September 28th Speaker

Jennifer Brewer

*Collecting History Project*

*For the Helen Hall Library*

League City Historical Society presents, Jennifer Brewer discussing a library project about the gathering of the history of the Helen Hall Library and the survey that is being collected sharing memories on Thursday, **September 28th**, 7 pm, at the West Bay Common School Museum, 210 North Kansas Street, League City, 281-554-2991.

Jennifer has been the head librarian for Helen Hall Library for two and a half years. Previously she worked as librarian for the Bellaire Library in Bellaire, Texas and received her degree from the University of Houston Clear Lake.

Hurricane Harvey interrupted the lives of many in our area causing many changes. The League City Historical Society would like to offer our prayers and support to all those affected by Hurricane Harvey.
Curator’s Corner

September 2017
Catharin Lewis

Much to everyone’s surprise Hurricane Harvey brought record amounts of rain and flooding to the Houston Galveston area and League City shared in its mark too. Thousands of families, homes and businesses felt the effects of this gulf storm. Texans proudly shared boats and supplies, helped in the rescue efforts, cared for those who lost so much and supported in the efforts to return things to a more normal life. Our hearts and prayers go out to all in the area affected by Hurricane Harvey.

If you have photos of this area during the storm, would you please share your stories and history of this storm with the museum? We would like to copy these and keep it in the museum collection for a record of League City’s history and the effects of Hurricane Harvey.

Unlike many in the area, the museum took only a small amount of water blown in under the doors of the bus barn which we dried out with air and air-conditioning. No other problems were encountered.

We do have to say good-bye to one of our staff, Melissa Aguilar who took a full-time position in the public school system. She has been a wonderful right hand to me over the years and will be greatly missed. You will still see her from time to time as a society member helping at weekend events. We wish her well in her new adventure. We are presently looking for interested teachers to work part-time. Please send your resumes and references to the museum at 210 North Kansas. Part-time Teachers will be needed to add to our staff this year.

We held six schoolhouse sessions in the month of August with 230 visitors including 73 walk-in visitors. We are now taking fall and spring registrations for classes. I continue to work on the collection and have been helping the city with pictures for a house survey. If you have any original photos of your home or property that you can share with us, please bring these to the museum for scanning and then they will be returned to you. It is amazing what you can find in your photo boxes of someone standing in front of a home or business. Please share these with us and use us as a back-up resource for your family histories.

In conjunction with this, the museum is sponsoring a children’s photo contest entitled, “Discovering League City through a child’s eye”. Your Community, Your Stories, Our History. Please see the attached flyer and help us get the word out to others.
“Discovering League City through a Child’s Eye”

Student Photo Contest

Your Community, Your Stories, Our History

October 1 through December 15, 2017

Make a difference in your community through photographs. The photo contest is open to all League City residents from first through 12th grade. Winners will be announced as part of the West Bay Common School Children’s Museum’s Celebration Event on January 27, 2018.

Become part of the history of our community. You can leave us with a remarkable record of League City’s history, from the 21st century through a child’s eye about our schools, churches, businesses and the community we share. Tell your story in pictures about where you live, learn, work and play in our town.

Participants: First grade through high school, school year 2017 to 2018

First Place and second place winners from each grade level will be on exhibit January through March at the museum and each will receive special gifts once secured by our sponsors.

Contest specifics:

1. Must be the work of students and photographed in League City between September 1 and December 15, 2017.
2. Categories will be divided by grade, first through 12th
3. Students are encouraged to tell a story through their photographs
4. Entries can be submitted on line and via email or mailed to the museum
5. Winners will be announced as part of the museum celebration, Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Museum.

Contact: Catharin Lewis, project coordinator, 281-554-2994, oneroomschoolhouse.org or rklewis45@gmail.com or via mail to 210 North Kansas League City, Texas 77573
“Live Oaks and Dead Folks”

League City Historical Society is proud to sponsor the “Live Oaks and Dead Folks” tour of the Historical Fairview Cemetery in League City on October 28, 2017 from noon to 4pm. Tours begin on the hour: Noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and last tour at 4 p.m. The tour will include re-enactors telling the stories of the Pioneer Family, The Gordy’s. This event is intended to honor the history of some of the first League City residents and not intended to be a scary event. Rain or shine the tours will take place beneath a tent with chairs setup for public use. Fairview Cemetery is located at 901 N. Kansas St., League City. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the event and will be $6 for seniors and students and $12 for adults. For more information please call West Bay Common School Children’s Museum at 281-554-2994.

Pictured Left to Right: during the 2015 Re-enactment: Judy Monthy, Laura Monthy, Melodey Hauch, Catherine Gill, Linda Michaels, Bettejean Spattafore, and Deborah Gammon.

A tree that never had to fight—

For sun and rain and air and light

Which stood out on the open plain

And always got its share of rain—

Never be cain’t a forest thing

But lived and died a common thing—

A little something to think about...
Thank you for being a member of the League City Historical Society. It is time to renew membership for 2017. Dues are for various types of memberships as listed below.

To renew your membership, choose the membership level that is best for you, complete the form below and mail to: LCHS P. O. Box 1642, League City, Texas 77574.
You may also bring the form and check to the next meeting or drop it off at the Schoolhouse Museum.
Please Note: If you have paid your dues in October 2016 or later, you are current for the year 2017.

**CATEGORY**
- Student / Active Military: $20
- Senior (60 and over): $25
- Senior Couple: $35
- Single (Individual): $35
- Family: $50
- Supporting Patron: $100
- Life Membership: $400

**BUSINESS CATEGORY**
- Business Member: $100
- Business Partner: $200
- Business Leader: $300

Please update your membership information here.

Name: _____________________________________________________
(if family Membership, please include names of family members)

Address: ___________________________________________________

City: _________________ State: ___________ Zip: ____________

Phone: _________________ Cell: _______________________

Email address: ________________________________

- Check if your name, address or email has changed recently.
- Check if you would like to receive you newsletter, meeting minutes and or meeting notices by email, to help save postage.