

May 3, 1986

CITY OF BEAUMONT

NAMED IN HONOR OF
MARY DEWLEIGH BORLACE

WARREN BEAUMONT

BY HER HUSBAND HENRY MILLARD
WHO LAID OUT THE TOWN IN 1835
ON A SITE KNOWN AS TEVIS BLUFF
INCORPORATED IN 1838

Texas Highway Department 1936

Pink marble base

U.S.Highway 90, southwest intersection with Todd Avenue,
opposite Beaumont Airport

FILE COPY

few days in advance of frost. ~~Whether~~ do they wish to alarm the citizens who are now in camp; notwithstanding, they admonish them to prepare for cold weather, yet they can assure them that their brethren of the north will furnish them with blankets, and other necessaries, which have so often been sent us to our sorrow. And for giving them this intelligence, we only ask their earnest endeavors to put a final stop to the practice of burning our prairies.

BILLY BUCK,	}	<i>Resident citizens.</i>
FANNY DOE,		
TOM GANDER,	}	<i>Late emigrants.</i>
DOLLY GOOSE.		

TELEGRAPH.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1835.

* * Persons holding subscription papers for the Telegraph are requested to return them to the office as soon as practicable, that the papers may be forwarded to subscribers.

Mr. THOMAS H. BORDEN is authorized to receive subscriptions, appoint agents, and transact any other business connected with the Telegraph.

The most flattering assurances have been received from the United States; that we

lunteers are continually flocking to the ranks, from all quarters, and it is not known what number are now in the field. Supplies are on the way, and great exertions are being made to forward every thing necessary for the campaign.

New town.—We are informed that a town has lately been laid out on the tide water of the river Neches, at a place known by the name of Tevis's Bluff, thirty miles from the Sabine bay. Its situation is said to be one of the most delightful in Texas, and it has already commenced improving at a rapid rate. It is spoken of as a place which promises to be of considerable importance. It has received the name of Beaumont, which, from the description of the place, strikes our fancy as very appropriate.

The crops.—Notwithstanding the severe drought in the spring and first part of the summer, the crops of all kinds are good,

number, to range be these two a ters at the consist of I Green, and at the town scouring the

The above vested by th with and em dicated, at t five cents pe defray the c council, or v ity may be

V 2

In 1274, ly transcrib least 2 or 3 clearly prin

To: Mr. Vincent

Date: March 12, 9:30 am (1962)

From: Joyce Sissom

Subject: telephone call from
the "Oldtimer", Mr. R. L. Brown

Mr. R. L. Brown called to give you the following information:

On March 12, 1836, it took a man ten days to ride from the Neches river settlement and on that night a group of people met in a saloon for a jubilee. (The Declaration of Independence was signed on March 2.) Dr. H. C. Coffin of Sabine Pass suggested they name the settlement and A.C. Kidd prepared 29 straws. Mr. John A. Beaumont drew the short straw and the town was named Beaumont. It was not until April 21 that Texas finally won its independence. Beaumont was named 126 years ago today.

Mr. Brown suggested that we send this information to each principal so that today's young Beaumonters could know what happened 126 years ago today.

In 1848 the First Methodist Church was built across from the old log cabin courthouse. Isiah Junker arranged for a parochial school and religious services in the same building. The school had six grades, was for 6 months and had 6 dollars to operate. (In Mr. Brown's words) The church and school moved in 1857 to a site near Reed appliance store, and in 1884 the Baptists withdrew. (The Baptists and Methodists had met together and shared the school until then.)

The public school was started in 1884 where the city hall stands today with six grades and six months and financed by a per capita tax until 1896. At that time the citizens passed a bond issue of 25¢ a person.

Mr. Brown also said ~~xxxx~~ that Mr. ~~xxx~~ John A. Beaumont is still buried in the old cemetery plot--where Weingarten's grocery store stands today, at Park and Railroad Streets. The parking lot, he says covers many of the old graves.