



CLARA  
JOHNSON  
SHOUT OUTS

## Thanks to all who served in uniform

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

Shouts of eternal love and appreciation to VFW Post 8551 Commander Glenn James, acting Chaplain Al Lindley, Jerry Williamson and Samuel Polk; to Madison-Ringo Post 503's Dave Thompson and Sergeant-at-arms Sands Weems; and to all of Brazoria County's courageous veterans and participants of our Memorial Day celebrations.

High notes of love and gratitude also to the Angleton High School JROTC Color Guard and to Phillip Brod for his labor of love in placing memorial flags for our deceased veterans.

Your kind deeds of love will be forever cherished, and be the labor great or small, we thank you one and all. As we celebrate the memory of the brave servicemen and servicewomen whose names are engraved on honor's bright crest, we declare that a true "hero" or "shero" isn't measured by the size of their strength, but by the strength of their heart. Love and prayers to each of you. "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

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Shouts of love and birthday blessings to a prestigious military veteran and a man of great honor who loves God with all his heart, Robert Randon.

Robert is an innovative congregant of the Galilee Baptist Church, and Elder Booker T. Randon is God's anointed pastor. Robert is also an octogenarian who does not let any grass grow under his feet, for he busies himself in his church, serving in numerous capacities. He is also actively involved in community affairs at Mims Community Center, Brazoria Men and Women

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**Aprons of all types sit on display at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum on Friday. The aprons are part of the exhibit titled "Apron Strings: Ties to the Past", and will have a satellite display at the Lake Jackson Library.**



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**Lake Jackson Historical Museum Executive Director David Thomas wears one of his personal aprons as he introduces the newest exhibit, "Apron Strings: Ties to the Past" at the museum on Friday.**



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**Decorative aprons in the exhibit "Apron Strings: Ties to the Past" are displayed Friday at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum.**



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**An embroidered apron from the 1920s to the 1940s is displayed Friday at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum.**

## Strings Section

Lake Jackson exhibit elicits nostalgia about bygone traditions, era

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LAKE JACKSON

**A**pron enthusiasts will have their passion covered by Lake Jackson Historical Museum's new exhibit.

Containing 51 aprons from the late 1930s to present, the free exhibit, "Apron Strings: Ties to the Past," represents assorted time periods and styles, each having different uses. "Throughout time the aprons will tell you about, and how they are sorted is, a change in women's role in the workforce," museum Executive Director David Thomas said. "Some of the aprons are more utilitarian to protect clothing, others are more for ornamentation."

The museum received 45 visitors on opening day for the exhibit, which is rented from ExhibitsUSA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance with Texas Commission of the Arts and The National

**"I think about my grandmother, who wore an apron pretty much every day while she was working in the kitchen and around the house."**

— David Thomas, Lake Jackson Historical Museum executive director

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## Best remedy for oppressive Texas heat is cool, cool water

**A**sk this every year ... is it hot enough for you? And I know you will answer with something like, "Yes, you dumb-bell, it is!" And I'm not even offended. It is a stupid question to ask.

The thing with me is, I have this problem that prevents me from doing any work outside, because when I get really hot I melt. Yep, I'm that sweet! So I have to stay in the house as much as possible.

So why am I getting a pool, you ask? Well, because for starters, I'm a little loco, and if any other reasons are needed I want one. And then there is this...



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won't melt in a pool of cool, cool water. Anybody out there remember the song "Cool, Cool Water?" No? I don't either.

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OK, you got cheated last Sunday and didn't get any recipes, so I have to print some for you on Wednesdays. So pucker up and let's get started.

This is food-related, but not

a recipe. I just had my dinner, and it consisted of barbecue from Lone Star BBQ on Business 288. So dad or mom, if you want to be popular at home and you are traveling down Business 288 — or even if you are not — stop in and pick up dinner. I'm telling ya, it is delicious. And as a bonus, they have by the cash register homemade chocolate cake (and I can vouch for it ... and you know how I can do that!) and banana pudding. I love their sausage, their potato salad and the beans. Their sauce is to die for.

One thing about this part of the county — we are blessed

with some good barbecue. Nice folks, too. They will really appreciate you.

I can't help but mention this. If you are a cooker of delicious barbecue and you have the knack for making a really good sauce and owning a food business has always been your dream (you need to be committed to the funny farm), you need to relocate to Alaska. They do not have any barbecue restaurants. Not that I know of, anyway. You could make a killing and share the money with me. After all, I'm the one who turned you on to a good thing.

When I used to go and stay

two months at a time, I missed my Texas barbecue. I tell you, it's not natural that you can't barbecue in Anchorage that I know of. After all, most of the people you meet up there are from Texas. In the meantime, stop by Lone Star. You'll love it.

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I bet the kids could have a good time making these. Anything with the name "Campfire" sounds like fun. (That is if you are a kid, or a kid at heart.) I camped one time in my life, and that at the sand

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**A plastic apron is one of many on display as part of the traveling exhibit, "Apron Strings: Ties to the Past" at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum on Friday. Several different types of aprons are part of the display, some decorative, some more functional.**

## Aprons

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Endowment for the Arts, museum curator Angela Villarreal said. It can be seen from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday until Aug. 11.

Evoking memories while visitors are walking through the exhibit is one of the reasons museum leaders chose it.

"I think about my grandmother, who wore an apron pretty much every day while she was working in the kitchen and around the house," Thomas said.

They also want people to be able to see history and access it this way.

"You can talk about the changing roles of women in the workforce, but the reality is that it's a personalized

entry point to study in and learn about history," Thomas said.

Certain ways of making aprons could be seen in the time at which they were made. When women had more time or a certain social status, their aprons were embellished, Thomas said. Other women had to make their own aprons.

There are interactive components connected to the display. People can decorate a drawing of an apron using coloring supplies and stickers. Since those on display cannot be touched or tried on, there are five aprons in a box of props visitors can use for picture-taking.

Along with this, the museum has a small component on display at the Lake Jackson Library nearby, Thomas said.

"We often work with the

Lake Jackson Library as they are conveniently located right across the street from the museum," Villarreal said. "It's mutually beneficial for both organizations."

Wine Revue also is participating in a contest connected to the display. People can take a picture of themselves or a relative wearing a festive apron and submit it to [marketing@ljhistory.org](mailto:marketing@ljhistory.org) by June 30 for a chance to win a complimentary wine-tasting for four.

To help with exhibits, the museum relies on volunteers to keep it running. Anyone who would be interested in volunteering or learn more about the exhibit, visit [www.ljhistory.org/temporary-exhibit](http://www.ljhistory.org/temporary-exhibit) or call 979-297-1570.

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dunes in Monahan. I don't know if it counts. We had our dinner catered by my friend's parents. So, I love camping out.

### CAMPFIRE CRESCENT DOGS

#### INGREDIENTS

1 can (8-ounce) refrigerated Pillsbury Original Crescent Rolls (8-count)  
8 hot dogs  
ketchup and mustard, as desired.

#### DIRECTIONS

On a flat surface, open the tube of crescent rolls and unroll dough. Separate into triangles along perforations.

Place the hot dog on the edge of the crescent roll and begin rolling so the majority of hot dog is covered by the crescent dough. Make sure the crescent dough overlaps at the end, otherwise it will fall apart.

Skewer your crescent dog on a stick and roast it over the fire until golden brown. (Tip: Roasting away from the flames, but in a spot that is still quite hot, gives a nice even roasting).

Serve immediately with ketchup and mustard as desired.

**GIN HERE:** I think using ketchup on a hot dog is against the law in Texas. So if you want to be arrested, go ahead and put ketchup on it, but don't call me to bail you out.

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I love secrets, so here is a cake with lemon and blueberries — two of my most favorite things to eat. I wonder what the secret is. So, even though this sounds like Mr. Rogers, ladies and gents, let's find out together.

### SECRET-INGREDIENT

#### LEMON-BLUEBERRY POUND CAKE

#### INGREDIENTS

1 roll (16.5-ounce) refrigerated Pillsbury Sugar Cookie Dough

(you think maybe this could be the secret?)

1/4 cup sour cream  
1 egg  
1 tablespoon grated lemon zest  
2/3 cup fresh or frozen (do not thaw) blueberries  
1 cup powdered sugar  
2 to 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

#### DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 8-by-4-inch loaf pan with cooking spray; lightly flour.

In large bowl, break up cookie dough. Add sour cream, egg and lemon zest. (Do not eat raw cookie dough after combining with egg.) Beat with electric mixer on medium-low speed 2 to 3 minutes or until smooth. Fold in blueberries. Spoon mixture evenly into pan.

Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until golden brown and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes. Run knife around sides of pan to loosen cake. Remove cake from pan; place on cooling rack.

In small bowl, mix powdered sugar and 1 tablespoon of the lemon juice; continue adding lemon juice, 1 teaspoon at a time, until desired drizzling consistency. Spoon glaze over hot cake. Cool 45 minutes before serving.

**TIPS:** If you are using frozen blueberries instead of fresh, add about 10 minutes to your bake time.

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The recipe that Becky sent in a couple of weeks ago needs some additions. They are: Hi Gin. Just a little adjustment in the area of the tortillas and cheese. It should read: 8 (8-inch) flour tortillas (my favorite brand is Guerrero flour tortillas), two 8-ounce packages Monterey Jack cheese, shredded. Thanks, Becky!

If you have recipes or tips to share, or a request, send to [Conversations with Gin, P.O. Box 334, Clute, TX. 77531, or virginiacrawford30@yahoo.com](mailto:ConversationswithGin,P.O.Box334,Clute,TX.77531,orvirginiacrawford30@yahoo.com).

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of Action, Martin Luther King and Juneteenth activities, bowling leagues and the list goes on and on.

We pray you know that God is smiling upon you and the good deeds you do now are the treasures for our future, and will forever be cherished.

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." 1st John 4:16

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Shouts of everlasting love and notes of exceptional joy to a retired nurse and Christian missionary on her birthday, Wanda Williams Lemon.

God's love is constantly flowing toward you like a deep, wide, beautiful and never-ending river, so jump in and enjoy your swim. God has given you many gifts of grace, and He has given you the Holy Spirit to enable and empower you to use your God-given graces effectively. God's nature as your provider is unwavering, and His resources to you are unlimited. His love for you is infinite and our prayer is that God will continue to surround you with all the joys that this world can give, as you have given so much to the world.

"The Lord will keep you from all harm; He will watch over your life." Psalm 121:7

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Shouts of love and admiration to a Christian jewel on her birthday, Pamela Dean Washington.

Pamela is a woman who wears a smile as her "logo" and exceptional Christian character and hospitality as her "halo." Pamela is a very fervent parishioner at the St. Emanuel Baptist Church, and Pastor Murray Griggs is God's messenger of divine salvation.

Keep on giving your time, your energy and your resources in the service of the Lord, for everything is a trust granted to you by God to be used for the benefit of others. Your gift of a cheerful spirit is certainly

a blessing from God. Our prayer is that God will forever bless you with boundless love, calming peace and heavenly joy throughout your life.

"How precious is your unfailing love O God! All humanity finds shelter in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 36:7

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### GEORGIA MONNERAT

A huge shout of thanks to the staff of the libraries in Angleton, Brazoria, Freeport and Lake Jackson. Without their help and patience, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide would have been unable to help prepare almost 800 tax returns for local residents this past tax season.

Every year the staff at these four libraries are helpful and accommodate us in our work, but this year they certainly outdid themselves.

The COVID protocols required by the national level of Tax-Aide resulted in a number of changes from the procedure that most folks were accustomed to. This resulted in many phone calls and in-person questions to the librarians who always answered with a smile. They provided our appointment books to the clients, explained procedures when necessary and ensured clients received copies of required forms and instructions prior to their actual appointment.

They handled all this in addition to their normal activities and again, always graciously and with a smile. Thank you all.

And additional thanks goes to the Angleton library folks who provided space a second day per week at their site with the resulting extra work after the closure of the Freeport Library.

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### SHIRLEY FARRINGTON

Shout out appreciation and thanks to my daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Michael Dunlap, and dear friends, you know who you are for assisting me in time of need. There is always someone to care. No greater love.

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