of the Ingleside Garden Club can be seen throughout many parts of the city, perhaps none more recognizable than the many improvements in place at the Welcome to Ingleside sign along Hwy. 361 that

greet motorists traveling eastbound from Gregory. Member Martha Habluetzel advised the city council they've also been honored with several other distinctions, none of which they can display in a permanent setting yet since the future of the Hildegard Schmidt Garden Center building on Mustang Dr. hasn't been resolved.

The existing structure had long been deemed uninhabitable following extensive damage caused by Hurricane Harvey in August 2017. Since it served as the Garden Club's home, the group

has held meetings inside the Humble Community Center. Ingleside has budgeted money to replace the old structure, and the Director of Infrastructure Services confirmed he is discussing costs with potential builders. But nothing has been finalized.

"It's a metal building," said City Manager Brenton Lewis, reviewing the plans for what will be replacing the existing facility, adding that the new construction will feature taller ceilings.

"We received a nice award at the chamber banquet for being best 501C 3, and we don't have a shelf to put it on," Habluetzel remarked, discussing the Ingleside Chamber of Commerce installation of officers and awards night event that occurred October 7th at the Aransas Pass Civic Center. "We don't have a garden center to put it (in)," she continued.

"We don't have a date when you're going to start working on the garden center (or) an expected date when it might be completed," said Habluetzel. "I know you're busy with other, more important issues. But we need a date," she expressed with visible frustration.

Keeping Citizens Up to Date:

"More people use the Internet (from their cell phone) today than people realize," remarked Councilman Steve Diehl, Place 5, reiterating a previous request he made to the administration to be more diligent posting updates to the Ingleside city website providing specific updates on municipal projects – like the Animal Control shelter. City Manager Brenton Lewis acknowledged the groundbreaking for a new facility on Fourth St. is still on hold while final construction design plans are being reviewed by an engineer for compliance regarding wind-storm damage. There's also no electricity hooked up to a mobile office trailer at the temporary site along Hwy. 361.

"Some of these (projects) have great public interest," he reminded the city manager, Diehl having expressed as an example from the last council meeting in September that citizens he encounters out and about are always asking him questions about city-funded developments – the animal shelter leading the way.

INGLESIDE AMMONIA PLANT PROPOSAL SET FOR A DAVID V. GOLIATH CHALLENGE

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topic Tuesday, October 10th inside the Humble Community Center.

Nye is one of many residents who attended the forum hosted by Enbridge Ingleside Energy Center (EIEC) to receive input from members of the public, answer questions, and address concerns related to their plans for expansion including construction of a proposed blue ammonia plant that will strip hydrogen from methane and reform it as fuel for transport on supertankers to foreign markets.

To achieve their objectives, Enbridge partnered with YaREN, an international manufacturer of fertilizer based in Norway whose mission is to "to feed the world and protect the planet" – a tall order by any measure. The name YaREN was chosen, a Norwegian word for "clean". But experts will advise there are many risks and deadly byproducts produced in making ammonia from the hydrogen in methane. However, the lead chemical engineer at YaREN with 33 years of experience operating ammonia plants around the world, described that "production of ammonia can be done safely."

Toxic gasses are byproducts of ammonia production, notably NOX emissions – a family of poisonous, highly reactive gasses formed when fuel is burned at high temperatures – and CO2 which must be captured and sequestered (isolated) to prevent release into the atmosphere. Enbridge claims it will be sequestered "somewhere in south Texas;" however, it is purported that a potential site is McCampbell field near the Ingleside airport. Pipelines that transport CO2 and injection wells can rupture and leak. When they do, they release an explosive plume of gas that can travel a mile or more depending on wind conditions. The process also requires electrical power, water, and heat.

Enbridge and Norwegian developers at the event were senior employees whose offices are in Houston and Wisconsin. They answered questions from the public with enthusiasm; however, most of them were unfamiliar with specifics related to local conditions such as the distance between the proposed facility and the nearest school. In this case, Ingleside Primary School is located 1.6 miles from the proposed plant. Live Oak Park is only one mile away.

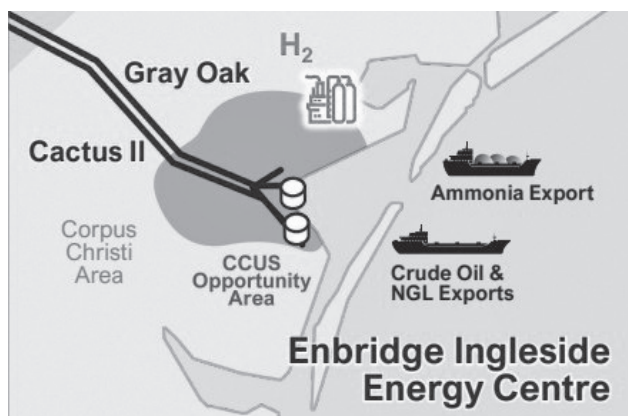
Enbridge—a publicly traded multinational company with headquarters in Canada—owns and operates pipelines in Canada and the United States. In September 2021, Enbridge acquired the MEIC (aka MODA) export terminal along with other assets for \$3 billion. Eight months later, they announced plans to expand—operations to include additional storage tanks, pipelines, and a \$3 billion ammonia plant. They also plan to build a second pier next door to the Brass Turtle which will double activity in the bay and raze up to 925 acres of Oak Motte habitat for a solar farm to produce electricity for the ERCOT grid to offset their carbon footprint and claim net-zero emissions.

According to Al Monaco, President, and CEO of Enbridge until his retirement last year, "market incentives, agricultural and transportation demands, and an ideal location near open water and the Port of Corpus Christi position Enbridge as one of the most competitive export facilities globally."

When asked about benefits accrued to residents, Enbridge company representatives proffered "tax revenue" and an estimated "60 good-paying jobs" when the project becomes operational—as soon as 2028, "plus a boost to the local economy through increased sales for local business and services." However, residents were not convinced that the tradeoff is fair compensation for the introduction of substantial risks to the health and long-



Courtesy: Desiree Beaudry
An Enbridge employee explains plans for tank expansion on the property in Ingleside.



Courtesy: EIEC
Enbridge outlined with graphics, like this one, where added docks would be built near the Brass Turtle in Ingleside on the Bay to increase export shipping.



Courtesy: Desiree Beaudry
Enbridge and their Norwegian partners in the proposed ammonia plant expansion fielded many questions.



Courtesy: Desiree Beaudry
An view of the energy export terminal formerly operated by MODA, purchased by Enbridge in 2021.



Courtesy: Desiree Beaudry
IOB residents came to oppose Project YaREN because it will double activity in the area and increase air, light, and noise pollution, which is already significant, residents stated.



Courtesy: Enbridge
Built in 2018, the Ingleside Energy Center is one of the largest exporters of crude oil in North America

gevity of the people and the character of the community. Residents of IOB already remarked that they reportedly suffer from rattling of windows at all hours of the night and the stench of diesel mixed with volatile organic carbon (VOC). Ingleside ISD rejected the company's request for a tax abatement because community members oppose the project. The key issue for many residents is one of trust. Can the public trust Enbridge to follow protocol, guarantee compliance, and maintain transparency by recording and reporting accurate information, especially with respect to emissions, leakage, and spills? The public is encouraged to submit feedback regarding Project YaREN via email at EIECCommHotline@enbridge.com.

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SPCA'S NEW LEADER HELPS STEER GROUP THROUGH CHALLENGES

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21st, is crucial to help rescue the chapter from a financial abyss. The event is happening at the Aransas Pass Civic Center, 700 W. Wheeler Ave. from 6-10:30 p.m. Tickets for admission can be purchased all the way up to and included at the venue.

Just 22 years old, Whitehead assumed the Director's role at the SPCA in April. Its building bears the name of one its biggest past contributors, the late philanthropist and animal lover, Sandra Sue Benson. With its sprawling campus at 4630 FM 1069, the shelter is capable of housing up to 45 pets at a time. But during a tour conducted for the Progress October 10th, Whitehead acknowledged that they were over capacity, listing 17 dogs and 30 cats as current tenants.

Raised in this part of the Coastal Bend, Whitehead graduated from Ingleside High School with the Class of 2019. Throughout her childhood her family never owned any pets, the apartments where they resided did not permit animals. But Megan had plenty of exposure to dogs and cats in the homes of friends and family she often visited, some that she bonded with over time. Like 'Sweet Pea', an aging white, toy poodle that belonged to an aunt and uncle. Whitehead laughed, having referred to the dog as 'Stinky' for the longest time until her relatives shared the pet's real name. Now, she commutes daily from a home in Flour Bluff filled with furry friends, including two cats she adopted from the SPCA where she works.

Assuming the leadership position of the SPCA, it's a homecoming for Whitehead who worked at the facility from January 2021 through June of last year as a kennel technician. When the previous Director stepped down and the opening became available, a member of the Board of Directors familiar with Megan reached out and invited her to apply. To say that she is both enthusiastic and excited about being in the role is an understatement.

There are numerous challenges in running a non-profit, helping to guarantee financial viability is at the top of the list. Still, Whitehead is not alone in facing such hurdles, expressing gratitude to the current board and the SPCA's league of volunteers that show their dedication to persevering in difficult times.

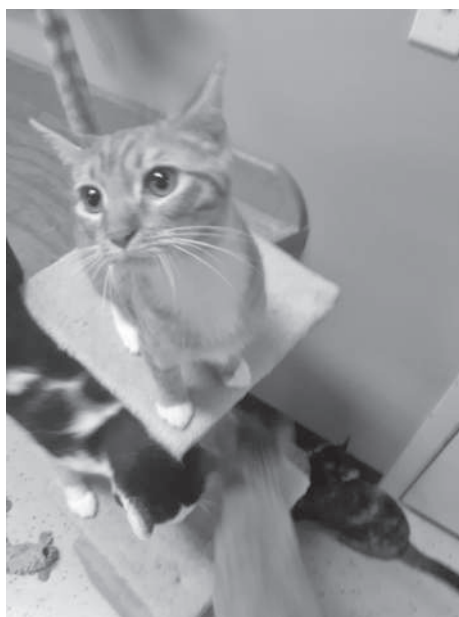
Outside included in a series of fenced kennels is 'Taco', a veteran service dog that provided its owner with emotional support up until he was transferred by his employer to a job in Qatar. When the pet had to be surrendered to the SPCA, since the animal could not come along to the Middle East, it was a very traumatic event, Whitehead recalled, the psychological pain lingering since 'Taco' has been up for adoption at least a year with no takers.

"He had no other choice," Whitehead said as she reviewed the circumstances leading to the pet's surrender.

"It breaks my heart to know that (Taco) was somebody's companion for so long," she remarked.

Though fenced, the dogs outside have plenty of room to roam, most likely missing human contact on a regular basis, their barking so loud it's almost deafening at times.

To reduce the dog's anxiety levels and to provide some



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socialization with people who are, for now, their temporary caretakers, Whitehead said staff will take each one on short trips away from the SPCA when opportunity permits.

"We'll take them to Starbucks to get a 'pup cup', or to Whataburger to get a hamburger," she revealed, each a very short distance.

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"It's the economy," explained Whitehead, discussing how inflation has put a squeeze on most everyone's income and that means the costs associated with owning and maintaining a pet falls into the category of an unnecessary expense. Ideally, the SPCA hopes to find adoptive homes for at least 10 pets a month. In September, only four were lucky enough to find new owners.

The San Patricio County chapter has also served to assist Ingleside Animal Control by fostering pets when their facility has reached capacity, though for now the neighboring city's shelter - still in a temporary location - appears to have enough available space. The SPCA, Whitehead shared, has occasionally assisted the City of Aransas Pass and their shelter needs, too, currently providing a temporary home for seven kittens the Harbor City's facility is unable to handle. Even Aransas County seeks the SPCA's help which the group gladly offers.

Inside the main building, juvenile and adult cats have their own playrooms. Some sit nestled on various levels of a cat tree, lazily watching their fellow felines meander and meow, while others have curled up into small cushioned beds, the origin of the famous 'cat nap'.

Another room is packed with pet food, surplus donated by Walmart just up the street, cited by Whitehead for their continuous generosity. The supply is made available to pet owners in need. No questions asked. Everything they hand out is donated anyways.

Given the current economic climate, Whitehead agreed the SPCA's adoption fees may be more than some potential owners are willing to pay. It's an issue she is reviewing with board members to determine their perspective.

To take home any of the dogs at the SPCA, the adoption fee is \$150 per animal, \$100 each for cats. In return,



Courtesy: Megan Whitehead

Frank Hodge (right), Megan's grandfather, was very supportive and always told his granddaughter to chase her dreams. They talked often, then a stroke robbed him of the ability to speak. He passed away last year at the age of 72.

the organization has made certain the pet is completely healthy, up to date on vaccinations, and is microchipped for easy identification should it get loose. All are spayed and neutered, too.

In time, Whitehead plans to attend college with a goal of becoming a history teacher. She'd like to work for her alma mater, Ingleside High School.

Megan had aspired to become a veterinarian, too, though she's long since abandoned that idea. October 3rd, she reached a pivotal milestone in life, marrying Jude Ray, 20. While her wife pursues her own degreed status, Whitehead has chosen to postpone her enrollment in higher education.

This is Whitehead's happy place; she will tell you, working with and around pets. Raised by a single mom - a "superhero" - in Megan's words, her late grandfather served as the male head of her family, inspiring and motivating Megan to chase her dreams. When Frank Hodge of Aransas Pass suffered a stroke in Megan's senior year in high school, she played an active role in assisting his wife and her grandmother, Susan, in his caretaking. In 2022, Frank passed away, the emotional toll of his loss and what he meant to Megan in her youth remains starkly obvious.

"He was always my support," Whitehead said, missing his encouraging words and influence. "He always told me to chase my dreams," she continued, the emotional strain of his disability compounded by the fact Frank had become unable to speak due to his stroke.

Beyond the revenues Whitehead is eagerly anticipating from the weekend fundraiser, an unexpected donation may also serve to

help reduce or eliminate a deficit. A longtime contributor and supporter of the SPCA, Carol Day of Aransas Pass, passed away leaving the non-profit the sole beneficiary in her will. Day's home will be sold, the profits turned over to the organization. Whitehead said it's been appraised at close to \$200,000. No sale information has been posted to the public, yet.

Raising public awareness that the SPCA exists in San Patricio County is another objective for Megan, revealing that she's assumed the helm the group has bolstered its social media exposure, adding Instagram and TikTok to its portfolio, along with Facebook. But getting



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One room at the SPCA, located at 4630 FM 1069 in Aransas Pass holds extra pet food in case someone from the community is having trouble affording or obtaining supplies. Walmart, located just up the street, has been a major benefactor, Whitehead praised the retailer for their consistent donations.



Courtesy: Megan Whitehead

Megan met and married Jude Ray, 20 (right) October 3rd. The couple plan to relocate from Floury Bluff and settle in Aransas Pass.

mainstream media on a much broader scale to recognize their existence remains a stumbling block.

"We've been trying to figure out how to get our community to know that we're here," she said.

Support does come from regular sources, she emphasized, like the Chambers of Commerce in Aransas Pass and Ingleside, doing their best to promote awareness through their existing channels and contacts.

Editor's note: To volunteer with the SPCA, visit their offices in person to complete an application. They are open seven days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Donations are welcome and the SPCA accepts cash, check, or credit cards. Checks must be made payable to the 'SPCA - San Patricio County' and sent to P.O. Box 1693. Aransas Pass, TX 78335. You can also call the office at (361) 332-1445.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA SEEKS SUPPORT FOR ARANSAS PASS/INGLESIDE GRAVESITES

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16th, Wreaths Across America will be recognized in Aransas Pass and Ingleside once again, the work of a small but dedicated group, the GFWC Woman's Monday Club of the Coastal Bend. Organizers Irene Irey and Marsha Wellman whose husbands both served in the Armed Forces have a very personal and emotional connection to the campaign, one they agree would not be a success without the generosity and kindness of donors who each year have committed funds to pay for each wreath that is laid on the gravesite of a military veteran buried in our community.

Among the headstones that will be adorned is the final resting place of Raymond L. Culberth who served in World War II as a Private in the U.S. Army. Born in October 1919, he was interred in the historic

Prairie View Community Cemetery in Aransas Pass in February 2001. Culberth is just one of hundreds of service veterans buried here, some that date back to the Civil War.

Like 2022, the Women's Club seeks volunteers who will join in the laborious process of traveling to three cemeteries to lay wreaths that December weekend, including at the San Antonio De Padua Cemetery in Aransas Pass, and at the San Ignacio Cemetery in Ingleside. More than 600 wreaths were laid out last year, this time the group's ambitious goal is more than 700. Each comes with a price tag, \$17.00 a piece, a cost both Irey and Wellman believe is more than affordable when you consider the level of honor and respect they represent.

December 16th, wreath laying begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. The event includes a brief ceremony in-

cluding area dignitaries. "Fresh evergreen limbs are harvested every year and made into these wreaths," the non-profit organization behind the annual campaign shared in a press release.

"Evergreens stand for longevity and endurance, forest scent for purity and simplicity, and the red bow is for great sacrifice and the circular shape for eternity," the statement described the symbolism involved.

Contributions are accepted now through November 28th and all wreaths must be prepaid by that deadline.

Editor's note: Wreaths can be ordered and paid for online, or by sending cash or checks to: Woman's Monday Club, Wreaths Across America, P.O. Box 465, Aransas Pass, TX 78336. If you have questions, or would simply like to sign up to volunteer, contact Marsha Wellman, (361) 790-6909.



Courtesy: Martha Habluetzel

Inmates Help Cleanup Ingleside

A day before the more extensive 'Cleanup Ingleside' litter sweep planned October 14th, inmates from the San Patricio County Jail provided a work detail to do some early trash removal Friday, October 13th at a storm drain that runs parallel with Hwy. 361. The men, dressed in their black-and-white striped prisoner outfits, picked up debris that was blocking some of the drain's inlets, reducing the risk of flooding from another heavy rain. Volunteers also worked nearby, canvassing a grassy area removing litter along the way.

They found balloon pieces, candy wrappers, fast food wrappers, condiment packages, paper and styrofoam cups, water bottles and caps, clothing, and cigarette butts. "In order to have a cleaner Ingleside, people need to:

- 1) be responsible and not litter. If a balloon pops, all pieces need to be picked up. If the wind blows something off a table, go get it.
- 2) clean up public facilities, to a condition cleaner than we used them.
- 3) dispose of cigarette butts into an acceptable container.

4) take trash bags with us to parks and public facilities, so that we can dispose of our unwanted items properly.

5) take a friend and pick up litter in a park or, on a right-of-way.

6) recycle items whenever possible. Ingleside has a recycling center; see <https://tx-ingleside.civicplus.com/403/Recycling-Center>," urged Habluetzel.

"The use of trustees from the San Patricio jail has been very beneficial," Habluetzel shared via email with the Index.



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Ingleside Introduces 'Flags of Freedom' Campaign

In what could be a new tradition for the City of Ingleside, the Parks and Recreation Department is launching a 'Flags of Freedom' campaign, introducing the concept on its Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/InglesideParksandRec> From November 9-13th, the city hopes to line a portion of Hwy. 361 in front of the vast expanse of N.O. Simmons Parks with the red, white, and blue. "Do

you have a hero in your life? Honor them with a Freedom Flag. The City of Ingleside Parks and Recreation is excited to bring something new this Veterans Day! Stop by the Humble Youth Center to fill out a sponsorship form today!" the department urged. There is a fee to sponsor the flags, with a deadline to reserve yours by November 3rd. For more information call (361) 776-3438.

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Chamber Campaign Benefits Ingleside Food Bank

Now through November 10th the Ingleside Chamber of Commerce is encouraging donations of non-perishable items being collected to supply the Ingleside Methodist Church food bank, the only such ongoing and available resource in the community. Items can be brought to the Chamber office at 2809 Main St. the food bank will use to

prepare for distribution to needy families this Thanksgiving holiday. "Let's share and care", the Chamber's poster for the food drive reads on their Facebook page. Needed items include stuffing mix, canned vegetables, instant potatoes, cranberry sauce, package gravy, and canned sweet potato. For more information call (361) 776-2906.

DPS Reminds Texans About Dangers of Fentanyl

This October marks the first ever Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month in Texas as established by Governor Greg Abbott earlier this year. To help the state continue its fight against this dangerous and deadly drug, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is increasing its public awareness campaign and reminding Texans to act now in order to help save lives.

"We thank the Governor for his leadership on this issue and for making Texas a leader in this fight," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Fentanyl continues to be one of the biggest threats facing Texans of all ages as it flows across our southern border and into cities and towns across this country. We are losing too many innocent lives, and we must continue to do everything we can not only to stop it from entering the United States, but also to educate our children, our parents, our teachers - everyone in our communities about how dangerous this drug is to every single American."

Fentanyl makes its way into our communities as a consequence of an unsecured southern border. In March 2021, at the direction of Governor Abbott, DPS launched Operation Lone Star (OLS) to secure the border and stop the smuggling of drugs and people into Texas; and prevent, detect and interdict transnational criminal activity be-

tween ports of entry. Since OLS began, DPS has seized over 431 million lethal doses of fentanyl across the state.

To help increase awareness, during the month of October DPS will launch a series of social media videos geared at educating Texans about the dangers of fentanyl and directing them to available resources through the One Pill Kills campaign. Governor Abbott launched One Pill Kills in 2022, to educate Texans on how to prevent, recognize and reverse fentanyl poisonings.

The department's Safety Education team is also offering specialized programming to schools, churches, community groups and other organizations that would like to learn more about the statewide One Pill Kills campaign and the dangers of fentanyl. This presentation can be tailored for a variety of audiences and age groups and is available free of charge.

DPS continues with other awareness efforts which began as part of the multi-pronged One Pill Kills campaign, including public service announcements which air in the waiting areas of more than 180 driver license offices across the state, educational signage in more than 350 public facing DPS buildings statewide and a dedicated webpage housing resources and information about the campaign. Visit www.dps.texas.gov/onepillkills to learn more.

Girl Scouts Act of Kindness Benefits Local Food Pantry

An Ingleside on the Bay business is collaborating with the Girl Scouts of

Ingleside and Aransas Pass to help a local food pantry stock its shelves in time for Thanksgiving demand. The annual dessert drive seeks non-perishable boxed and packaged treats or mixes that will be donated to the Ingleside Methodist Church Food Bank. The October 'Act of Kindness' campaign runs now through November 14th with the goal of collecting 150 boxes of desserts. Each will be given to local families in need to accompany their Thanksgiving meal. Boxed cake mixes, icing, and packages of cookies are all examples of what the Girl Scouts are hoping the public will give. The drop off is inside McV's Convenience Store at 1297 Main St. in IOB.

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Ingleside Home a Frightful Sight for Halloween



Ingleside Index
Drive down the 2600 block of Ave. C in Ingleside, just off Fourth St., and you'll come across this astonishing sight, a home decked out for Halloween that relishes the horror – if not comical side of the holiday. A sign reads, bodies buried for \$5, \$10 if you want them buried deep. The owners posted on social media it's more enjoyable to drive by at night when the display is all lit up.



Halloween on Humble: Ingleside House a Real Spook-tacular

Ingleside Index
They're back, and creepier than ever! Steve Cannon and Robert Schwebel, owners of Lone Star Lumber and Hardware on W. Main St. in Ingleside have decked out their private home as a Halloween show piece and invite the public to come see for themselves. The pair, who live at 2638 Humble St. in Ingleside have spent thousands of dollars on a high-tech digital light display, a big attraction that has become a seasonal event in their neighborhood, one that will be updated in time for a Christmas theme, next. But for now, until Halloween, October 31st, you can drive by or walk by the house and see this amazing show that is synchronized to music and other sound effects, all that can be heard by tuning a radio to 98.1 FM. Monday through Thursday, the display runs from 7-11:00 p.m., and Friday through Sunday, 7:00 p.m. to midnight.





PORT CORPUS CHRISTI

Community Conversation San Patricio Public Safety Center Update

The Port of Corpus Christi will host a Community Conversation to inform local residents, officials, businesses and the general public about efforts to implement a Security Port PD substation along the La Quinta Channel. This will enhance both Port Security and Law Enforcement (LE) presence.

Join us to learn more about this project.

RSVP Requested

Wednesday, October 18, 2023
5:30PM-7:00PM
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Spook Louder: Best Ingleside Home for October Needs to be 'Ghastly'

Usually, each month the City of Ingleside's Code Enforcement Office recognizes the most beautiful residential property they can find – or that's nominated by the public – to receive an award. This month, they're searching for the spookiest. "We are changing-up the yard of the month competition for the month of October!" staff posted on their Facebook page. "This month we will begin taking yard nominations based on Halloween decorations! We will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for October!" the post continued, adding nominations will be considered through Oct 20th. "Please email us your nominations at codeenforcement@inglesidex.gov, or give us a call at (361) 776-2531!" the office requested.

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