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## Mills beats Ramos by 234 votes in GOP primary for AC sheriff

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capensis, Turk's Cap-linearis, Coral Honeysuckle-  
 Malaviscus arboreus var. Lonicera sempervirens, Cypress  
 drummondii, Shrimp Plant-Justicia brandegeana, Scarlet  
 Sage-Salvia coccinea, Firebush-Hamelia patens, Firecracker  
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 at 361-729-6445 or email at  
 tourism@rockport.org.

The list of hummingbirds is of those normally found in the local migration. The size of the artwork should be 10 inches wide by 8 inches tall so it will fit on a t-shirt. Art with a full



## History Center friends elect officers

The Friends of the History Center elected new officers for 2016. They are, seated from left, Pam Stranahan, president; and Lucretia Jones, treasurer; and standing in back, Vickie Merchant, secretary, and Kam Wagert, vice-president.

## FORT

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Burgess was a stubborn sort and not about to be denied. During the economic slump caused by the Civil War, Hall ran short of cash and borrowed from his rival. Worst of all, he put up Fort Leaton as collateral. When the loan became delinquent, a moonlight collector took Hall's life as payment.

A widow for the second time, Juana Leaton Hall scooped up her children and fled across the river. Burgess and his cronies took over the abandoned fort lock, stock, and barrel.

Bill Leaton and a younger brother grew up, haunted by the vision of two fathers murdered by the same villain. Legend credited the youths with the systematic slaying of nine Burgess henchmen before the killer got his just reward in December 1875.

Bill Leaton caught up with John Burgess in a Fort Davis saloon. Not a word was said before he gunned down the trembling target.

His vengeance complete, Leaton ran for the Rio Grande. He came close but not close enough. On the Texas side of the river, an accidental run-in with two soldiers erupted into gunfire and Leaton was fatally wounded.

Like most Lone Star feuds, peace came only when the



## KACB hosts cleanup day

Keep Aransas County Beautiful organizers were joined by 20-plus volunteers for a cleanup day Saturday, Feb. 27. Participants and their teams gathered at the Bay Education Center parking lot to pick up their gloves, vests, trash bags, and cleanup instructions, before departing to their respective locations. They also received t-shirts marking the event. The Leadership Aransas County Alumni was represented with a team, a group of winter Texans participated, and Johnny Taylor's group from Fulton also helped out. When volunteers returned to "head-quarters," they were treated to food and drinks in appreciation of their efforts. It was later determined approximately 1,000 pounds of trash was collected in the three-hour cleanup.

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## Duplicate bridge club scores given

March 1, 2016

North/South

First - Anne Schock/Karen Land - 65.91 percent

Second - Sara Hander/Don Hander - 63.06 percent

Third - Dana Taggert/Suzan McLallen - 60.23 percent

East/West

Second - Frances Schmidt/Lloyd Christiansen - 57.39 percent

Third - Ruthalea Taylor/Sheralyn Humble - 57.01 percent

This ACBL-sanctioned game is held every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at The Woman's Club of Aransas County. For more information

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