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## Mother's Day dining out faces virus setback

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Mother's Day is normally one of the busiest days of the year for Robert's Meat Market and Steakhouse, Orange's biggest restaurant.

But this year? Not so much. "I don't expect it to be good this year," owner Robert Ramirez said of Sunday's family get-together event. "We can only seat about 60 and then stop. When some people come out, some more

will get in."

Prior to the outbreak of coronavirus and the Covid-19 illness it carries, Robert's could squeeze in as many as 400 diners at a time.

Ramirez was able to reopen his restaurant last Friday, on the first day of what Texas Gov. Greg Abbott called the Phase 1 reopening of the state's economy from a Stay-at-Home order.

But restaurants, limited to only selling carryout orders before May 1, are restricted

to 25% indoor occupancy with tables no closer than six feet apart.

That's through May 17, according to his April 27 announcement.

Although Abbott announced Tuesday (May 5) that he is allowing barber-

shops and hair and nail salons to reopen, under specific guidelines, Friday, he left May 18 as the opening date for gyms and exercise studios.

A few days into reopening his indoor dining rooms, Ramirez said business "has

been slow, but it's picking up day by day.

"People are still nervous about going out," he said.

Robert's is open from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week.

Ramirez said he had 54 employees on his payroll be-

fore Covid-19 made its way to the U.S. He now has 10 working per day, because that's all he needs.

He expects that when Phase 2 of the state's reopening happens on May 18 and

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## Justice prevails in OC courts thanks to Zoom

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Jury trials have been postponed at least until June 1 in Orange County.

But that doesn't mean justice isn't getting done.

"We're still conducting essential hearings," Courtney Arkeen, 128th District Court Judge, said of life in the time of COVID-19. "That's things like protection orders, some criminal cases, or restraining order hearings, family violence and injunctions."

Since April, the employees of her court and the rest of the county courts are maintaining office hours but mostly working, virtually, from home.

This applies to the 128th District Court, the 163rd District Court, the 260th District Court, the County Court At-Law and County Court At-Law No. 2



They hold hearings via streaming video on platforms like Zoom or YouTube.

"The court reporter logs on from her home, the court coordinator logs on from home and the prosecutor does the same thing," Arkeen said.

It's the same remote participation for defense attorneys or plaintiffs," she said. "If this involves a person at the jail, there is a [streaming] station in the jail, and the bailiff walks over there."

"It could also involve someone from the probation department."

The legal community has adapted well.

"All of the attorneys and

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## LSCO loses tech director to Covid-19

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Dennis Ferrell was retired when Chris Stewts recruited him to a new job as an instructor at Lamar State College Orange.

"Everyone, when you start a new job, needs a mentor and even though I was 70 at the time, Chris was my mentor," Ferrell said.

"He really helped me. We worked together a lot and I appreciated him. I honestly don't know how we're going to get by without him."

Stewts, 68, died May 3 at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont from complications from COVID-19, according to family.

He left behind a wife, Ruth, with whom he raised four children. He has eight grandchildren.

The Port Neches resident had been a part of the LSCO faculty for more than 20



years and was the school's Director of Instrumentation, according to the LSCO website.

"He was one of the most generous, loving, cared about his students," Dr. Thomas Johnson, LSCO president said.

"And he was so fired up about us expanding our industrial technology programs and putting a real emphasis on instrumentation and process tech and he was excited about the future."

Stewts was an Air Force and Vietnam veteran who worked at many industries, including NASA, Bayer and Lanxess between leaving the service in 1976 and hiring on at LSCO.

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## Lions Den Park playscape crumbles...



The demolition of the 20-year-old wooden playscape at Lions Den Park is almost complete on Tuesday afternoon. It was declared structurally unsafe in February. The City of Orange is replacing the playground with a more modern playsite.

RECORD PHOTO: Mark Dunn

## Newest "doc" models successful role

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Roszella Offord, Ed.D, Director of Online Learning at Lamar State College Port Arthur, completed her doctorate in Educational Leadership in the spring of 2020, at the same time that she was leading the school's transition from classroom classes to online classes mandated by the covid-19 pandemic.

Why does a working mom with a highly regarded job put in the extra time and work and worry to get a doctorate degree?

Dr. Roszella Offord, Ed.D, did it to prove to others that they can.

"I didn't do it for any reason other than wanting to become an example of what is possible, especially for African-American girls," said Lamar State College Port Arthur's Director of Online Learning.

"Sometimes the best example is to be the example."

Dr. Offord completed work on her Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership degree at Lamar University in April.

She said she's among the



Offord

first generation in her family to have a college degree and the first to have a doctorate.

"Although my parents are the most intellectual and creative humans I know, I saw first-hand how not having a college degree impacted career options and financial gains," she said.

Born in Orange and educated at Beaumont's Lamar University, Dr. Offord has always had a passion for drawing and creating images that make words come to life.

She teamed up with her sister, educational diagnostician and special education teacher Melondy Roberson, on a series of children's books.

Roberson writes and Dr. Offord illustrates the "Adriann" series about a second grader who takes a stand against life's challenges.

Dr. Offord's dissertation topic was "Examining the Perspectives of African-American Women regarding Upward Mobility in Higher Education."

"My professional expertise is in Online Learning and Educational Technology and I did begin work on my dissertation with a topic concerning online learning," she said.

"But as I was working on it, I had an internal calling to do something that I felt was more meaningful.

"I wanted to examine the plight of African-American women in higher education. I have to admit, I was a little apprehensive tackling diversity in higher education leadership. I was warned that bringing truth to unspoken issues may make people uncomfortable. At some point, I decided to be fearless and speak to issues that are often pushed under the rug."

Dr. Offord is one of more than 20 LSCPA faculty members and department heads to have attained a doctorate degree.

She couldn't have picked a busier time to wrap hers up, coming in the middle of 2020's worldwide health emergency.

While she was preparing to defend her dissertation, she was also leading LSCPA's changeover from classroom

instruction to online instruction made necessary by the Covid-19 pandemic and the social distancing it required.

She did all that in addition to her roles as wife, mother of two small children, the owner of a small business and adjunct education instructor at LSCPA.

"There were many times throughout this process I became frustrated, particularly from the lack of sleep. But I never once contemplated quitting," she said. "It wasn't easy. I had to dig deep."

"Eventually, I became used to doing multiple things at once. I remember feeding my newborn in one hand and typing my papers with the other."

The work ethic all goes back to her belief in the power of education.

"I'm always trying to learn new things and develop new skills. I think it is a reaction to never wanting to feel stuck," Dr. Offord said.

"Education provides options. That is why it is important for students to complete their education."



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**CORONAVIRUS IN TEXAS**

# Abbott sending “surge team” to look at spiraling coronavirus rates near Texas meatpacking plants

Alexa Ura  
The Texas Tribune

Despite an explosion of new coronavirus cases in the Texas Panhandle tied to local meatpacking plants, Gov. Greg Abbott on Tuesday indicated he will not reimpose stricter stay-at-home rules for Amarillo and surrounding communities, relying instead on “surge response teams” to deal with growing outbreaks.

After announcing plans to reopen more businesses in the state, Abbott said teams made up by health officials, emergency response workers and the National Guard would deal with “flare ups,” including those connected to meatpacking plants, by helping facilitate testing, ensuring sanitation at such facilities and assessing the transportation used by plants to shuttle their workers.

“There is a challenge in the Panhandle because of either a or several meatpacking plants up there,” Abbott said during a press conference at the Capitol. “There is a need for a surge response team to go in there to provide all the resources that are needed to get that area under containment.”

A federal task force was already expected on the ground in Amarillo on Monday to take over coronavirus testing and investigations in an effort to help contain outbreaks tied to area meatpacking plants.

Nim Kidd, chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management, said state officials were also in the field working “to get our arms wrapped around” the situation in five different plants with approximately 12,000 employees.



**Nim Kidd, chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management**

Kidd indicated those efforts would include addressing transports to and from meatpacking plants and housing needs for residents who commute.

The spread of infections in some rural communities underscores the dangers faced by those working in meatpacking plants who have little power to avoid the virus.

The hot spots have continued to grow as the state has moved forward with relaxing shutdown orders across the state. The Panhandle, where a workforce of Hispanics and immigrants power several meatpacking plants, is now home to the highest rates of infection in the state.

The known infection rate in Moore County, north of Amarillo, far outpaces every other county in the state with 19.91 infections per 1,000 residents — a rate roughly 13 times higher than the rate in Harris County, the state’s most populous county. State health officials have been tracking a rapidly growing cluster of cases tied to the JBS Beef meatpacking plant in the town of Cactus. As of Sunday, that cluster included 243 people who had testified positive for the virus, including at least one person who had died. Not all

of those individuals live in Moore County; the plant draws workers from a wide swath of the Panhandle and some from Oklahoma.

JBS shuttles part of its workforce from Amarillo to Cactus every day. In Potter County, of which Amarillo is the seat, the infection rate has climbed to 7.25 infections per 1,000 residents. Amarillo officials have said recently that 41% of the more than 1,000 cases reported to the Amarillo Public Health Department in Potter and Randall counties are tied to area meatpacking plants.

City health officials have not differentiated between meat plant workers and other locals in releasing that figure, but indicated most of that cluster is made up of plant workers.

The outbreaks tied to Texas meatpacking plants mirror what’s happening across the country, with the coronavirus spreading easily in an industry that typically puts workers shoulder to shoulder on fast-moving butchering lines. More than a dozen have been forced to shut down temporarily following surges in the infections and deaths tied to those facilities. The processing plants, including those in Texas, have scrambled to ramp up health and safety precautions, providing masks and eye protection to workers and placing plastic dividers in some areas.

But workers at JBS have said plant management was slow to acknowledge when their co-workers began testing positive, and those who come in contact with the sick are not always informed of their exposure. Instead, word has spread over private messages as colleagues check in

on those who seemingly go missing from the production floor for days. In some cases, news that a colleague tested positive for the new coronavirus is shared on Facebook.

“The people who do show up to work are afraid to get sick, but we don’t have much of a choice,” one plant employee, who requested anonymity out of fear of losing their job, recently told The Texas Tribune.

Spread of the virus is not isolated to the meatpacking plant floors, reaching out into communities when workers wrap up their shifts and head home. Members of the community in Moore County, including church workers whose family members work at the plant, have also tested positive. In Amarillo, Mayor Ginger Nelson previously attributed the start of community spread of the virus in the area to meatpacking plants.

During a Monday press conference, Nelson said the workers being bussed in and out of her city each day may be contributing to the spread of the virus, but the city’s oversight is limited because the plant is in a different county.

“I’m grateful that [plant workers have] been willing to go to work. I mean they are critical to our nation’s food supply so what we need is help in strategies and supplies and resources to keep them working, to keep the food supply open,” Nelson said. “And we need some assistance in strategizing the safest way to do that both for our community and for those workers.”

The six experts that were deployed to Amarillo by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

make up one of 40 field teams that have been sent out to help mitigate the spread of the virus across the country. The CDC team is expected “to assess and assist with recommendations to protect worker safety at food processing facilities and provide technical assistance for contact tracing and community mitigation support,” according to a CDC spokesperson.

A group of public health workers from the CDC, the state health department and Amarillo Public Health are also visiting meat processing plants in the Panhandle this

week to assess conditions at the plants, a spokesperson for the state health department said.

A spokesperson for Tyson Foods, which operates a plant in Amarillo, did not directly address the growing outbreaks or the need for surge response teams, and instead provided a general statement about measures the company has taken during the coronavirus pandemic, including temperature checks, face coverings and social distancing measures. A representative for JBS did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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I hope you share in our excitement, even in the midst of these difficult times.

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## Orange County grads celebrate at Orange Train Depot



Senior graduates posed at the historic Orange Train Depot. Left to right, Ryan Davis of Community Christian; Halle Brown of West Orange-Stark; Blake Albritton of Little Cypress- Mauriceville; Keagan Smith of Bridge City; and Peyton Beebe of Orangefield, Skylar Bohn of LC-M High School.

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judges have been so cooperative," Arkeen said. "They're willing to learn so they can keep the courts running."

"If there's anything people in Southeast Texas can do, it's adapt to crisis situations."

The judge says she can see how streaming hearings could be popular even after times revert to normal.

"I can see some of this could change the way we do things in the future," she said. "This would work with emergency hearings, things that are time-sensitive, like a deadline for releasing someone, a liberty issue, a CPS [Child Protective Services] removal hearing, a juvenile detention hearing, a family violence hearing."

"And if an attorney needs to go over paperwork, we could do a Zoom with just the lawyer and defendant."

Arkeen says the current situation reminds her of the flooding by Tropical Storms



Orange County courts have held all non-jury hearings via apps like Zoom since the coronavirus outbreak began in The U.S. This screenshot from the 138th District Judge Courtney Arkeen, upper right, and clockwise court coordinator, prosecutor, defense attorney and court reporter. The upper left is awaiting a defendant, who appears remotely from the jail courtroom.

Harvey and Imelda and other recent major rain events.

"We were out for three weeks during one flood and we couldn't do anything," she

recalled. "In this situation, we just moved everything home -- files and everything -- and kept going."

## LSCO mourns loss of Stewts From Page 1

The college reported Monday that two employees who had been in contact with Stewts had self-quarantined for 14 days and that areas in which he worked had been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized.

The campus has not held in-person classes since March 13.

"He was true to his profession and wanted his students to excel in the profession," said Gina Simar, recently retired Dean of Health, Workforce and Technical Programs at LSCO.

"He had a demeanor about him that motivated students to learn. He was always looking for ways to enhance student learning. The school had just purchased and installed new equipment for hands on learning."

"He will certainly be missed."

Ferrell has filled in the past month and will be taking over Stewts' classes.

"A lot of his students are upset," Ferrell said. "He was the type of guy that would give students every chance he could, as long as they were

willing to try. "He'd come in on Saturday to help students with their labs."

"One person told me anytime they had a problem, with school or not, he was always willing to help out. I never heard anyone say anything negative about him."

Another coworker, Karolyn Doiron, administrative assistant to the dean, summed Stewts up for many.

"He was a good friend," she said, "and a very good man."

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With its cowboy, John Wayne and American flag motif, all that's missing from Robert's Meat Market and Steakhouse are the diners who for the past two decades have made it one of Orange's most popular mealtime destinations. Social distancing rules and fears stoked by Covid-19 are to blame. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

## Mother's Day dining From Page 1

he can seat up to 50% capacity, "that will make a big difference."

County Judge John Gothia said many of the smaller- to medium-sized restaurants are delaying their reopenings for indoor dining.

"They say they're not going to reopen their interiors until they allow 50%," Gothia said. "Most everybody says they've been doing so good with their takeout business."

Gothia said he was excited to hear the governor say Tuesday that barbers and salons could reopen Friday.

"It didn't make any sense that they couldn't reopen with the same guidelines as restaurants and stores," the judge said. "I wrote a lot of

letters and texts to the governor to do something [to reopen haircutters] and probably across the state people were writing letters like I was."

Ramirez says while he looks forward to cooking for more and more people, many of his employees say they don't want to come back to work now. The combination of federal stimulus checks and new higher unemployment checks allow them to make more unemployed than when working.

"Until July, they can draw their money," Ramirez said.

"Right now, it's not a problem because it's slow, but if we get busy and call them, then it's a problem."

Ramirez said the situation in 2020 is the worst he's had to tackle in 20 years in business.

"It's a lot worse than the flood," he said of Hurricane Harvey, which closed down Robert's for six weeks. "I had insurance for that."

The closure of beef, chicken and pork processing plants because of workers testing positive for Covid-19 is a big worry for the restaurant owner.

"The price of boneless chicken breasts has gone up 40% and I can't hardly find any," Ramirez said. "So far, there's no problem with beef [availability]. We're paying the price, but we've got it."

## BC/OF Ministerial Alliance relocates

The Bridge City / Orangefield Ministerial Alliance has moved to their temporary location until the new building is complete. Our temporary location at Fellowship Baptist in Bridge City located at 1965 Miller Dr. (Off 408) in Bridge City. The hours of operation are Monday & Wednesday from 9am-12pm. For more information please contact our office at 409-735-8296.



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## From The Creaux's Nest

### IT AIN'T OVER TILL IT'S OVER

We are living today in most trying times. As of May 5, 70,000 Americans have died of Covid-19. April was the deadliest month in our history, with over 60,000 deaths in one month. **Where do we go from here?** With the reopening of some states, predictions are that 3,000 citizens a day will die in June. Testing to date has been a joke. **About 1% of Texans have been tested.** If you feel sick today, you will have to wait until next Tuesday, a week away, when only 100 people can be tested in Orange County. **County Judge John Gothia** did all he could do to at least get that little testing. Statewide medical examiners are not being allowed to release reports of people dying from **Coronavirus** if they weren't tested before death. **Many more have died in Texas than reported.** The Houston and Dallas areas show 15% increase in deaths over the last two years. **Maybe it's an increase in natural deaths but maybe not.** No one wants to see the economy open more than me, but I'm certain virus cases and deaths will escalate because people will drop their guard assuming the fear is over. **The truth is we have a long way to go until a vaccine is developed and tested.** Don't buy being told it will happen, **"By the first of the year."** That won't happen. **Texas Gov. Abbott** had said he would open the state by May 15. What caused him to open earlier? An Austin connection tells me it was **Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick** making waves. He appeared on **FOX News** pushing opening, as well as making statewide speeches where he said older citizens should be willing to take a chance on dying to save the economy. **Abbott** knew **Patrick's** message was gaining support so he moved the date up to May 1. There is no doubt that **Patrick** will run against **Abbott** next year. I'm told that's a sure bet. Many more people will die in the next year from the virus. **Many of those people we will know.** I fear people will relax social distancing and not follow the rules. Washington is playing the **China blame game.** That's to divert attention from our government's short comings. They have failed us. Throwing money at the problem won't make it go away. **This is not a Republican or Democratic problem, it's an American problem.** **Trump** is playing the **Red State-Blue State**, pitting one against the other.\*\*\*\*I have to move on. **Come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.**

### RON MOREAU "ONE OF A KIND"

Our condolences to the family of **Ron R. Moreau**, age 82, who passed away April 29. Throughout my life I have been fortunate to have met some great characters, people who are unique and in a groove of their own. These folks seem to travel through life with little care for the normal. They take chances and do daring things that have other people considering them just a little crazy. **Ron** was smart as a fox and enjoyed his lifestyle. An entire book could be written about **Ron's** many exploits and his many toys. He and **Big Al Justice** always seemed to be competing with their grown-up toys. Just a couple of years or so ago **Ron** bought a brand new Corvette with the thousands of dollars he had stashed somewhere. He loaded **Jean** up and toured the country in that shiny Vet, a dream he had had for a long time. Airplanes and bikes were a passion. Going through Houston once I came up on someone riding a big cycle barefooted; a closer look revealed it was **Ron**. He could dress up in a suit and still be barefooted or in sandals, the result of one of his planes falling out of the sky. He was not only broken up all over, but the damage to his feet was extensive causing wearing shoes to be painful. He crashed a number of motorcycles but always lived to tell the story. His body, however, bore the damage. Luck followed him every day of his life starting with the marriage of the most beautiful woman in three counties, his loving wife **Jean**, 50 years ago. Their farm always drew many folks who stopped to view all their unique animals. **Ron** lived a life that would have made the rebel **James Dean** proud. I'm proud to have known this guy who marched to his own drumbeat. May he rest in peace. Please see obituary.

### OUR CONDOLENCES

To **Neighbor Cox** and his family, we send our deepest sympathies on the loss of his daughter-in-law, **Diana Cox**, who passed away May 2. **Cox** lost his **Ginny** a few months ago and this is a second blow.\*\*\*\*We were also saddened to learn of the death of **Gerald Oubre**, 90, who passed away on May 1. He was the father of **Pastor Sinclair Oubre** and former Orange city manager **Shawn Oubre**. Services were held Monday, May 4.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2010

The elections are over until the big general election in November. In the cities, school boards and port elections last weekend there were no surprises. Even the defeat of the incumbents in Vidor was expected. In Orange, **Mayor Brown Claybar** was sworn in for his fifth term. **Brown** has been an effective and unselfish leader, often at the expense of his business and health. This will be his final two years.\*\*\***Theresa Beauchamp**, married to local boy **Frank** and the daughter of **Marcel Adams**, was re-elected to the city council for a fourth term.\*\*\*In Bridge City opponents didn't mount much of a campaign against incumbents.

Congrats to **Mayor Kirk Roccaforte** and **Councilman Mike Reed**, incumbents. The looks on the council have improved with the election of **Lucy Fields**. She's bright and pretty too.\*\*\*Congrats to **Keith Wallace**, re-elected to the Port Board. **Keith** has a keen interest in serving and he's dedicated to seeing the Port continue to move forward. There's a good bunch of folks on that board.\*\*\*\* Going unnoticed last week was the death of **Hall of Famer Robin Roberts**, 83. In the first half of the 1950s he was the most productive right-handed pitcher in the **National League**. That was a time when baseball was constantly on my mind and **Robin** was a hero of mine. He won 286 games and had six consecutive 20-win seasons. He had 45 career shutouts, 2,357 strikeouts and a lifetime ERA of 3.41. **He pitched 305 complete games.** Back then pitchers were expected to go the distance. He led the Phillies to the N.L pennant as part of the favored "Whiz Kids." He pitched for **Philadelphia** 19 seasons, from 1948-61, for **Baltimore** from 1962 to 1965, **Astros**, 1965 to 1966, **Cubs** 1966-67. He won 28 games with a 2.59 ERA. **He was chosen All Star seven times, "Pitcher of the Year,"** 1952-55 and "Major League Pitcher of the Year" in 1952. I will always remember number 36 as one of the greatest pitchers of my time.\*\*\*\* **Ann Bryant's** 56th year teaching profession is coming to an end. A retirement party is set for Monday, May 18. Some of her former students are great-grandparents today.\*\*\*\*I understand **Judge Pat** broke down and took **Rosalie** on a trip. She probably financed it. They went to Florida to visit daughter **Mary Ann, Bruce Aven** and the grandkids. **Judge Clark** seldom takes a day off. By the way, happy birthday **Judge**.\*\*\*\* Special folks celebrating birthdays this week. On May 12, **Barbara Taylor, Bobby's** better half. Best wishes to that lovely lady.\*\*\*Longtime friends **Imogene McKinney** and **L.K. Jarell** celebrated another one.\*\*\*Longtime educators **Nancy Chenella** and **Ann Bryant**, along with **Frank Finchum** and **Ron Hutchison** celebrate next week. \*\*\*\* Our friend **Judy Hidalgo** started radiation and chemo treatments Monday at M.D. Anderson. Her prognosis looks good and the cancer is isolated. \*\*\*\*Congrats to **Jane Dunn** and **Pattie Steele**, named "Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year" at Little Cypress-Mauriceville. The awards were presented by **Pauline Hargrave**, superintendent. She's **Capt. Dickie Colburn's** pretty little sister.\*\*\*\*For the first time in United States history, the **Supreme Court** will have three women serving on it when **President Obama's** appointee **Elena Kagan** is confirmed.\*\*\*\***Lena Horne**, age 92, a beautiful lady with a beautiful voice died Sunday.\*\*\*\***Barbara Walters**, 80, this week has surgery to replace a faulty valve. She will be off of "The View" this summer.\*\*\*\***Bill Clark** of radio fame had a toe removed. We don't know which one but the surgery was due to diabetes.\*\*\*\* **Chicks now Court Yard Hounds.** Sisters **Emily Robison** and **Martie Maguire** who founded the **Dixie Chicks**, are now also the **Court Yard Hounds**. The **Hounds** are essentially the product of the other **Chick, Natalie Maines**, whose decision to take more time off was more than **Emily** and **Martie** felt comfortable with. "Every time we'd call her, it was 'Well, I'm planting my garden this week.' 'I'm learning how to do hooked rugs,'" **Maguire** said. "After about a year, we were twiddling our thumbs." However, we understand the **Chicks** will reunite in June for a stadium concert with the **Eagles**, juggling dates with the **Hounds**. **Maguire** and **Robison** insist the **Chicks** will re-enter the studio eventually. Meanwhile the sisters move on with or without **Maines**. They say getting another singer is not an option.

### 45 Years Ago-1975

Last Friday **Kirby Reed** and **Kathy Dunn** were married. As they were leaving town on their honeymoon they were involved in an auto accident. Thankfully they were only slightly injured and **Good Samaritan Charlie Wickersham** picked them up, brought them to the dealership and let them pick out any car they wanted to continue on their honeymoon. (Editor's note: I read about people married 45 years ago and wonder if they still are.)\*\*\*\***Old Uncle Gordon** is 52 years old on Dec. 25. **Bax** has announced that his young bride **Diane** is pregnant. He said he did it all himself.\*\*\*\***Bubba Hubbard, Shirley Marks** and **Gordon Harvey** were all elected to Bridge City City Council.\*\*\*\***Jack White** celebrated a birthday.\*\*\*\***Ralph Ramos** died last week. He was a television reporter and also worked for the **Beaumont Enterprise**.\*\*\*\***Pete Rannels**, Democratic chairman, has announced that **Grand Ole Opry** stars **Jack Green** and **Jeannie Seely** will perform at **Carl Godwin Auditorium** on May 20. The show will benefit the **Democratic Party**.\*\*\*\***Dwight** and **Linda Barrow** celebrate 12 years of marriage.\*\*\*\***CBs** are everywhere. It's the "in" thing. A few handles making the rounds are **Foxy Lady, Diamond Jim, Lame Duck, Honey Bee, White Sticks, Little Gun, Dagwood, Blondie, Coastal Runner, Gypsy Witch, Red Rover, Grasshopper, Two Ball** and **Shot Gun**.\*\*\*\***"Vic" Junior Vickery**, a casino official with the **Riviera** in **Las Vegas**, was in Orange visiting friends and the old hometown. (Editor's note: I remember before the **Riviera** when he was a pit boss at the **Stardust**.)

### 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PILL

In the first year of the swinging '60s, on May 9, the **Food and Drug Administration** approved the pill. The political do-righters screamed that the country would go down the drain. However, the pill did not spark the sexual revolution, nor did it cause a sudden drop in the U.S. fertility rate that the far right had predicted. In fact, the birth rate didn't bottom out until the early 1970s. **The pill was ground breaking in many ways.** Women today have a wide range of effective contraceptive choices. States prohibited giving the pill to unwed women. **In 1972, the law was overturned.** It was a double standard. Society viewed unmarried women, but not unmarried men, as promiscuous if they had sex. There is still a gender bias today. Belated **Happy Anniversary** to all you gals on contraceptives. Before that women had to rely on a guy not lying or on the Rhythm System.

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

I understand from **Keith Wallace** that **Logan** is back on the payroll. His mad money was getting low.\*\*\*\***Van Choate** doesn't let any grass grow under his feet. He was scheduled to have knee replacement surgery May 22 at a Beaumont hospital, but when he got a call saying, due to a cancellation, last Wednesday was available, he took the appointment. By Thursday he drove to Houston and by Friday he was mowing his lawn. When I talked to him Monday, he was returning from a trip to Lafayette. **Van** is retooling for the new economy. It won't be business as usual but **Van** is a survivor.\*\*\*\* We heard from **Beth Rach** to-

day and she says she went to Houston Monday and thankfully the tumors are responding to chemo. The newest ones are almost gone and the others are shrinking. She will remain on chemo for the next 3-4 months taking treatments once a week. Our prayers are with **Beth**.\*\*\*\*Celebrations and other happenings. A few folks we know celebrating birthdays on **May 6** are longtime art teacher **Debbie Gregg**, county inspector **James Scales**, hair stylist **Johnny Moreno** and **Neal** and **Mary's** youngest son **Brandon Bond**.\*\*\* This is also the date, one year ago, that attorney **H.D. Pate**, died at age 79.\*\*\*\*Having birthdays on **May 7** are **Earl Thomas**, NFL star, who turns 31, longtime Bridge City educator **Gina Mannino**, **Josh Sanders** and **Connie Angelle** all celebrate. A special birthday wish goes to **Joe Chenella**. Also on this day 16 years ago, **Judge Grover Halliburton** passed away.\*\*\*\*Celebrating birthdays on **May 8** are **Wilma Horner, Patty Cook** and **Ginger Hogden**.\*\*\*\*On **May 9**, our buddy **Ray Cotton** reaches age 90 today. Best wishes for at least ten more. Sharing a birthday with **Ray** is businessman **Doug Havens**.\*\*\*\*On **May 10** longtime educator **Sharon Wooley** and **Katie Hubbard** celebrates today.\*\*\*\***May 11**, movie star/actress, West Orange grad, **Francis Fisher** celebrates. Sharing her birthday is **Sherry Walles**.\*\*\*\***May 12** finds longtime waitress, **Tammy Yawn**, along with **Brian Sandifer**, celebrating birthdays today.\*\*\*\*"Hey, Hey, Willie Mays." A baseball great I followed for many years turns 89 years old on **May 6**.\*\*\*\*Speaking of baseball, I love high school baseball and would have liked to have seen how far coach **Chad Landry** and his **Cardinals** would have gone this season. I believe this was their year. **We will never know**, \*\*\*\*In this issue, in the **Down Life's Highway** column, **Roy** remembers his **Mom** and his roots, with a **Mother's Day** story.\*\*\*\*Also in this issue you will find a **Mother's Day** poem written by the late **Pearl Burgess** in honor of her mother.\*\*\*\*Best coach ever, **Coach Donald Francis Shula**, 90, died Monday, May 4.

### BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Friends celebrating birthdays in the coming week. On **May 6**, **Clint Blackwell**, **Beverly Millsap** and **Doris Raynor** celebrate.\*\*\*\***May 7**, **Andrea Beadle**, **Clint Vidrine**, **Glory Burke** and **Norma Cunnings** celebrate birthdays.\*\*\*\*Celebrating on **May 8**, **Patty Cook**, **Julie Allensworth**, **Arlon Fields** and **Debra Truncale**.\*\*\*\***May 9**, **Doug Havens**, **Lynn Scales** **Justin Dupuis**, **Ken Reeves** and **Dalton Gilliam** celebrate.\*\*\*\*On **May 10**, **Gerald Taylor**, **Jacqueline McGee**, **Stacie Teaff** and **Chuck Williams** all have birthdays.\*\*\*\***May 11**, **Pat Collins**, **Bobby Keeling**, **David Pitts** and **Scott Andes** celebrate.\*\*\*\*Having birthdates on **May 12** are **Justin Roberts**, **Bridgett Borneaux** and **Sierra Allison**.

### CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

**May 6:** Actor **George Clooney**, 59, Football player **Jason Witten**, 38, Rock singer **Bob Seger**, 75.\*\*\*\***May 7:** Actors **Bracken Meyer**, 45, **Betsy Rue**, 41 and **Alexander Ludwig**, 28.\*\*\*\***May 8:** Actors **Stephen Amell**, 39, **Melissa Gilbert**, 56 and **Eyes Gabel**, 37.\*\*\*\***May 9:** Rock singer **Billy Joel**, 71, Actors **Rosano Dawson**, 41 and **Cree Cicchino**, 18.\*\*\*\***May 10:** Rock singer **Bono**, 60, Actors **Paige O'Hara**, 64 and **Lindsey Shaw**, 31.\*\*\*\***May 11:** Football player **Cam Newton**, 31, Actors **Coby Bell**, 45 and **Pam Ferris**, 71.\*\*\*\***May 12:** Actors **Emilio Esteves**, 58, **Kim Fields**, 51 and **Malin Ackerman**, 42.

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

"**Yo Yo**" **Comeaux** went to a ladies store to buy his wife **Edna Mae** a birthday present. Da lady at da **Abadala's** store say he should get her a nice nighty. Da sales lady tole him dey got dem in several fashions and colors and da young girl right dere can try dem on for him to choose. She try a pretty red one, den a half dozen more and finally a pretty, pure white one full of lace.

"**Mais, she look like a young virgin,**" **Yo-Yo** say, **dats it, dats da one I want me.**"

Da sales lady say, "**Mr. Comeaux**, she's got one more to try on, den you can make up you mind."

Da young girl come back wearing one dat is peach colored, same color as her skin, a see through dat look like she got nuttin on.

"**My minds made up, Yo-Yo say, I want dat one.**" Den he head straight home.

Dat night, he announced "**Edna Mae, I got you a present for you sixty-turd birthday.**"

She head straight to dat bathroom, she look in da mirror and say, "It looks like I'm wearing nuttin me. I'm going to fool dat **Yo-Yo**, and go back to dat bedroom plum naked. **He won't know da difference him.**"

Wen she axe, "**How you like it honey?**"

**Yo-Yo** him, look real good and he say, "**Babe, you should have pressed it first before you put it on.**"

### C'EST TOUT ESSIE - A SPECIAL PERSON

My friend of over 60 years, **Essie Bellfield**, celebrates her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday May 6. A native of Rayne, Louisiana, the Frog Capital of the World, **Essie** has made Orange her home for many years. It is the place she raised her two daughters, one now deceased. **Essie**, over the years, has been a crusader for her people, going back to "The Million Man March" for **Martin Luther King**. **Essie** however, has never been a radical. When she was elected as the first Black and first woman mayor of Orange she received as much support from the White community as the Black community. **Essie** has always attended more functions with Whites than almost anyone. She's a special person. On a personal note I want to say how proud I am to have had her as a friend over the years. With love I extend to my friend **Essie** a very happy birthday. We were both so young those ages ago and are blessed to have made it to these "Senior Years."\*\*\*\*My time is up, thanks for yours. Please stay healthy. **Take care and God bless.**



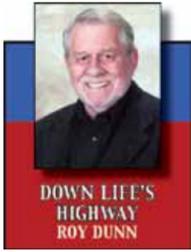
# Mom, Young Switch Road and the little shack that built me

■ **Memories of the past are a reflection of the road we've traveled and where it brought us**

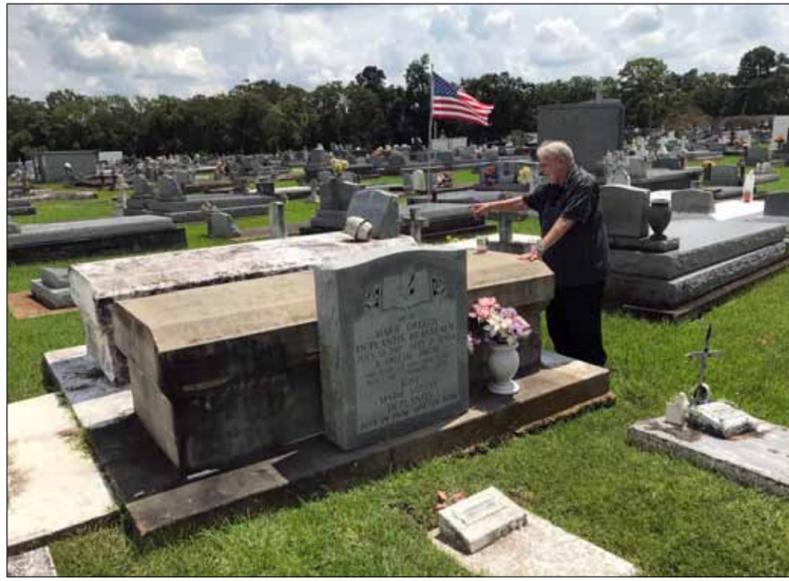
**DOWN LIFE'S HIGHWAY**  
Roy Dunn - Columnist  
For The Record

In my mind, from time to time, I go back to times of my youth. Raised on Young Switch Road, named after the railroad switch station, less than 150 yards from Mom and my grain storage shack we called home. It was salvaged from a farm and drug to our spot by a team of mules, pulling our shed on a sled. That little one-room building was our castle. It had room for one bed. I slept on a cornshuck pallet. Two boards nailed side by side was our table. Nail kegs, with feed sack covers, were our chairs. We had no utilities or indoor plumbing. A coal oil lamp and stove gave us light and a way to heat.

Mom was a wash lady who did laundry and ironing for the well to do in town. She washed on a scrub board, with homemade lye soap, mornings and hung the clothes to dry on the line. At night she ironed with a sad-iron way into the late hours. During cotton-picking time, she and I were in the field before the dew dried and picked all day. We then came home to chores. Five days a week. I woke at 4 a.m. and walked a half-mile to the Boudoins' place and milked two cows and fed the calves. I was paid with two gallons of milk a week,



DOWN LIFE'S HIGHWAY  
ROY DUNN



The Record columnist Roy Dunn visits the grave of his mother in Abbeville, La. where he was born and raised.

and a lifesaver it was. From it we got our butter, milk and clabber. I did other farm work also and during the sugarcane season, I cut cane. Being athletic, I was pretty good at it. I shucked corn and grained it all day and was paid with a bag of corn that I took to the mill for meal. They milled the corn, kept a portion, then netted out a small amount to me, which provided cush-cush, cornbread and a base for frying fish and so forth. The job I hated worse was pulling indigo in the rice field, standing in water, hip high all day. I got a job in town at a restaurant where I washed dishes and peeled potatoes. I made 50 cents a night and all the potato peelings I wanted. Mom would boil them and make soup.

Young Switch Road either had ankle-deep dust or mud on it. With a good wind, dust covered everything in sight. However, it wasn't only the wind, Young Switch was where sugar cane was loaded onto boxcars for the syrup or sugar mill. Horse drawn wagons or tractors could make dust clouds. I learned to drive horses, mules and tractor pulling wagons at that old station. The loads moved up slowly to the weight scales. I moved them up while the men visited in the shack. The job didn't pay anything but it was exciting and made an eight-year-old boy feel grown up and important. The biggest thrill was when a farmer taught me how to drive a tractor. There were few in those days, in fact, I just recall a couple. Horses and mules pulled most loads. The switch station had other uses. Livestock would arrive by train and be driven down Young Switch Road to the sale barn and slaughterhouse.

Early mornings Mom would wash a load of clothes for the town folks, hanging them on the line to dry while we spent all day in the cotton field. When we would get in evenings, she starched and ironed them for people to pick up. The next day we would repeat the process. One day, while we were away, a load of mustangs arrived at the switch station. The horses being herded to the sale barn kicked up clouds of dust as they thundered down that narrow dirt road. Very seldom had I seen Mom in tears during those hard depression days but this day she cried openly. All the clothes on the line had to be taken down, rewashed and hung again the next morning. She earned 35 cents a load, about what we made picking cotton and not only had we lost that load, a second load had come in and stacked up on her.

I remember vividly saying, "Don't cry Mom, I'll help you." A young, single mom

when there was often little or nothing to eat had it pretty rough. Mom developed blood poisoning after a needle broke off in her thumb. Her arm got three times its size before Dr. Miller got to it. For weeks she couldn't work. We nearly starved; my little stomach was only a ridge. My legs were so thin that red and white blotches covered them. Later I came down with tuberculosis that I never knew I had until test revealed it when I was an adult. I knew I had been awfully sick. I carry the scar tissue on my lungs today. Classmates recall that I always had a snotty nose.

Being raised in that little shack on Young Switch Road wasn't all bad, it had its rewards. The Pan-Am Oil Co. switched there and the conductor always had company comic books that he gave me. I loved reading even then. I spent many hours with the hobos who traveled the rails. They weren't bums, just in transit looking for work. They told many stories about home, their travels and the families they left behind. I loved their stories and still look forward to a good story today. Those hobos probably had a lot to do with me spending most of a lifetime storytelling. I loved the sound of that old steam engine. I would climb to the top of the derrick and watch the train coming for miles. Smoke from its stack reaching high in the air. No amount of money could convince me to climb that derrick today.

I've told the following hundreds of times before but it's because I've searched, since I was a boy, for the rest of the words. It was a song sung by a young hobo, playing a guitar, which was rare in Cajun country, where mostly just accordions, fiddles, scrub boards and washtubs were played. Anyway, the guy I call Hobo Bill sang this song but I recall only the chorus. It went like this, "Well, I wondered home one day where I used to run and play, only to find I was too late. Old Rover was gone from his pallet on the lawn, the old folks had died or gone away."

Well, the old folks are all gone; the Young Switch station is no more, the dirt road is blacktopped and called Paul Hardy Road. I have only the memories of that wonderful Mom, Young Switch Road and that little shack that built me.

Sunday is Mother's Day. Mom will be gone sixteen years, come Sept. 2. It's hard to believe it's been that long. Maybe it's because, in my mind and the memories of home, she still lives within me everyday. Mothers must be God's chosen people. If you have one, count your blessings. If your Mom is gone, think about her and give thanks for all she did for you. Thinking of you Mom. Happy Mother's Day to each and every Mom, May God bless you.

(Personal Note.) I'll always be thankful to Harry and Margie Stephens, who drove to that little Cajun town to be with me and attend Mom's funeral service. Also, to the members of the Wednesday Lunch Bunch, who were kind enough to send a beautiful fruit basket to let me know they were thinking of me and my family.

## Deaths & Memorials

### Ron R. Moreau, 82, Orangefield

Ron R. Moreau, 82, passed away on April 29, 2020 at his home in Orangefield, with his beautiful wife Jean by his side.

Anyone who knew Ron, knew he loved his land almost as much as he loved Jean. He was the owner and stylist of Ron's House of Elegance in Bridge City, Port Arthur, and Port Neches for over 21 years. He served his country as a Jet Mechanic in the Air Force from 1955 to 1959. Ron loved the outdoors and loved to fish and hunt. Over the almost 51 years of marriage, Ron and Jean had a menagerie of animals which included everything from dogs to deer. Ron was unique to say the least, but



what you saw is what you got.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Merrick and Alma Moreau.

Ron is survived by his loving wife Jean; sons, Keith Little and wife Carrie of Orangefield, Brian Little and wife Misty of Brookland; daughter, Lee Anne Brown and husband Mark of McLewis; 8 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Ron knew many people but those he called friends were like family to him, as were his adopted granddogs, Cash, Scout, and Brody.

A memorial service for Ron will be held at a later date.

### Marie Fontenot Bean, 89, Orange

With profound sadness we announce the passing of Margie Fontenot Bean, our loving and devoted mother, and friend to all whose lives she touched. She left us while sleeping, on April 25, 2020 in Lafayette, Louisiana, at Lady of the Oaks Retirement Manor.

Margie was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana on July 6, 1931. She moved to Orange, Texas in 1956, after marrying her beloved husband, Lawrence Ray Bean. She loved to cook, care for children and nurtured a home environment where all were welcome. She worked at Keble's Kuttery for many years, as a receptionist and bookkeeper. Her warm disposition, beautiful smile and contagious sense of humor would light up any room, and always brought joy and comfort to others.

Most of all she loved her family and instilled in her children strong values that have served them well. She will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

Margie is survived by her children Dianne Mabie and her husband Chris, David Bean and his wife Georgiana, and Christine "Chrissie" Hargraves and her husband Michael; her grandson Marqus Bean, whom she



raised and he referred to her as mother; her grandsons Brandon Taylor, David Lawrence Bean, Jim Bean, Kyle Mabie, Justin Hargraves, Tyler Hargraves, and Slade Hargraves; her granddaughter Buffy Bean; her many great-grandchildren; and her dear sister Claudette Henry and her husband Danny.

Margie is predeceased by her husband Lawrence Ray Bean, her son Barry Bean, her grandson Dannon Bean, her brother Raymond "Cheeks" Fontenot, and her parents Claude and Ophelia Fontenot.

The family would like to thank the nursing and CNA staff at Lady of the Oaks Retirement Manor in Lafayette, Louisiana.

As an expression of sympathy memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (<https://www.stjude.org/>). Messages of condolence are welcomed at [www.claybarfuneralhome.com/](http://www.claybarfuneralhome.com/)

A celebration of Margie's life will be held on May 9, 2020 at two o'clock PM at Trout Creek Cemetery, Call, TX located at the corner of Highway 87 and Highway 1004.

Arrangements are under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

### Laverne Wood, 91, formerly of Orange

Laverne Wood, age 91, died Monday, April 27, 2020 in Orange, Texas. A native of Brookeland, Texas and a former resident of Pineland, Laverne had lived for over 1 1/2 years in Orange. Laverne was a loving wife, mother, grand, great and great great-grandmother. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Pineland.

Laverne is survived by her daughter, Norma Jean Bergeron of Orange, TX; four grandchildren; Dana Bergeron, Len-



ics Bergeron, III, Jeanna Bertrand, and Elmer Bergeron; seven great-grandchildren; Nathan Fuselier, Chase Bergeron, Caitlin Bergeron, Maisie Fuselier, Jacob Bergeron, Kiera Hazzard and Lance Bertrand; and two great great-granddaughters; Lillian and Laila Fuselier.

She was preceded in death by her husband of over 69 years, Elmer Wood and her son-in-law, Lenics J. Bergeron, Jr.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Jasper.

### Orange County Beekeepers can help with bees

The Orange County Beekeepers Group works with the Orange County Ag Agent to expand beekeeping opportunity in Orange. We also strive to aid and assist fellow beekeepers, any new beekeepers and the general public. Officers of the Orange County Apiary Committee are normally in attendance to answer questions and assist Orange County

residents. For information or assistance with Honeybee removals please contact the Orange County Agrilife office 409-882-7010, Len VanMarion 409-728-0344 Texas Master Beekeeper, Christie Ray 409-550-9195 owner of QueenBee Supply in Orange or Brian Muldrow 713-377-0356, owner of Muldrow Bee Farm.

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## Worshiping with a Broken Heart

Rachel Coulter  
Guest Contributor  
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I looked across the table at my boyfriend and replayed his words in my mind. "I just don't enjoy spending time with you."

I never knew a heart could break so suddenly, so rudely — in only one sentence. I was desperately grasping for anything to help soften the sharpness of those eight words. I could muster only three: "Take me home." As we drove, my thoughts were as blurry as the trees going by. How can a three-year relationship end in three minutes?

The term "broken heart" is so widely used in our society that it often sounds romantic. In those moments, I learned just how terribly unromantic it is — the kind of tearing, ripping brokenness that demands your full attention, the kind of pain that won't let up.

A broken heart might be a woman who gets the call from her doctor that she has miscarried. It's the child who learns that his father has cancer. It's broken relationships, debilitating depression, dreams dying and crumbling in our hands.

I walked into church the day after my heart broke. Broken, aching hearts fill the pews in each of our churches every Sunday. Although surrounded by community, the pain still felt intensely personal. "The heart knows its own bitterness" (Proverbs 14:10). The deep ache can feel as isolating as a prison cell. The Enemy wants nothing more than to lock believers in that cell of pain, and keep us trapped in isolation. But God wants the



opposite. Here are three things to remember when you are tempted to stay home on Sunday morning with a broken heart.

#### Broken Hearts Are Open Hearts

"There are many sorts of broken hearts, and Christ is good at healing them all." —Charles Spurgeon

Imagine your heart is failing and you require a very risky open-heart surgery. At the hospital, there are several doctors who claim to be proficient at this surgery, but only one has a spotless record — nothing has ever gone wrong with his procedures. Everything he does is perfect.

Would you then choose a doctor with lesser experience, or a poorer record? Not if you value your life.

God is the only Physician who can fully heal a broken heart, and he has never failed in his

ability to heal. Sarai, David, and Hosea all suffered broken hearts for different reasons — a barren womb, a shameful trail of sin, unrequited love — and God healed them all. A broken heart is an open heart, and an open heart is vulnerable. In this time of vulnerability, let him be your refuge. Let him fill you with healing through the singing, praying, and teaching of your church family.

#### Pain Is Personal, Healing Is Corporate

Have you ever had a close friend going through a great deal of pain, and they didn't tell you? It's painful when you finally learn about it. It's painful for at least two reasons: (1) it hurts you that they are in pain, and (2) it hurts that you were not trusted to carry their burdens alongside of them.

As believers, we are called to carry each other's burdens (Galatians 6:2). No one would argue

that one man can lift more than ten men lifting together. So, why do we often ignore the hands extended to help us carry our burdens, and try to bear the weight on our own? We may always bear the heaviest portion, but encouragement and support from brothers and sisters will significantly lighten the load. Battle hurt with heartfelt singing, loneliness with community, and discouragement with the ministry of God's word.

Surround yourself with God's people, and you will see that healing does take a village — and that the village is stronger for it. We must combat resounding pain with resolute worship to the Father, alongside brothers and sisters who can pray with us and for us.

#### Worship Creates Perspective

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in his wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will

grow strangely dim

In the light of his glory and grace.

Though suffering is never a small thing, God is always greater. Worship refocuses our minds on God's greatness, and puts our pain in its rightful place — under the reign of an already victorious Father.

As strange as it may feel in the moment, lift your hands in praise and remember that the victory has been won. Remember that the God who holds your life in the palm of his capable hand is leading the victory march. "He will not leave you or forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6).

Standing at the top of the mountain of adoration, we are

suddenly aware of our smallness. And it's not offensive to us at all. We find joy in knowing that Christ is glorious beyond our imaginations and gloriously in control of all things, including every inch or second of our heartache. Nothing can touch you except that which has been carefully filtered through his loving fingers.

Let heartfelt praise remind you of his great love and absolute sovereignty, and let these reminders bring healing to your broken heart. Worship is a balm for even the deepest of wounds.

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# Social distancing not a given

CAPT. DICKIE COLBURN  
For The Record



Dickie Colburn

"Is today Saturday," I asked Todd Dore as we slowed to an idle in the smaller waves splashing up against the North Levee wall. "What kind of a question is that," he snapped into the wind. "Every day is Saturday right now isn't it?"

The reason I even asked was due to the number of trucks and anglers lining the wall. It looked like the old days at Rollover on a weekend morning. We immediately chose not to make the first cast and entertained ourselves by idling the entire length of the wall while watching the fishermen negotiate the rocks in an effort to acquire even a smidgen of real estate.

It was crazy. So much for the idea of going fishing as a way to have fun and still practice social distancing!

A handful of anglers fishing from boats were attempting to avoid the cob web of lines extending from the shore, but there were very few open holes. By the time we could see the first set of pipes, Todd had counted sixty-eight trucks and that number did not include several compact cars and motorcycles.

I knew that we weren't going to be able to fish, but I also knew that the trout were there. We saw no really good fish being dragged back up the rocks, but we did see lots of small keepers paying the ultimate price. The fact that I spotted several friends that frequent the wall on a regular basis lent further credence to speculation that it was indeed going on.

A call to one of those friends initially resulted in a very nasty greeting as he fumbled with his phone while trying to maintain his balance on the rocks. "Why are you calling me.....I see y'all out there," he replied. "Do you think I would be fighting this crowd if the fish weren't going nuts? Larry and I caught our limits an hour ago, but can't leave because his truck is pinned in. I don't even know where you could turn around right now anyway!"

There was never a moment when we couldn't see at least one angler lifting a trout up on the rocks and they were catching them on everything from live bait to tails. Someone must have done well on a chartreuse Trap as well because I never saw so many folks throwing the same lure.

The south wall wasn't nearly as crowded, but the incoming waves were much higher. We eventually ran back to the Louisiana shoreline and finished the morning with eight small

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# Coronavirus will dictate 2020 sports



Joe Kazmar  
KAZ'S KORNER  
JOE KAZMAR  
For The Record

Here it is May already and not much has changed as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic that made its ugly presence known a couple of months ago.

Many states and cities in the United States optimistically relaxed some of their stringent rules—perhaps prematurely—while the world's athletes sit and wonder when they will be doing their thing again without any hazard to their health.

The National Football League just concluded its annual draft of the nation's top collegiate football players who are eager to learn their new team's system of play in hopes of landing a huge payday if and when the 2020 NFL season begins.

These draftees or rookies-to-be will all have their backs against the wall with their respective teams because it doesn't look like there will even be a rookie minicamp this year where these NFL hopefuls get a cram course from their respective coaching staffs.

With no Organized Training Camps in sight, these young men who are stepping up to the next level



The world of pro football was saddened Monday by the death of Don Shula, the winningest head coach in NFL history. Shula won Super Bowls in 1972 and 1973, with the '72 team being the only one to go through the regular season, playoffs and Super Bowl undefeated, Shula was 90 years old and won 347 games during his illustrious career.

in their football careers will need to get very creative about setting up their football positions by themselves.

As it stands right now, the NFL is going through this offseason with no practices, in-person meetings or the usual bonding that happens each spring, as an Associated Press article in Saturday's editions pointed out, comparing the present NFL situation to that of 2011 when team owners locked out the players until July.

However, the article

points out that in Week 1 of the 2011 season, more rookies started for their respective teams than in any previous year since the AFL-NFL merger. There were 47 rookies starting Week 1 games back then which was only surpassed in 2012 and last season.

The 2020 NFL schedule and the exhibition season is supposed to be released sometime this week. But because of the coronavirus outbreak worldwide, those four games schedule to be played in London and one in

Mexico City will most likely be postponed and played at the home team's stadium.

College football players are encountering the same sort of dilemma, especially those hefty linemen who usually spend this time in spring football practice. Very few teams were smart enough to hold spring practice in late February and early March before the pandemic halted all college sports.

An AP article on Monday stated that these 300-plus

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# There's no wrong way to catch fish . . .

## CAPT. CHUCK UZZLE OUTDOORS For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

You know that feeling you get when you are about to do something that is going to cause some drama, well I have it right now as I stare at this computer screen because I am about to put into print the two most controversial words in the world of coastal fishing and those are "live bait". Yes I wrote it, the forbidden words that stir up trouble and make blood pressure numbers skyrocket. No matter how hard you try to stay neutral there is no greater polarizing subject along the Texas Gulf coast and everybody who wets a line is involved. The whole dispute between the two sides is tragic in a way because the "anti" groups out there enjoy fishermen fighting other fishermen. Just like the old saying "divide and conquer", if we keep fighting one another we only hurt the sport we love. I hope that even if you are against fishing with live bait that you will at least read this story and respect those fellow fishermen who subscribe to the live bait method because they enjoy the sport just like anyone else.

One thing over the years that I have come to realize is that as hard as it is to believe not every angler along the coast is a "plugger" or a "grinder" or any of those cool buzz word terms that some anglers use. Not every fisherman lives for the "blow up" or the hours of empty casts that culminate in one great fish. Are they wrong for not living and dying by the "topwater til you drop" philosophy? Not no but HELL NO! In case you haven't noticed the folks throwing terminal tackle outnumber the artificial only crowd by a large margin. Besides what the numbers show you can't tell me that somewhere down deep inside you still don't get a kick out of watching a cork get pulled under, that's perhaps the most basic thrill of the entire sport and anybody who tries to tell you different is kidding themselves. Live bait fishing takes you back to when you were a kid and stirs up memories of trips from the past that are as real and vivid as anything out there. I guess if I could emphasize one point on the subject that would be there is no difference in a cooler full of dead fish caught on artificial or a cooler full of dead fish caught on live bait, dead is dead. Respect your sport and your fellow fishermen as long as they obey the law because we all want to enjoy our time outdoors.

Try as they might no hard lure manufacturers will ever be able to create a lure that works better than the "real" thing, period. The typical profile of the weekend angler is not that of the high end trophy trout hunter who chucks artificial lures for hours on end looking for one big fish, it's the fisherman who takes a quart of live shrimp or a bucket of mud minnows and looks for anything that will bite. Much has been made of the big trout phenomenon and all the hoopla that surrounds that style of fishing; I personally have devoted plenty of articles to the subject

as well as many days on the water. On the other hand I have devoted plenty of time on the water fishing with live shad or mullet and I enjoy those trips just as much or maybe even more on occasion. There is something very calm and social about anchoring up in the mouth of a little bayou or in the river and peacefully anticipating the next bite for whatever species shows up next. Some of the best conversations I ever had with my son were on the back of boat as we sat and fished live bait. The laid back mood associated with this style of fishing is a welcome change from the hectic world that we live in; it's a shame that more anglers aren't willing to participate for fear of their macho image being tarnished. I feel sorry for those folks because they don't know what they are missing.

Here in the Sabine area we are very fortunate to have such a great supply of free live bait, virtually anyone who can throw a cast net can catch enough bait to fish without spending a dime. Most anglers who live here locally have no idea about how much money weekend anglers on other bay systems spend on live bait, it's crazy. Live shrimp by the quart ranges anywhere from 12 to 20 dollars a quart! Now if you plan on fishing all day you probably will buy at least 3 quarts, that's an extra of 40 to 60 dollars a trip on top of 2 dollar, a gallon gas prices. Anglers who fish with guides on places like Calcasieu or Galveston bay not only pay guide fees but they also are expected to pay for the live bait as well, that price gets steep in a hurry. I don't know how many horror stories I have heard from anglers who went out with a guide and paid for live shrimp only to have the bait die half way through the trip due to a bad live well system or some other problem only to have to go back to the bait stand and buy more shrimp. My wallet hurts just thinking about it all.

The other high dollar live bait that we really don't have in this area is croaker, the big trout bait of choice on the lower coast. Live croaker cost around 6 to 10 dollars a dozen on average and will usually last all day with minimal care. The live croaker as a bait industry is a huge money making business, the numbers of live croaker sold on Saturday at the big bait camps are staggering. Many in the fishing community attribute the decline of the croaker to the emphasis on them as bait instead of a game fish. Live croaker are lethal on trout in the summer, while artificial only guides struggle to put together a decent box of fish many "croaker guides" limit out in 2 or 3 hours and get back to the dock well before lunch. There have been plenty of cleaning table altercations surrounding this practice but regardless what some may think using croaker for bait is perfectly legal.

While we don't really have a consistent supply of live shrimp or croaker in our area we do have live bait that is every bit as good if not better, live shad. The small pogies and menhaden that thrive in our waters are great baits for almost any and all species of fish that can be caught in our area either fresh or salt. Besides being readily available for those who can throw a cast net the best thing about



No matter what bait you choose all that matters is that you enjoy your time on the water.

RECORD PHOTO: Chuck Uzzle

them is that they are 100% free. The summer months are tailor made for drifting shad under a cork or fished along the bottom on a Carolina rig; both are popular methods and each works well. If there is a draw back to

fishing shad it's their durability, shad are difficult to keep alive for long periods if you don't pay attention. Most anglers try to put too many shad in their live well; this is a recipe for disaster. All the shad in the same small space produce waste and deplete the oxygen in the water which usually kills all the shad really quick. In order to make the most of your shad don't put too many in your live well, change your live well water frequently, and keep the water in your live well cool by adding frozen water bottles or some other means. By taking a few extra precautions you can keep your bait fresh and lively for a really long time.

Which ever method you prefer, live or artificial, the summer forecast looks really good for Sabine and Calcasieu. The saltwater content is super high right now and there are all manner of gulf species swimming around the lakes and the rivers right now so who knows what your next bite will be? Take precaution with the heat and keep an eye on the summer thunderstorms that will flare up in hurry, but most of all be sure to enjoy your time on the water.

## Colburn From Page 1B

keeper trout. We caught every fish on a Lil' John under a Mansfield Mauler. The water was high and a little dirtier than it has been.

I doubt that the kids will see the inside of a class room in the near future and while that disruption is just one more of the devastating effects of the pandemic, it will give them an extra month to practice for the annual CCA STAR tournament.

I cannot imagine any parent that enjoys fishing not signing up their youngster with the additional time and all the scholarship money up for grabs. For that matter, I have never understood why anyone that enjoys any form of saltwater fishing would not join the CCA and participate in everything from the tournament to their annual banquets!

The tournament kicks off on the 27th and there is an entry form and rules on their web site. There is also a list of the incredible prize money and scholarships up for grabs in each division. Both weigh stations for local an-

glers are located on the south end of Sabine lake.

Phase One has seen a few more folks on the road and shopping local businesses, but I remain a tad leery as far as social distancing is concerned. Part of that is because I fall out amongst the more vulnerable "Over the Hill" gang, but more so because of what a friend from Baton Rouge recently told me. His neighbor just won a miserable battle with the virus, but he was quick to remind me, "I don't care where you live in the United States, nine of every ten people you will walk past today has not been tested!"

I laud the job that John Gothia and local leaders have done thus far, but this is not the time to take their work and our good fortune for granted or declare it to be an over blown fuss about nothing. Stay the course and let's get back to living!

## Kaz From Page 1B

pounders who like to eat a hind quarter and a gallon of ice cream for supper, are having a big problem laying off the calories and eating healthy this spring. If they don't, whenever preseason training begins, it will be murderous for these Goliaths.

College football players who are not living at home during this pandemic are being assisted by their schools with care packages, grocery tips, recipes and even cooking demonstrations on social media, the article pointed out. Nutritionists or dietitians at schools have consulted with the athletes from afar.

The big challenge for college coaching staffs is keeping athletes who are working out on their own on track when it comes to adding strength or avoiding unwanted pounds for as long as whenever they can return to their respective campuses or whether they will even play a schedule this fall.

Major league baseball has already lost five weeks of its 2020 season and it appears the late start is nowhere in sight at this writing. The players, coaches and trainers are being compensated, but that reportedly will halt at the end of this month.

Umpires are guaranteed 50 per cent of their salaries for May, but would be paid nothing after that if no games are played this year.

According to the AP, umpires generally make between \$150,000 and \$450,000. They already have been paid from January through April.

If the games are played at the spring training sites in Florida and Arizona, there aren't the facilities to use replay reviews and the umpires' decisions will have to be final.

As far as the National Basketball Association is concerned, the 2019-2020 season is over, although NBA Commissioner Adam Silver is still committed to trying to salvage the season, which might not be realistic or even advisable.

However, there is optimism among executives that the league will figure out something to save some portion of the season.

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1973, with the '72 team being the only one to go through the regular season, playoffs and Super Bowl undefeated, Shula was 90 years old and won 347 games during his illustrious career.

Kansas City Chiefs' offensive lineman Laurent Duvernay-Tardif, is the only active NFL player to earn a medical degree. He spent each offseason at McGill University in Canada and asked the Canadian Health Ministry early in the coronavirus outbreak how he could help. He sprung into action when it became clear there would be shortage in trained medical professionals.

The Dallas Cowboys made a surprising move last weekend when they signed former Cincinnati Bengals' quarterback Andy Dalton to a one-year contract that could earn him as much as \$7 million. Dak Prescott shouldn't have to worry about losing his starting job because Dalton was picked up as Prescott's backup.

It's almost like a quarterback's musical chairs waiting game as Kansas City's Super Bowl MVP Patrick Mahomes, Dallas Cowboys Dak Prescott and Houston Texans' Deshaun Watson are all due to sign huge contract extensions sometime this season. Prescott wants to see the value of Mahomes new contract before signing his new pact while Watson wants to see the value of Prescott's contract. All three contract extensions are expected to be humongous.

**JUST BETWEEN US...**Buna native Charles Breithaupt, who is the executive director of the University Interscholastic League, was given temporary expanded authority on issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic in a resolution passed Friday. The move could lead to relaxed restrictions on summer conditioning which Breithaupt said the league hopes student-athletes and coaches can start soon unless professional sports leagues and other entities remain suspended, according to an article appearing last weekend in the Houston Chronicle. The UIL also passed a resolution stating a student who was cleared in a physical examination in the 2019-20 school year can continue to participate in 2020-2021 unless there is an indication further medical evaluation is required.

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# CCA's STAR fishing tournament to kickoff May 23

Larry Johnson  
For The Record

While most events in these interesting times have had to reschedule, or even cancel, the 2020 CCA State of Texas Anglers' Rodeo (STAR) will go on as planned. On April 30th, the group of volunteers that govern the STAR tournament, known as the Tournament Committee, voted almost unanimously that despite everything going on, anglers' NEED something to look forward to this summer and that STAR is just the ticket. Also, if you have not already heard, the STAR Early Bird entry deadline was extended all of the way to May 22. So as long as you get entered before the kickoff of the tournament, you will automatically be entered to win a Dargel Skout, 150 HP Evinrude motor and McClain trailer package, or one of twenty other great prizes!

STAR volunteers are currently out collecting redfish across the state to be the STAR-ring attraction in the CCA Texas STAR sponsored by the Texas Ford Dealers, Tilson Home Corporation and Capital Farm Credit. These tagged redfish will be released throughout 600 miles of Texas coastal waters, from Sabine Lake to South Padre Island starting this week. Be advised- if you catch one prior to May 23rd, please release the fish. Only fish caught during the tournament are eligible. These redfish are truly special and symbolize years of dedication from CCA volunteers, all with the same goal of recruiting young anglers and adults alike to join their ranks in support of conservation. After three consecutive years of over 50,000 total anglers and 9,000 youth anglers, we believe it is safe to say that these countless volunteers have been winning conservation for thirty years!

The tournament is scheduled to kick-off the Saturday



The STAR fishing tournament draws over 45,000 participants, making it one of the world's largest saltwater fishing tournaments.

of Memorial Day weekend at sunrise, as is tradition! This year's event's official dates are sunrise on Saturday, May 23 and ends on Labor Day, September 7 at 5p.m.

From the onset, the State of Texas Anglers' Rodeo was envisioned by all of us, as a fun family-friendly summer event with hopes of creating a reason for parents to get kids out on the water with dreams of them winning a scholarship, or the adult winning a driveway-sized prize. As STAR tournament director Bill Kinney often says, "We want to get kids off of X-boxes, and into tackle boxes." All the while, these participants are learning more and more about marine conservation through CCA's mission. Through thirty years of hard work by countless volunteers and CCA staff, STAR has come a long way. When STAR first kicked off, it was relatively small compared to today at only 3,400 anglers statewide. In 2017, STAR shattered participation records, with 50,000+ anglers competing for over \$1,000,000 in prizes for the first time ever. Another milestone was recently reached

by STAR after the 2019 tournament, \$6.825 million in college scholarships have now been awarded to Texas youth, with another \$325,000 waiting for this year's winners.

Keeper-sized prizes can be claimed by STAR anglers who bring in the first 10 tagged redfish. The first five winners will drive home in a 2020 Ford F-150 "Texas Edition" pulling a brand new 23' Haynie BigFoot boat rigged with a Mercury 150L Pro XS OptiMax motor and Coastline trailer. The next five tagged redfish winners will each claim a 23' Haynie Big-Foot boat with a Mercury 150L Pro XS OptiMax motor and Coastline trailers.

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win the awesome Hoffpauir Polaris Ranger Crew 570 EPS UVs in Polaris Pursuit Camo each with a Big Tex 35sa Trailer. In the Inshore Division the Shoalwater 19' Cat boat, Mercury 115 ELPT 4S motor and McClain trailer will also be given to the anglers for netting the biggest flounder, gafftop and sheepshead.

In hopes of luring more youth to the sport of fishing, the STAR Scholarship Divisions offer a total of ten college scholarships in \$25,000 and \$50,000 increments. STAR participants, ages 6-10, who catch the largest flounder, sheepshead or gafftop will each be awarded a \$50,000 college scholarship. Participants, 11-17 years of age, who catch the largest flounder, sheepshead or gafftop, as well as, the largest speckled trout in each of the three Texas Coast regions (upper, middle and lower) will each be awarded a \$25,000 college scholarship. In addition to these nine scholarship offerings participants ages 6-17 years old in 2020, are eligible for a bonus drawing that will net one lucky youth a \$25,000 college

scholarship even if the participant never wets a line or enters a single fish during the entire tournament! Also, any contestant who doesn't

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## CWD Effort to Contain Deadly Deer Disease

Larry Johnson  
For The Record

The latest numbers on Chronic Wasting Disease testing in Texas give some hope that efforts to contain the disease are working, according to state wildlife experts. The CWD testing year that ended in February produced just shy of 13,000 CWD samples statewide by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department with the help of participating landowners and hunters. This number includes all samples collected in Texas CWD Zones and far exceeds the target of 7,039 samples.

During this period, Texas recorded 26 new confirmed CWD positives, with six additional "suspect positives" awaiting confirmation. That includes CWD found in a new area, Val Verde County, in a free-ranging white-tailed deer last December, and a second found in close proximity about a month later. Plans to manage the disease in this area are ongoing. All the remaining new free-ranging positives were within existing containment zones.

"Hunters can still plan for a good fall deer season and we encourage them to continue to have their deer tested to help TPWD biologists with statewide sampling efforts. Early detection is critical to managing and containing CWD to protect Texas deer," said Clayton Wolf, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife division director. "It is important for everyone to be aware and informed about this disease, the zones of concern, the

regulations and the common-sense precautions we've recommended for years."

CWD was also detected in Kimble County for the first time in a deer breeding facility in early February. That facility and facilities that had supplied deer to or received deer from that facility during the previous five years are under quarantine, and herd plans for those facilities are being developed with the Texas Animal Health Commission as well as plans for increased surveillance in the immediate area.

Four of the five Texas deer breeding facilities that tested positive in 2015-2016 are no longer in operation.

In Texas, CWD was first discovered in 2012 in free-ranging mule deer along a remote area of the Hueco Mountains near the Texas-New Mexico border, and has since been detected in 176 white-tailed deer, red deer and mule deer in Dallam, El Paso, Hartley, Hudspeth, Kimble, Lavaca, Medina, Uvalde and Val Verde counties. Of those, 129 are connected to deer breeding facilities and release sites.

CWD among cervids is a progressive, fatal neurological disease that commonly results in altered behavior as a result of microscopic changes made to the brain of affected animals. An animal may carry the disease for years without outward indication, but in the latter stages, signs may include listlessness, lowering of the head, weight loss, repetitive walking in set patterns, and a lack of responsiveness.

To date there is no evidence that CWD poses a risk

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# Orange County Happenings & Events

## LCM Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup

Kindergarten and Prekindergarten student roundup was adjusted to fit the COVID-19 guidelines for both the Little Cypress and Mauriceville Elementary Schools this year. Little Cypress Elementary held registration packet pick up for both Pre-K and Kindergarten yesterday, Tuesday, May 5. Principals Kayla Casey and Carie Broussard said that parents will also need to be scheduled for the return of registration packets. Questions should be addressed to the campus the child will attend in the fall. Little Cypress Elementary's phone number is 409-886-2838 and Mauriceville Elementary's is 409-745-1615.

## Orangefield ISD Kindergarten Round-up

Orangefield ISD started Kindergarten Round-Up on Monday, May 4 and will be running through Friday, May 8, 2020. Parents/Guardians must have digital copies of the following documents to complete the registration.

- Proof of Residency - An electronic copy of an electric, gas, or water bill listed in the enrolling parent/guardian name with an address within the Orangefield ISD boundaries.
- Drivers License - Photo of the enrolling parent/guardian's valid drivers license.
- Birth Certificate - An electronic copy of the enrolling student's birth certificate.
- Immunization Records - An electronic copy of the enrolling student's immunization records.

All documents will be verified with the original copies prior to the 2020-2021 school year. Orangefield ISD has wifi available in the elementary parking lot for parents to sit in their car and complete the forms on a personal device or phone if internet access is needed. A help document is available on the Orangefield ISD website listed under the parents tab which includes the link and directions. Any questions regarding Kindergarten Round-Up can be directed to parentportal@orangefieldisd.net.

## Bridge City Historical Society scholarship

The Bridge City Historical Society is pleased to announce they will be awarding a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a deserving Bridge City High School Senior graduating in the spring of 2020. Applications are available at the Bridge City High School counselor's office and the Bridge City Chamber website. DEADLINE EXTENDED to May 15th for the completed application to be mailed to the Historical Society at Bridge City Historical Society, P.O. Box 3, Bridge City, Texas 77611. If you have any questions please contact Debbie Gregg at 409-988-1243.

## OC Beekeepers Info

The Orange County Beekeepers Group works with the Orange County Ag Agent to expand beekeeping opportunities. Officers of the Orange County Apiary Committee are normally in attendance to answer questions and assist Orange County residents. For information or assistance with Honeybee removals please contact the Orange County Agrilife office 409-882-7010, Len VanMarion 409-728-0344 Texas Master Beekeeper, Christie Ray 409-550-9195 owner of Queen-Bee Supply in Orange or Brian Muldrow 713-377-0356, owner of Muldrow Bee Farm.

## Bridge City Al-Anon

Al-Anon meetings are held on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Library at St. Henry's Catholic Church Education building, located at 475 W. Roundbunch Road, Bridge City. For more information, please contact Cindy at 409-749-9036 or Mike at 409-718-0333.

## Orange Al-Anon

Al-Anon can help if someone close to you has a drinking problem. Al-Anon meets Sundays & Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., North Orange Baptist Church, 4775 N. 16th St. (Rear), Orange, TX 77632. Call Angela at 474-2171 or Jane at 409-670-2887 for more info. Calls are kept Confidential.

## Dementia Care Givers' Support

The Dementia Care Givers' Support Group meets at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Canticle Building, 4300 Meeks Drive in Orange on the following days and times: Second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m., and Second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

## Ministerial Alliance relocates

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The State of Texas  
 To any and all Unknown Heirs and all Persons Interested in the Estate of  
**EMMA JEAN BERWICK DICKERSON, Deceased**  
 Cause No. P18692  
 in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN AMENDED APPLICATION TO PROBATE WILL with a Portion of the Will not produced in Court and Codicil to last will of Emma Jean Berwick Dickerson in this estate on APRIL 28, 2020, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Emma Jean Berwick Dickerson, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse, 801 W. Division., Orange, Texas 77630.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing with the County Clerk of Orange County, Texas. Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas at the office of the Orange County Clerk in Orange, Texas on April 28, 2020.

**BRANDY ROBERTSON,**  
 County Clerk, Orange County, Texas  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **ROSA BETH HARMON a/k/a BETH HARMON,** Deceased, were issued on April 27, 2020, in Cause No. **P18680,** pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Randall Lowery.**

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Paul M. Fukuda Attorney At Law**  
 312 Border Street  
 Orange, TX 77630

DATED the 29th day of April, 2020.

Paul M. Fukuda  
 Paul M. Fukuda

Attorney for: **Randall Lowery**  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

On April 28, 2020, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI" or "the Company") and East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("ETEC") filed a Joint Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC" or "Commission") requesting to amend ETI's certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN") in connection with ETI's acquisition of the Hardin County Peaking Facility ("Hardin Facility") from ETEC pursuant to Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") §§ 37.056 and 39.452(j), including associated assets and common facilities, and authorization to further amend ETI's CCN to reflect a sale of a partial interest (75 megawatts ("MW")) in the Montgomery County Power Station ("MCPS") to ETEC (together, "the Transactions") pursuant to PURA § 37.154. The Joint Application also seeks a Commission determination that the purchase of the Hardin Facility from ETEC is consistent with the public interest pursuant to PURA § 14.101, as well as a determination that the full acquisition cost, including transaction costs, of the Hardin Facility is recoverable invested capital for ratemaking purposes pursuant to PURA § 37.058(c). However, ETI is not seeking a change in rates as part of this proceeding.

The Transactions are interdependent in that one may not occur without the other. The Transactions are expected to close in mid-2021. The Transactions will provide a number of benefits to ETI, ETEC, and their customers, including generation resource portfolio diversification and the addition of peaking and reserve generation capacity for ETI and base load and core-load following capacity for ETEC. The agreed purchase price for the Hardin Facility is the net book value of that asset at the time of closing, which is currently estimated to be \$36.0 million. In addition, ETI expects to incur transaction costs of \$2.7 million and has allocated a \$5.3 million contingency for unidentified costs. The agreed sale price for the partial interest in MCPS is currently estimated to be \$71.1 million.

If the PUCT adopts the 45-day intervention deadline proposed in the Joint Application, the deadline to intervene will be June 12, 2020, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the PUCT, at its address provided below, by that date. A prehearing conference is expected to be held in Austin, Texas in the near future. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, or obtain further information, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the PUCT's Office of Consumer Protection at 512-936-7120 or 1-888-782-8477. Hearing and speech impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUCT at 512-936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2988. All communications should refer to Docket No. 50790, and any request to intervene in that proceeding should include an email address and fax number (if available) as contact information. Persons with questions or who want more information about this Joint Application may contact ETI at 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call (409) 981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Joint Application is available upon request. A copy of the Joint Application may also be viewed on the Commission's webpage at [www.puc.state.tx.us](http://www.puc.state.tx.us). The Commission maintains an electronic copy of all filings on the "Interchange Filing Search" section of its webpage. The control number for this proceeding is 50790.

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas  
 To any and all Unknown Heirs and all Persons Interested in the Estate of

**ROBERT KEITH DAVIS, Deceased**  
 Cause No. P18453  
 in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on MAY 2, 2020, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Robert Keith Davis, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse, 801 W. Division., Orange, Texas 77630.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing with the County Clerk of Orange County, Texas. Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas at the office of the Orange County Clerk in Orange, Texas on May 2, 2020.

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## The Farmers Wife



**Lue Harris  
For the Record**

Hey Folks! How are you this fine day? I hope all is well as we try to phase in the reopening of our great state. Remember God loves you and so do I. This week we will continue our talk on growing tomatoes. If you want to save time and money, then mulch is very good for healthy tomatoes. A good mulch also helps keep weeds down and helps in good drainage. Work your mulch in your beds two to four inches deep. Add mulch in between your rows. This helps to keep your soil from packing. Stay tuned for another installment next week.

### Planting Guide for May 6-12

May 6  
Good for destroying weeds, clearing ground and killing pest

May 7-8  
Best days for planting about ground crops  
Good days to water

May 9-10  
Do Not plant. Good day to destroy weeds

May 11-12  
Fair time to plant vegetables. Also a good time for flowers and bulbs. This is also a good time to prepare seed beds.

### Recipes of the Week

#### Syrup Cake

- 2 1/2 c. flour
- 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp ground ginger
- 1/2 c. Butter, softened
- 1 c. Stein Syrup or Molasses
- 2 eggs well beaten
- 1 c. Boiling water

Preheat oven to 350 prepare a bundt pan. set aside

Combine dry ingredients in mixing bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients, adding beaten eggs in last. Mix well. Pour in prepared pan and bake for 30 min. or until toothpick in center comes out clean. Cool and Dust with powdered sugar.

#### Homemade Steak Sauce

- 1/2 c. Butter
- 1/2 c. Worcestershire
- 1/2 Tblsp black pepper
- 1/2 Tblsp hot sauce
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1/2 Tblsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 1 Tblsp mustard
- Salt to taste
- 1 tsp flour
- Minced Jalapeno peppers to taste

Combine all ingredients in sauce pan and cook, stirring until butter melts. Cover and chill at least an hour before serving.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **JAMES SAMUEL CARTER, III**, Deceased, were issued on **DECEMBER 10, 2019**, in Cause No. **P18570**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, Probate Division to: **ROBERT ALLEN MORGAN**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **George B. Barron**  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 279  
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Dated the **5th day of May, 2020**.

**George B. Barron**  
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **LUTHER VIVIAN BENNETT, a/k/a, LUTHER V BENNETT**, Deceased, were issued on the **APRIL 23, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18704**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **SHANNON TAYLOR BENNETT, a/k/a SHANNON T BENNETT**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Dated the **30th day of April, 2020**.

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## Simple and Fun Crafts to Keep Kids Entertained

(StatePoint) Keeping children content and occupied isn't always an easy task -- especially with more and more days being spent at home. As parents and caregivers, it can also be challenging to come up with creative solutions and fun projects that differ each day. However, even if you lack crafting abilities, you can still inspire your kids and help them stretch their creative muscles with items commonly found right at home, including scissors, straws, rulers and duct tape.

In an effort to keep your kids entertained on those rainy, "I'm bored," or just need something to do days, Duck Tape Brand Duct Tape offers several ideas for kids of all ages to engage in crafting fun -- from teens to toddlers. And, Duck Tape keeps messes at bay since no glue, glitter or markers are needed.

1. Flower Power. Bring the garden inside with Duck Tape roses -- no watering required! Creating these roses will get your kids excited for the new season ahead and test their measuring

and counting skills as they pull together a colorful bouquet. Plus, these flowers make great gifts!

2. Luck of the Draw. Are your kids having a day where everything you suggest sounds unappealing? Help them avoid boredom with a popsicle stick activity jar. Work together to identify fun activities and write each down on a popsicle stick. Let your kids add colorful designs to the sticks and place them in a jar. Next time your family is feeling less than inspired during playtime, bust out the activity jar and leave it to the sticks to decide.

3. Home-Schooled Fun. With most children adjusting to remote learning during this time, it's important to provide a space where they feel inspired to learn. One great way to do this is to designate a work station where each kid can house favorite supplies and personalize it with a few decorations -- just as they do at school. Let kids create their own desk organizers with a few items you likely already have on hand, such as Duck Tape, scis-

sors, and empty paper rolls or cereal boxes. Once all the supplies are gathered, all they need to do is wrap the paper rolls and boxes in the tape design of their choosing. Next, designate each container to hold pencils, markers and important homework. Not only will your kids take pride in their new creations, you'll enjoy not having to search for missing papers each morning.

4. Creative Reading. Help keep reading fun by letting kids create their own custom bookmarks. This easy, DIY project is perfect for beginners, since all the crafter needs to do is cut the tape and fold it over card stock for a one-of-a-kind design.

For more inspiration and craft instructions, visit DuckBrand.com.

By providing a little creative inspiration, you can help your kids spark their imaginations and have them on their way to creating their next masterpiece. Plus, these crafts are easy enough that you can end the day proud of your Pinterest-worthy parenting.

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I'll be patient through your "terrible twos"  
I'll teach you to count and tie your own shoes,  
I'll read from the Bible and teach you to pray  
And tell you God loves you day after day.

I'll hold your hand on your first day of school  
And remind you to follow the "Golden Rule,"  
I will make time to go to all of your games  
I'll meet your friends and know them by name.

I will help you through your turbulent teens  
I'll listen to all of your goals and big dreams,  
I will give you respect and help you earn trust  
I will ask God for guidance for the both of us.

One day will come, on your own you will go  
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