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SHOUT OUTS

Sweeny educators made an impact

Editor's note: Clara Johnson welcomes contributors to her weekly Shout Outs column. Send yours to bliving@thefacts.com.

Shouts of love and congratulatory blessings to a trio of distinguished educators and the Sweeny ISD 2022 Walk of Honor inductees — Douglass Reid, Shirley Ford and Margaret (Peggy) Ellis.

Each of our devout and dedicated honorees placed God as a priority in their lives and looked to Him to guide and direct their footsteps. They devoted their time, talents, and treasures to sports, music, language and arts and reading.

Douglas Reid, Shirley Ford (both deceased), and Margaret Ellis knew the difference between God's plan and their own. They knew never to give up when it is God's plan and to keep on pushing.

They developed the tenacity to keep going. Society says, "self-preservation" is the first law of nature, but to each of them, "self-denial" was the first law of grace. They showered their families, churches, schools, students, communities and our world with their gifts of grace to flood our universe with spectacular joy, to signify that when we do God's work, He gives us a heart for giving.

Our prayer is that the labor and love produced by our distinguished educators will forever be etched in our minds as a monument that ages cannot destroy nor time erase.

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due when it is in your power to act." Proverbs 3:27



Shouts of extreme love and congratulations to a 1966 graduate of Hillard High School, a 2021 recipient of the Prairie View Sports Hall of Fame, the 2021 Bay City Athletic Hall of Fame, the 2022 inductee of the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame, and an amazing man of faith-Ronnie Ford.

Ronnie excelled in football, basketball, track and field and was the recipient of five gold medals in one sport. He is now listed alongside other renowned professional sports figures of his time and he gives all the credit to God for granting him unspeakable talents and for his persevering spirit. God does not just give us resources for our own enjoyment, but to have influence in the world

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The Bachmann Emmet Kelly circus train set is part of the Peyton Wilbanks collection. It was on display at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum.

Training grounds

Model rail lovers making tracks to Lake Jackson museum

By **AVERY WHITE**
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The Lake Jackson Historical Museum mixes the interests of past historical figures and present residents of Lake Jackson in their new pop up exhibit in downtown.

The museum features exhibits about the history and life of Alden B. Dow and how Lake Jackson came to be the way it is today under his advice. This temporary exhibit will help show another side of this pinnacle member of Lake Jackson as well as highlight the history of other members of the city.

"On the Same Track: Enchanted by Model Trains" features the history of model trains in connection to Lake Jackson's designer as well as pieces from a local train hobbyists collection.

"This was inspired by a community member named Jeffery Laver who is a model train hobbyist. It's something he kind of liked as a kid and then found his way back to as an adult," Lake Jackson Historical Association Executive Director Lindsay Scovil said. "Model trains were also a hobby of Alden B. Dow, the designer of Lake Jackson as well, so it was a really neat way to tie together Dow's hobbies with current people's hobbies."

This exhibit goes into detail about the history and design behind the hobby with examples of vintage trains donated from Laver and his grandson's personal collections.

"What we have in the exhibit is a



JEREMY HILL/The Facts

This pristine train model 1600 is on display as part of the "On the Same Track" exhibit at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum.



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These Timken "O" scale trains are a reminder of Jeffrey Laver's father, who worked for Timken Roller Bearing from 1939 to 1969. This along with other model trains are part of the "On the Same Track" exhibit at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum.

wonderful timeline on the history of model railroading. If you know much about model railroading, there's all different sizes and kinds, and so we have more details on what's HO scale, what's G scale, and all of those details," Scovil said. "We also have a number of pieces from Jeff Laver's personal collection, so we have some beautiful examples of historic vintage model trains. We also have some pieces that were loaned to us from his grandson who has taken on his grandfather's interest in model railroading."

This exhibit has gained some popularity in the community since it was opened in the museum, many people visiting because of their interest in or love for model trains, revealing the widespread popularity of

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Great dentists make it easy to wake up in the morning

Well, I have to be one of the dullest people on the planet. I can't think of anything interesting that has happened since the last time you read me!

Oh, I did get up in the dark to make my 8 a.m. dentist appointment.

For me that's a very hard thing to do. I told Dr. Bell if God had meant for people to get up in the dark he wouldn't have created a sunrise! And yes, you are going to hear this again.

Dr. Brian Bell has to be the bestest dentist ever. I know I have told you this about him many times before, but he is



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absolutely an artisan at what he does. I am so happy he is young!

So as long as I'm around he will be there for me! And like I've said before, between Dr. Bell and Dr. Richard Fugler, they are truly the Dream Team. Trust me! If you need some quality dental care I can't recommend these two guys enough!

That's not to say there are not other good dentists, but these two I can highly recommend to you because I know the quality of their work-not only their work, but they care! They both go above and beyond to take good care of you!

Now that we have your dental care taken of you can eat some of these recipes that I am going to print for you!



Becky sent in this recipe for you. First of all you have to know that if Becky sent it is going to be delicious. Secondly, it has lemon in it! That's a win,

win combo!

LEMONY ANGEL FOOD CAKE INGREDIENTS FOR THE CAKE

1 cup sifted cake flour, (not self-rising)

1-1/2 cups sugar

12 large egg whites

2 tablespoons finely grated lemon zest

1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice (from 2 lemons)

1 teaspoon cream of tartar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/4 teaspoon salt

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Jeffrey Laver's great-grandfather, John Laver, worked as a painter for Pennsylvania Railroad. This is one of the brushes he used for his work. This and other train-related exhibits are on display at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum.

Train

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trains in the community.

"This one is a really fun one," Scovil said. "What's really going to draw people to it is that we all either love trains or love someone who loves trains. So I think that kind of the love of this one is going to come from people telling other people about it. When people have come in, they're really enjoying it. The kids especially, they are really loving seeing it."

The museum works hard to present the history of the area in a way for everyone to enjoy and this exhibit seems to be no exception to that, presenting the history of a hobby many people or their family members enjoy.

"I think it's just a moment of nostalgia for so many people to come in and see these trains and read more about them and just remember either their love or a family member's love for trains," Scovil said. "It's just a beautiful nostalgic moment to be able to come and see these pieces."

The exhibit is expected to be in the museum for about a year. The museum, at 249 Circle Way, is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free.

Shouts

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around us. You utilized your God-given talents and persevere to your highest potential, leaving a remarkable legacy for your sons, grandchildren and for all to witness. Our sincere prayer is that you will continue to be blessed beyond measure.

"On the journey, God will...save and protect you. Lead and direct your steps. Give wisdom. Fill you with hope. Strengthen with power. Bless you with good things. Be faithful to the end." Jeremiah 29:11

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Shouts of love and birthday blessings to a praise and prayer-filled man of God overflowing with Godly integrity-Pastor Darrell James.

Pastor James is God's chosen vessel of honor at the Jerusalem Baptist Church.

Pastor James is fruitful in every area of his life because he remains in Christ and he strives to follow Christ's commands and the Holy Spirit is evident in his life. His character exhibits the fruit of the spirit.

They include love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, meekness, long-suffering, faith and temperance. (Galatians 5:22-23.) Pastor James shares the gospel with others and encourages all to study God's word. Moreover, he does his best to be a Christian role model and helps his family, congregation and everyone around him to do the same.

May God forever enlarge your territory as you strengthen lives, bear much fruit and bring glory to God.

"I will sing the Lord's praise, for He has been good to me." Psalm 13:6

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Shouts of overwhelming affection and birthday blessings to a fashion icon, gentle-spirited and a "Divinely Inspired with a Victorious Attitude" (DIVA) woman of Christ-Willie Stein Dews.

Willie Stein is the graceful First Lady of the St. Paul Baptist Church

where she shares in ministry with her husband-Pastor L. C. Dews. The day God created you, He made the absolute best gift He could have given the world.

You are always thoughtful, kind and so very inspiring. With your bright and sunny smile, you have brought so much happiness, laughter and wisdom into our lives.

Your life is a living testimony that when we focus on being a blessing, God makes sure that we are always blessed in abundance. Our prayer is that God above will continue to embrace you with His holy love.

"Blessed is a woman of seasoned prayer, generous spirit and overflowing love-for she shall be called a woman of faith." Timothy 2:22

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Shouts of love and birthday well wishes to a Dow retiree and a blessed and highly favored man of God-Joel Scott.

Joel is a fervent and faithful member of the Zion Temple AME Church and Pastor Mark Jackson is the anointed shepherd of the house. You are another year older and wiser and you stand before us a shining star. You are a chosen vessel of God who knows the difference between actions and words, and you always make certain that your thoughts, words and deeds align with God's word.

Your experience and knowledge have paved the way for so many of us.

"My wish for you is that you continue. Continue to be who and how you are, to astonish a mean world with your acts of kindness. Continue to allow humor to lighten the burden of your tender heart."-Maya Angelou.

Our prayer is that God will continue to be your shield and guide and that He will grant you many more happy and prosperous birthdays.

"Each day the Lord pours His unfailing love upon me." Psalm 42:8

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Gin

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FOR THE LEMON CREAM:

1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon cake flour (not self-rising)
1/4 teaspoon salt
1-1/2 cups heavy cream, chilled
1 tablespoon finely grated lemon zest.

DIRECTIONS

MAKE THE CAKE: Preheat the oven to 325 degrees, with rack in lower third of oven. Sift flour and 1/2 cup sugar into a bowl.

Whisk whites with a mixer on medium speed until frothy, about 1 minute. Add lemon zest and juice, cream of tartar, vanilla, and salt; continue whisking until soft peaks form, about 2-1/2 minutes. With mixer running, gradually add remaining cup sugar.

Increase speed to medium-high; continue whisking until firm, not stiff, peaks form, about 7 minutes. Sprinkle whites with 1/3 of the flour-sugar mixture. Using a rubber spatula, gently fold to combine. Sprinkle remaining flour-sugar mixture over whites in 2 additions; gently fold to combine.

Transfer batter to a 10-inch angel food cake pan with legs. Gently run a knife through the center of the batter to remove any air bubbles. Bake until a tester inserted into center comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes.

Remove pan from oven, and invert onto its cooling legs (if your tube pan doesn't have legs, invert it over the neck of a wine, or similarly shaped, bottle to cool); let cool, 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Run

a knife around the inner and outer edges of cake to remove. Invert onto a serving platter. Use a knife to separate cake from bottom of pan). Let cool on a wire rack.

MAKE THE LEMON CREAM:

Prepare an ice-water bath. Whisk lemon juice, sugar, flour, and salt in a small saucepan over medium-high heat.

Bring to a boil; whisk constantly for 1 minute, until it thickens. Transfer to a heat-proof bowl set in ice-water bath to cool completely, stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, whisk cream and lemon zest with a mixer on medium speed until medium peaks form, about 3 minutes. Gently fold whipped cream into juice mixture in thirds. Refrigerate lemon cream, up to overnight.

When I did bake cake in a tube pan I didn't have one with legs, so I would put it over any bottle that I had in the cabinet that the hole in the pan would fit over. So if you don't have a spare bottle of wine laying around the house, you can use any old bottle...like Worcestershire.

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Becky's on a roll, so let's have some more of her recipes. Remember this is a woman who cooks for the immediate world.

Hi Gin, My most favorite meal of ALL is chicken or veal Piccata. It's really pretty simple but so delicious and flavorful. Of course you can make it with veal which is the original Italian version but you can also use pounded pork loin.

I once ordered veal Piccata at one of the chain restaurants and what I received

was chicken Piccata. I knew it was, but I ate it. The table next to me ordered the same dish and when it was received, the customer called the waiter back and said this in not veal. My husband and I looked at each other and smiled. They assumed most people would not know the difference. I hate it when companies treat customers like they're stupid...sort of like congress is doing right now. (Becky, lets include not just congress, but the whole shebang in Washington D.C.).

I'm thinking you've probably had this dish before, but if not, remember restaurants are doing takeout! (Oh, I do know about take outs. Remember, I don't acknowledge I have a stove).

LEMON CHICKEN PICCATA INGREDIENTS

3 large skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into 1/2 -inch medallions, salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons vegetable oil, or as needed
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup low sodium chicken broth

1/2 lemon, thinly sliced
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons capers,drained and rinsed
3 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons minced Italian (flat-leaf) parsley.

Directions: Preheat oven to 200 degrees. Place a serving platter into the oven to warm.

Season the chicken breast pieces with salt and pepper and dredge them in flour. Shake off excess flour.

Heat the vegetable oil in a skillet; pan-fry the chicken pieces until golden brown on both sides, about 3 minutes

per side. Work in batches and do not crowd skillet, adding oil as needed. Place the chicken pieces onto the warmed platter in the oven.

When finished with all the chicken, drain most of the oil from the skillet, leaving a thin coating on the surface of the pan.

Cook and stir the minced garlic in the skillet until fragrant, about 20 seconds. Pour in the chicken broth. Scrape and dissolve any brown bits from the bottom of the skillet.

Stir in the lemon slices and bring the mixture to a boil. Let book, stirring occasionally, until the sauce reduces to about 2/3 cup, 5 to 8 minutes.

Add the lemon juice and caper; simmer until the sauce is reduced and slightly thickened, about 5 minutes more. Drop the butter into the skillet and swirl it into the sauce by tilting the skillet until the butter is melted and incorporated. Add the parsley; remove from heat and set aside.

Arrange the chicken medallions on serving plates and spoon sauce over each portion to serve.

Yes, I have had that dish before and it is delicious. But, believe it or not I have made it at home once upon a time. Easy and delicious! Thank you so much for the recipes!

Okay, I'm outta here gotta go get dressed and go dancing to the beautiful music of Debbie and Lowell!! Stay well and laugh a lot. If you came to the Legion Hall in Angleton you would laugh a lot!

If you have recipes or tips to share, or a request, send to Conversations with Gin, P.O. Box 334, Clute, TX 77531 or virgin-iacrawford30@yahoo.com.

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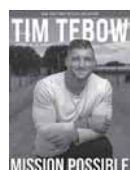


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