



Remembering some of our fun times!!!



Visitors enjoyed watching the Texas Infantry in action as they encamped on our LCHS/WBCS school grounds - 2011.



Victorian Ladies @ 2015 Homes Tour



Living History Dinner 2019

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These are certainly challenging times. Most of us have seen a lot in our lifetime but nothing with such a global impact as COVID-19. To document the effects of the Pandemic we are reaching out to the public with a short 10 question **ONLINE** (or US Mail) survey that can be found later in the news letter. We are providing the questions so you can get a flavor of the survey ahead of clicking the LINK to go online. The survey will allow us to capture the history of this event for future generations.

The Museum and School are both closed at this time as a precaution. This along with the postponement of our Yard Sale fundraiser has resulted in a loss of revenue. Fortunately the Society has a conservative budget and funds in reserve to help weather the storm. You can help by making certain your dues are paid up and by making a donation.

Hopefully this current crisis will come to an end soon and we can return to normal or at least the new normal, in the meantime stay safe and healthy.

Please Note: The Fairview Memorial Day Ceremony has been cancelled for this year as the Houston National Cemetery has chosen to do.



Since we all know how serious the pandemic caused by the corona virus is, here are 10 light-hearted parodies of well known songs from over the last 50 - 60 years - just for fun and to help ease the situation a little.

Some of these are really good.

Hold the **CNTL** key down then mouse click on the link and it should go directly to each song on YouTube.

If there is an ad at the beginning of a song, you can usually skip the ad after 5 seconds by clicking on the SKIP ADS button in lower right.

My Favorite Thing – Sound of Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aAnPFeo11s>

Do Re Mi – Sound of Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMBh-eo3tvE>

Dancing Queen – Mama Mia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmDcg59Xzek>

I Want To Hold Your Hand – Beatles

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5_4TLrVII

The Sound of Silence – Simon & Garfunkel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdWMEe6sLDY>

Supercalifragilistic..... Mary Poppins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RNc4ljlzyc&feature=youtu.be>

I Could Have Danced All Night – My Fair Lady

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XljqCla6vQI>

Matchmaker, Matchmaker – Fiddler on the Roof

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kH9K0QEoes>

Kokomo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0uDTs-9fq00>

Rhinestone Cowboy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrd5HEw1iEY>



Look what the security cameras caught last night at the Museum. When we checked, we found this diary entry laying near the dollhouse.

From what we can gather, it sounds like there may be more of this little escapade to come. Stay tuned...

Dear Diary,

Its been ages since anyone has come to see us. Mama says I just need to be patient and find other ways to entertain myself. I miss school and seeing all my friends! Heck I even miss my teachers... I think its time for an adventure and I'm gonna make cousin JR come with me. He's always talking about how he could live in the wilderness all by himself. I figure it can't be that hard. Sandwiches in our pockets should last at least a day and JR has a pocket knife. We'll just wait til the baby goes down for a nap and everyone forgets about us. Pretty sure we can sneak out the window and not be caught. Hopefully Gramps wants to listen to the radio. He can't hear very well anyhow but extra noise will help. So tomorrow is the day!
Wish us luck -

Your best friend,
Angela

P.S. I hope Mama isn't too mad.



The Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918 and how it affected Galveston County, Texas

By Deborah Gammon

This month I have chosen to not write about our WWII soldiers or sailors in Fairview. I thought with all of us going through a pandemic right now, it would be a good idea to see how the epidemic of the Spanish Flu of 1918 affected this area.

The Spanish Influenza

(By Dr. Frank Crane.)

And now comes the Spanish influenza, surrounded by all the mysteries and preceded by all the fears that usually accompany a new and strange bugaboo.

It is even hinted that it is a novel form of German frightfulness. A prominent health officer says:

"It is quite possible that the epidemic was started by Huns sent ashore by boche submarine commanders. We know that men have been ashore from German submarine boats, for they have been in New York and other places. It would be quite easy for one of these German agents to turn loose Spanish influenza germs in a theater or some other place where large numbers of persons are assembled.

"The Germans have started epidemics in Europe, and there is no reason why they should be particularly gentle with America. Of course, there is no way of proving that the disease was started here by German submarine agents, but it is well within the range of possibility."

Far be it from me, one of the great unlearned mass, to say that there is no such thing, that it is just a form of a bad cold. It may be a brand new pest.

But whether it is or not, one thing is certain, and this is the point of the present writing, that the ravages and deadliness of the malady are furthered and increased by the fear of it.

The way of rumor is past finding out. There are fads in diseases as well as in religions and petticoats, and one has a certain pride in being attacked by a disease which is all the vogue than by suffering with a plain every day cold.

We can remember back to the days of something they called the epizootic. It ran vigorously for a while, but before the average man could find out how to pronounce the name it disappeared.

Then there was the grippe, to say nothing of the sudden rise in popularity of appendicitis.

We hate to knock a celebrity, but are compelled to record that General Blug, who ought to know, says that while it has become the fashion to call the present outbreak Spanish influenza it is not a new disease but identically the same as that which swept this country in 1899 under the name of influenza.

At any rate, if we will all take reasonable care of ourselves and by simple rules of health fortify ourselves against bad colds we shall not be in serious danger.

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THE HOUSTON POST: SUNDAY MORNING

CHURCHES WILL BE IDLE TODAY

Services Abandoned in Order to Prevent Spread of Sickness.

With Movies and Places of Entertainment Closed Sunday Will Be a Real Day of Rest—No Sunday Schools.

For the first time since the days long before the war between the States Houston will experience a churchless Sunday today.

Large meeting houses where thousands of people congregate on each Lord's day will stand empty.

Little children who in their infancy were carried to Sunday school in a parent's arms and who have never missed a Sunday, will have no place to go to Sunday school today. It will not be

heathenism. God will not be out of the minds and hearts of the people but the people will not be permitted to congregate together lest it might cause more sickness in the community.

When the schools closed it was like a holiday protracted into a short vacation. The children are really glad and enjoying the vacation. When juries were excused the jurymen gladly went home and many of them even forgot to scare up a sneeze for the benefit of the home folks. When the movies closed the nights suddenly seemed to get longer.

But this will be a churchless Sunday. With business houses, movies, and churches closed the whole city will put on the appearance of a real Jewish city observing a Jewish Sabbath, a day of rest—not a day of recreation but a day of rest. The running street cars and automobiles will be the only thing to disturb the peace and quiet of the day.

Cadet Albert Bone Dies in France

Word had been received announcing the death of Cadet Albert I. Bone of Galveston. Cadet Bone was a student flyer in France and was also a member of the radio department overseas. He enlisted in January, 1918, and had been in France two months.

His mother, Mrs. A. E. Bone, received

Researching in the Houston Post, it was clear to me that the citizens of this area were dealing with some of the same things that we are dealing with including churches being closed. The article appeared in *THE HOUSTON POST* on October 13, 1918 p. 17. As you can see by reading it, the children were treating this like a vacation, much like they are today. It does speak of the jurymen having to be released from duty and movies also being closed.

Also, it was suggested that Germany who was an enemy of the United States, purposely started this influenza. This article talks of the fears of everyone too.

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The Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918 and how it affected Galveston County, Texas (continued)

Fairview Cemetery has some victims of the 1918 Spanish Flu. My first subject is Mary Carol Forsyth of League City. Mary's obit appeared in the Galveston Daily News: on November 8, 1918, p.2. Mary was the last child of Charles Allen and Margret Huston Forsyth. She was already a nurse at St. Mary's Infirmary in Galveston at only 18 years of age. The family now resides in Block #55 in Fairview Cemetery. According to her death certificate, R. E. Maies, M.D. stated that she contracted the disease at St.



Mary Carol Forsyth

Mary's. I can imagine a young energetic nurse trying to do her best in helping the Spanish Flu victims and catching the disease at work. The Forsyth family was living in League City before the 1910 census.

FORSYTH—Mary Carol Forsyth, 18 years old, a nurse at the St. Mary's Infirmary, died yesterday morning at 4:40 o'clock. She was born at Brownsville, and is survived by her mother, Mrs. M. M. Forsyth; three sisters, Mrs. L. E. Brooks of Galveston, Mrs. F. B. Garenga of Beaumont and Mrs. L. N. Fontaine of Matagorda; two brothers, Charles Allen Forsyth, with the American expeditionary forces, France, and J. H. Forsyth of New York City. Funeral services will be conducted from the family residence at League City tomorrow. F. T. Malloy & Son, undertakers, in charge.

The father Charles A. Forsyth died just one month prior to his daughter's death but he did not die from the flu. The cause of death on his death certificate was "probably apoplexy" with a sudden death before Dr. L. W. Dallas could get to him. The Family had relocated from Brownsville, Tx. There are many descendants living in League City today. The picture of Mary Carol is courtesy of Pamela Nixon a descendant of the Forsyth family.

The next family to be highlighted with deaths of Influenza is the Cooper family. Bartemus Cooper and his mother, Tazzie Trahan Cooper are unmarked graves in Block #65. Tazzie was the wife of Ezra Cooper. They wed on January 16, 1899 in Orange, Tx. Their first child was Bartemus Cooper born November 5, 1899.

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He was the eldest of at least 7 children. Her obit is short and claimed that she only left 4 children. Records indicate otherwise. Ezra had moved to Mexico to work for Pierce Oil Corporation. I have 4 passport applications indicating that after the death of Tazzie, Mattie, George Ray, John Henry and Gladys applied to go to Tampico, Mexico to live with their father. Elmer Lawrence of the Broom Manufacturer affirmed that he had known all the children for 3 years. The family is back in League City on the 1920 census. Ezra was working as a foreman for an oil field. He had children; Mattie, Eddie, Lee R., Gladys, John H. and Georgie living with him. They were neighbors of George E. Medsger and Thomas Dow. There are records indicating that some members of the family remain in this area.

Don W. Greer, 21 years old, a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Greer of League City, died Thursday morning at 7 o'clock at Ellington Field following an attack of influenza and pneumonia. Decedent had been a resident of League City since 1912, when he moved with his parents from Woodford, Ind. He had been stationed at Ellington Field since Aug. 3, 1918. He is survived by his wife, his parents, two brothers and three sisters. Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery at League City.

You just read the obit for Private Don Greer buried in Fairview. It appeared in the Galveston Daily News on Sunday, October 27, 1918.

Spanish Influenza was at the height of a pandemic in 1918-1919. The Influenza Pandemic caused close to 50 million deaths worldwide.

The Spanish Flu began in Europe and spread to the United States.

The week before Pvt. Greer's death "The San Antonio Light" on Oct. 15, 1918 reported that Fort Sam Houston had a record admittance from October 13 to midnight October 14 of 189 influenza patients and only 2 from Ellington Field in Houston, 3 from Camp Travis and 1 from Kelly Field and 1 from San Antonio.

Ellington Field was quarantined because of the Spanish Influenza. Relatives were barred from going to visit the sick. So, it isn't known whether Don saw his family before his death. There are Greer relatives still living in this area. I've met several at Fairview Cemetery during Wreaths Across America.

Community Impact of Coronavirus

We are Making History - Let's Record It

The LCHS would like to create a record of the COVID-19 experience for future reference. Please consider taking our brief 4 minute survey and sharing it with family & friends.

CNTL key and mouse click this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/p656ZY5>

If you have photos, pictures or artwork that you would like to contribute, please either email them to leaguecityhistory@gmail.com; drop through the mail slot at the museum or mail them to us at 210 N. Kansas, League City, Tx. 77573

Add your voice to history!

1. How worried are you about the impact of coronavirus on you personally?

1. Extremely worried
2. Very worried
3. Somewhat worried
4. Not so worried
5. Not at all

2. What do you miss most about your life from before the pandemic?

3. How are you spending most of your time during the quarantine?

Select all that apply.

1. Reading
2. Watching tv/movies
3. Listening to podcasts/music
4. Cooking/baking
5. Cleaning
6. Working
7. Exercising/walking dog
8. Gardening/Home Improvement
9. Other (Please specify)

4. Is there anything from life a few months ago that you took for granted?

5. **Have you changed any personal behaviors or learned new skills?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, please share.

6. **With your experiences during this pandemic, do you feel positively or negatively about the community where you live?**

- Much better
- Better
- About the same
- Worse
- Much worse

7. **What challenges have you experienced as a result of the coronavirus pandemic?**

- Unemployment/layoff/reduced hours
- Work from home
- Childcare/home school
- Elderly parents or relatives
- Isolation / Loneliness
- Family members diagnosed with Coronavirus
- Uncertainty of food/basic goods availability
- Other)please specify

8. **In light of current events, how do you see your travel/vacations changing in the future?**

- Increasing
- Staying the same
- Decreasing
- Stopping altogether
- Unsure
- Other

9. **Has the Coronavirus changed how you use the internet?**

- A great deal
- A lot
- A moderate amount
- A little
- None at all

10. **What acts of kindness have you heard about or participated in during the pandemic?**

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We have had some lovely weather!
Take advantage of this quiet time to
do a little daydreaming and planning
for the future!

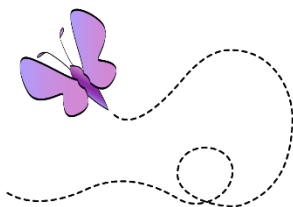
The LCHS YARD SALE

**Will Hopefully Be Rescheduled
For Later In The Year,**

However.....

**Please hold your items,
as Catharin and Richard
have to deal with storage
In their little house longer
than they had planned.**

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If You Are Not A Member, We Are Hoping You Will Join!!

League City Historical Society

Thank you for being a member. The various types of memberships with the associated dues are listed below. To renew your membership or become a new member, select the membership level that is best for you, complete the form and mail to:

LCHS, PO Box 1642, League City Texas 77574

CATEGORY

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|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student/ Active Military | \$20 |
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