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Lower rates don't equal lower taxes

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Orange Mayor Larry Spears Jr., a man of limitless positivity whose glass is always overflowing, reacted with great joy Tuesday morning when Cheryl Zeto, city finance director, reported that property tax values in the city had increased by \$13.7 million this year.

"It's always a good thing to find out your values have increased, isn't it?" he said.

Is it? Depends on your glass.

Rising property values mean taxing entities (county, city, schools, special districts) can lower their tax rates and still take more of your money.

The tax rate is only one of two things that determine a

taxpayer's bill. The other is property value, and property values across Orange County have gone up average of 3.7% this year.

• To determine what your tax bill will be, multiple the taxable value of your property times your tax rate and divide by 100.

And do it for every taxing jurisdiction in which you live. Don't forget that each entity may value your property at a different amount.

Another important note: these tax rates ARE NOT FINAL, with the exception of West Orange-Cove, which has already finalized its budget and its board voted to actually take less tax money from its stakeholders for 2020 taxes.

It will be several weeks before rates are locked in and

taxpayers will have the opportunity to publicly voice their opinions at one public hearing before the final vote, which in some cases will be at the same meeting at which the final rate is voted upon.

The only thing locked in

now is that those taxing entities cannot decide on a rate higher than the proposed tax rate. And few are calling for that.

"Since this [Orange County's proposed tax rate] appeared in the paper, my

phone has blown up on me," County Commissioner Theresa Beauchamp said in Tuesday's Commissioners Court meeting.

Orange County commissioners were one of three local governments to propose a

raise in their tax rate, along with Pinehurst and the County Drainage District.

Last week, commissioners voted 4-1 for and published a proposed rate of 0.58648, or

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Locomotive stranded in Orange . . .



Downtown Orange has had some added downtown attraction the past few weeks. Two locomotives, tank cars and a caboose have been parked on the railroad tracks on Front Avenue, between Eighth and Tenth Streets, beside the Orange Police Station. They are there courtesy of Gulf Coast Rail Service, which does train car repairs.

RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

Covid-19 death count jumps in Orange County

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For The Record

Deaths in Orange County from Covid-19 infections have increased from 5 to 21 in the past month.

"Several of those people have been sick for awhile," County Judge John Gothia said when asked about the recent fatalities.

"Two of the people were a married couple that didn't go to the doctor soon enough. That's the ones we're having trouble with."

"If you have a number of underlying conditions, don't try to wait it out."

Orange County rocketed past the 1,000 mark in confirmed Covid-19 cases last week and is poised to blow past 1,500 total Wednesday.

According to the New York Times Covid-19 data base, Orange County is among the hottest of hot spots in Texas with more than 50 new cases per day per 100,000 people.

Orange County's population is about 84,000.

Joel Ardoin, county emergency management director, said Tuesday that the county now has 1,050 active cases and 1,493 confirmed cases in all.

Of that latter number, 422 have recovered.

On the bright side, he noted that there has been less demand for hospital beds and intensive care units region-wide as Jefferson County hospitals had only 84 Covid patients as of Tuesday.

However, the last official release by the Orange County Emergency Management homepage on Facebook,

which was Aug. 6, showed 21 county residents to be hospitalized with seven on ventilators.

Gothia said he thought it would be at least a couple more weeks before any adverse reactions to students restarting school would show up in the county statistics.

But he said it wasn't a matter of if, but when.

"Cases are going up, and I anticipate there will be a rise for schools opening again," he said.

"But it takes three or four weeks from being exposed to getting sick, to being tested and the results to come back."

Ardoin announced that the county has a couple more 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. testing days coming up.

The first is Friday, Aug. 14, at St. Paul's Episcopal in Orange. The second is Thursday, Aug. 20, at the County Convention and Expo Center on FM 1442.

The Covid pandemic has claimed the lives of more than 9,000 Texans since March but the big spike in cases in July is easing.

Texas has seen an average of 7,500 cases per day over the past week, a decrease of 7 percent from the average two weeks earlier.

Gothia congratulated Kurt Guidry, county maintenance director, Tuesday for the speed with which he and his staff have added safeguards from infectious diseases, using federal CARES funds that had an short expiration date. Guidry has fashioned sneeze guards for departments dealing with the public..

STAFF REPORT
The Texas Tribune

Gov. Greg Abbott on Tuesday expressed optimism about the declining number of hospitalizations related to the coronavirus, but stressed that Texans still need to be vigilant about wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.

"The numbers are moving in the right direction, but it is fair to say that hospital capacity for those with COVID-19 remains too high," he said.

Abbott visited Victoria and Beaumont on Tuesday to meet with local officials and provide an update on the state's coronavirus response. Data shows coronavirus hospitalizations are declining in Texas, with some 7,216 coronavirus patients reported in Texas hospitals on Tuesday.

That's down from a late July peak of about 11,000 — but remains well above Texas' levels in the spring, when

daily hospitalizations plateaued below 2,000.

Abbott said the main strategy for reducing the number of hospitalizations is following strategies that slow the spread of infection, including mask wearing and social distancing.

"The way to reduce hospitalizations is to reduce the number of people who test positive," he said.

And he warned that the virus remains dangerous.

"COVID-19 still spreads across this region and across the country just as fast as it did in July," he said.

But even as hospitalizations reportedly decline, other stats have raised concern about the spread of the virus and the state's response.

Texas reported 20,603

tests on Monday — a significant decline from a when the average daily number of tests was 62,516 in late July. The percentage of tests yielding positive results has climbed to 22% on average in the past seven days. Two weeks earlier, the average positivity rate was around 14%. Earlier in the pandemic, Abbott flagged any positivity rate above 10% as a red flag.

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Coronavirus in Texas

\$400 in extra unemployment benefits remain uncertain in Texas after Trump's executive order



Around 1.6 million Texans were receiving the extra unemployment benefits before funding for them expired in July.
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Valeria Olivares
The Texas Tribune

The amount of unemployment benefits coming to Texans remained up in the air Monday as confusion persisted over President Donald Trump's weekend executive orders designed to provide economic relief from the pandemic.

On Saturday, Trump ordered that eligible unemployment recipients receive an extra \$400 weekly — but only if states administer the funds and provide \$100 of that amount. The order prompted bipartisan questions from governors about the administrative burdens and costs for states, along with questions about whether Trump had the constitutional authority to issue such an order.

On Monday, Texas leaders didn't say whether the state would pay the money. The Texas Workforce Commission issued a statement to multiple news outlets that it's "currently reviewing the presidential memoranda and will provide additional information as soon as it becomes available."

Gov. Greg Abbott, meanwhile, expressed hope that Congress would reach a deal and fully fund the extra benefits, saying he'd spoken with Vice President Mike Pence and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin about the issue.

"The Trump administration continues to negotiate with the Democrats in

the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House on a reformed package that would provide full funding for those unemployment benefits," he told KAUZ in Wichita Falls. "I will think that what will eventually happen is that the Trump administration and the Democrats will reach a deal."

For weeks, 1.6 million Texans were receiving an extra \$600 weekly thanks to federal legislation designed to help keep Americans and businesses afloat. Funding for those benefits expired at the end of July, and Congress has been unable to reach a deal to restart the payments.

Trump's orders on Saturday sought to circumvent Congress, though he'll likely face legal challenges about whether that's allowed. The order aims to divert money allocated to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for hurricane relief into the unemployment supplement. Trump's order calls on states to use money from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund — or other state funding — to pay for its share of the unemployment benefits.

States across the country have been hit hard financially by the pandemic. Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar projected in July that the state would face a \$4.6 billion deficit in 2021 and that revenue for the current two-year budget period would be \$11.5 billion less than originally estimated.

But even if it were to hold up in court,

it remains unclear how exactly Trump's order would work. CNN reported Monday that the U.S. Department of Labor issued guidance that states could count their existing unemployment payments toward the \$100 they are required to contribute. If that were the case, it would possibly lower the supplemental payments Texans receive to \$300 per week, according to the report.

Governors on Monday urged Congress to reach a deal to extend the program legislatively.

"The best way forward is for the Congress and the Administration to get back to the negotiating table and come up with a workable solution, which should provide meaningful additional relief for American families," said New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat and the chair of the National Governors Association, and Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, a Republican and the NGA vice chair.

The Democratic U.S. House has already passed a bill that would authorize \$600 weekly payments funded by the federal government as part of a massive and sweeping \$3.4 trillion measure. Republican leaders in the Senate meanwhile have pushed for a narrower proposal, and have accused Democrats of holding the extra payments hostage in negotiations. Talks did not appear to be progressing Monday and, while the Senate remains in session for negotiations, it has not scheduled votes.

Neither of Texas' two Republican senators directly answered questions posed to their offices Monday about whether they supported Trump's order. U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz and John Cornyn are split on whether they support the additional payments.

A spokesperson said Monday that Cornyn "supports extending an added federal benefit on top of the normal unemployment insurance."

Cruz, meanwhile, reiterated that he believes the expanded unemployment compensation will only make it harder for Texas' economy to recover.

"As Sen. Cruz has repeatedly said, Congress should be focused on helping Americans safely return to work and restoring hope and optimism across the country — not keeping the economy shutdown by paying people more to stay at home and not work," a Cruz spokesperson said.

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The William Diamond Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution guest speaker was Margaret Norris Hardin. She presented a program "Deliverance/Escape" of Evasion and Escape by Harold Norris 94 Bomb Group. Harold Norris was her uncle, she had newspaper articles and his letters he sent home during WWII. William Diamond Chapter of Orange County meets the third Tuesday of the month at St. Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City at 1:00 p.m.



Pictured left to right: Candace Mulholland, Melissa Callias, Stephanie Roberts and Rani Dillow.

BCCC names Melissa Callias EOM

Melissa Callias an employee of the Orange Dollar Tree has been named the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce 'Employee of the Month.' She was presented her award, sponsored by Energy Ford, by BCCC President, Candace Mulholland, Ambassadors Rani Dillow and Stephanie Roberts. Callias has worked for the Dollar Tree for two years. She started at the Bridge City store and is now at the Orange store. She is the manager and is all about team effort. Melissa believes that "customer service is what her store brings to the table". She appreciates her employees as well as her customers.

Tax concerns From Page 1

58.648 cents per \$100 property value, which is a raise from 54.2 cents per \$100 value.

"I try to explain to them this rate is only proposed, that we're trying to keep the budget tight," Beauchamp continued. "I try to tell them the price of equipment is going up, that everything is going up."

"Their answer is, they don't care. They don't want taxes to go up."

Tuesday, by a vote of 5-2, the City of Orange voted to propose a lowered tax rate of 0.8059, compared to last year's rate of 0.8069. Those numbers translate to 80-point-something per \$100 of property value, so the tax rate cut of .001 equals a tenth of one cent per \$100 value.

That glass probably isn't so full.

Especially since the rise in values will cause city taxpayers to shell out more green.

If you own a home in Or-

ange with a 2020 average taxable homestead value of \$96,614, the rate cut mounts to less than a dollar (93.89 cents) on your tax bill.

But when you consider last year's tax rate of .80690 and last year's average taxable homestead value of \$93,897, your 2019 city tax bill was \$757.65.

This year, the average taxable homestead value in the city of Orange is up 3% to \$96,614. And with a tax rate of .80590, the 2020 city tax bill for that property will be \$778.61, an increase of \$20.96.

Council members Terri Salter and Brad Childs voted against the proposed city tax rate of .80590.

"I am not for an increase," Salter said. "This Covid-19 pandemic is for real. People in all cities across our nation have been hit hard economically. I am sure some of our citizens are feeling the strain.

"The last thing people

need at a time like this is more financial obligations with less coming in."

Childs did not return telephone and text requests for comment after the city council meeting, which was held via conference call because of the coronavirus.

But the men tasked with leading two of the three entities open to a rate hike say they need more money each year to deliver on citizens' demands.

"You tell me what you want me to cut," County Judge John Gothia said. "I know when I call the Sheriff's Office they've got people that can respond."

Don Carona, general manager of the Orange County Drainage District, saw his commissioners propose a half-cent per \$100 value raise in its relatively tiny tax rate Tuesday morning, from 13.16 cents to 13.67 cents per \$100.

He said his office is adding seven to eight employees in 2020 and some equipment.

Average homestead property values in the WOCCISD actually dropped this year.

And the school has a rich industrial base in the petrochemical plants at Chemical Row to pay its bills.

Market Basket awarded by BCCC



Pictured from left to right: Maureen McAllister, Stephanie Roberts, Gary Cocker (accepting for Store Manager, Greg Stockman) Lucy Fields and Rani Dillow.

The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce announced Bridge City Market Basket as their June Business of the Month. Market Basket has served the community through many hard times. "We appreciate their dedication and hard work during the Covid19 Pandemic. They are being recognized as front line workers and always being there for the Bridge City community," said Lucy Fields of the BCCC.

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IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY

As I sit here in home lock up after three months I'm tired of not being free. Like many of you I yearn for a normal life again. It seems so long ago when the first case of coronavirus was discovered in Seattle back in January. Think about that. Since then over 6 million cases of Covid-19 has been confirmed and still climbing. Over 167,000 citizens have died. That number projected to surpass a quarter million people will die. Unlike other countries around the globe that have returned to normal, we still have plenty of suffering and death to go through. While a number of countries did extremely well, we have done extremely poorly, and there is still no national leadership to help us get to the end game. It's a lie that coronavirus is coming to an end. A vaccine will be rushed through for approval but not yet tested and proven. That will all come before the election. You and I won't get an effective shot for at least six months. Our country and city governments in Orange County are doing a good job under these extreme conditions. Our citizens, for the most part, are being responsible and I believe that is holding cases down in the county. Each person must live their life as a model for others. Follow the rules. Frankly, I've been disappointed in our Texas leadership. Gov Abbott should have not taken the bait and been pressured to open up the state several weeks early. Today Texas is on fire with the virus. Today Joe Biden named his vice-presidential nominee. He had a good group of women to choose from. After the Primary I said a calculated guess is that Sen. Kamala Harris would be picked, and in fact she was Biden's choice. I believe at least two of the women up for consideration if Biden wins will be in his cabinet. At his golf club last Sunday President Trump signed three unconstitutional executive orders that were only political theater. What needs to happen is negotiating between the congress and the senate, the bodies that represent the citizens, not henchmen from Trump's camp. I have to move on. Please come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.

IMPRESSIVE LIST OF REPUBLICANS JOIN BIDEN TEAM

Today there's no shortage of conservative thought leaders who've had it with President Donald Trump. They include columnist George Will, Editor Bill Kristol and Joe Scarborough, a one-time GOP congressman who now lights into Trump from his perch at MSNBC. There is also Steve Schmidt, the director of Sen. John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign and George Conway, a lawyer who once dug up dirt on President Bill Clinton and who is married to Trump aide Kellyanne Conway. The two have joined other Republicans to form The Lincoln Project, a group whose anti-Trump attack ads are so creative that they just might have elevated the genre to an art form. Now comes word that John Kasich, the former Ohio governor and Republican presidential candidate, is going to speak at the Democratic National Convention Aug. 17-20 in Milwaukee in favor of its presidential nominee Joe Biden. By any measure, it's an impressive array of firepower arrayed for the benefit of the former vice-president. This November, the Democrats' No. 1 job is to restore constitutional rule to this country by ridding it of what Schmidt calls this "illiberal, dishonest, vile, corrupt and incompetent president." Republicans can help with that. They should want to win so many swing voters and erstwhile Republicans that the GOP will be forced to face the reality that it simply has to change. Together with Democrats of all stripes, they could form a broad coalition of Americans intent on getting their country back. Kasich, could make this case. Like Biden, he has developed a deep reservoir of respect by establishing a set of principles of public service and sticking to them. Like Biden, he appeals to the types of voters who want a fair dose of common-sense in their politics. Former president George W. Bush and some members of his family, as well as other prominent Republicans, say they won't vote for Trump because they don't consider him a real Republican and site his lack of leadership.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2010

The Elvis brand is still gold. Owner of the American Idol television program CKX, also owns 85 percent of Elvis Presley Enterprises. CKX is mulling at least two offers to buy the company at \$535 million. CKX owns rights to name, image, Graceland Mansion etc. Presley died 33 years ago, in 1977, and the Elvis brand still generate \$60 million a year. Elvis was only 42 but much older in miles. Orange County star Matt Bryant is a kicker for the Atlanta Falcons. He hit a 30-yarder in Saturday's game. Meanwhile, another NFL local star Earl Thomas started at safety for the Seahawks Saturday. For 10 weeks Gov. Rick Perry has refused to debate Bill White; he also is avoiding newspaper editorial boards. A rumor has it that Gov. Perry and Con. Brady will be in Orange soon for a photo-op having to do with a state of the art piece of equipment at Baptist Orange. Doesn't sound reasonable but we'll see. During election time take all the photo-ops you can get. The "Hook 'Um Horns" gesture came about in 1955 when Texas University student Henry Pitts, while playing with shadow figures which we have all done, noticed one gesture looked like the horns on Bevo. Pitts

showed the gesture to UT head cheerleader Harley Clark, who introduced it to the student body at a pep rally. The rest is history. Do you know how the Aggies "Gig 'Um" sign got its start? Local author Sylvia Dickey Smith released her fourth novel "A War of Her Own," a historical novel taking place in the difficult days of World War II. It's also about her research of Orange's WW II heritage. Our friends of 40 years, Doug Harrington and wife Regina, are breaking camp. They have a contract on their four-acre home on 62. For many years Doug was owner of Harrington's Pharmacy. They are selling four thousand square feet of furnishings including antiques. They plan to move to Spring to be near their daughter. Special thanks to our buddy Jesse Domingue for keeping us supplied with Robbie's Abbeville made French bread. He travels through the Cajun village every two weeks to and from the oil rig. He's a great friend. The "Golden Girls" Red Hat Club of Bridge City were seen having a nice ladies outing this past week at the Pompano Club in Port Neches. Mary Frances Riley was hostess this month. Members enjoying the good company were Evelyn Gray, Belle Mouton, Wilma Wood, Ethel Compton, Noel Ogburn, May Maleski, Ruby Mestepay and Anabelle Rost, Roy's dear friend from Abbeville. Queen Donna Cole kept the ladies in order for their monthly meeting of good fellowship. Police Maj. M.W. "Mike" Broussard retires from the Orange Police Department after 34 years. That's a lot of days to tote a pistol. We wish Mike and Loretta smooth sailing. We understand "Big Mike" Ellender is in town for five days before reporting to a base in Alaska. He just completed basic training in Uncle Sam's Army and loves it. We understand he has a duffle bag full of stories. The Ninth Circuit Court puts gay marriages on hold indefinitely in California. Same sex couples can marry in Massachusetts, Iowa, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire and Washington D.C. Bridge City Police has two new sergeants. Richard Teague came from DPS and Robert Bergeron was elevated from the police ranks. The annual canoe trip in Louisiana took place this past weekend. Some of the folks we know participating were the Johnny Montagne group, Bobby and Devera Cormier and grandkids and Chad Jenkins. It would have been worth the price just to see Johnny and Bobby fit in a canoe. We were sorry to learn of the death of Marilyn Elaine Romero-Ramsey, 67, of Bridge City. A lifelong resident of the area and a Bishop Byrne High School graduate, Marilyn had worked for TOTAL for more than 25 years. She is survived by husband Mark, sons Doug Romero, Dwayne Romero and David Greiss. Services held Wednesday, Aug. 18, at Livingston Funeral Home in Groves with burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN Obituaries 10 Years Ago-2010

Kenneth H. O'Barr Sr., 86, of Orange, passed away Monday, Aug. 9. Funeral services were Friday, Aug. 13. He had been a resident of Orange since 1952 and retired from DuPont in Orange as a production supervisor. He was a veteran of the Navy, serving on board the U.S.S. Lexington during World War II. Kenneth is survived by his son, Kenneth H. O'Barr Jr. Gladys Bishop Ousley, 93, of Orange died Tuesday, Aug. 10. Services were Friday, Aug. 13. Gladys is survived by her daughter, JoAnn Kibodeaux; son Tim Ousley; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Bill Copelin, longtime resident of Orange, died Wednesday, Aug. 11. Services were Saturday, Aug. 14. He was employed by Gulf Oil for 34 years and later the Jefferson Amusement Company. He managed the Strand and MacArthur movie theaters. He is survived by his wife Ann Copelin; daughters Deborah Ann Boyd and Kimberly Copelin; granddaughter Sophie Elissa-Ann Boyd.

45 Years Ago-1975

At morning service, Aug. 24, "The Witnesses" from the First Baptist Church, Orange, organized in 1969, will appear at First Baptist Church of Joaquin under the direction of Jerry Talmadge. They will appear at Cove Baptist Church at the 7 p.m. service. Of the seven youths, the following are leaving for college this week. Six will be replaced by Sheree Davis, Paul Dorman, Larry Frederick, Shana Hazelwood, Boyd Hopkins and Britton Walters. A new arrival to Orange County is Ken Wyatt, owner of an advertising agency. He now makes his home in Bridge City. (Editor's note: Ken, a native of California, for many years was an active member of the community. Rotary Dist. Governor Neal Pickett of Diboll is visiting with Orange County clubs this week. Sam Dunn, a young attorney, joins his dad S.P. in the law firm of Dunn-Windham and Dunn. June Badon begins her 20th year as a teacher of dance. Her school is at 2425 Western Ave. Linda Johnson weds Harry Price and Martha Hudson marries Rusty Williams.

85 Years Ago-1935

Clyde Dawson, 21 and B.F. Thompson, 28, escaped prisoners of San Antonio, have been charged with the murder of Orange police chief Johnny Godwin, 31. The fatal shooting occurred on Green Avenue when Godwin and Officer George LaFitte stopped the men for hijacking and car theft. After firing the fatal shot, Dawson kidnapped Jessie Webb and Rosalie Patterson, forcing them to drive him to Lake Charles. He was later captured and arrested. Thompson was held at gunpoint in the car by LaFitte.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Acadians were exiled from Nova Scotia Aug. 15, 1755, 225 years ago. Those of us of Acadian heritage know so well the history about when the British issued the Acadian expulsion order, July, 1755 and carried out le Grand Derangement or great upheaval. The ethnic cleansing of the Acadians from Nova Scotia, resulting in thousands of deaths, was all because of religion and the language they spoke. In 1765, Beausoleil Broussard led 193 out of the thousands of Acadians to south Louisiana where they practiced their Catholic religion. Then in 1776 the U.S. Constitution guaranteed them that they never again would be persecuted because of their religion. It's a right all Americans have to worship in their own way, wherever they choose. Our friend, one of Dot's offspring, Monty Eshbach celebrates a birthday Aug. 13. On Aug. 14, 1976, Judge Don Burgess and Bobbie Grosvenor were wed. I remember that but didn't realize it had been that long ago. Don, a young lawyer, showed up with a bride named "Muffins" soon after being hired as an assistant to

District Attorney Sharon Bearden. On Aug. 14, Kristie Gunn celebrates a birthday and Magic Johnson turns 61. Aug. 15, Acadians were exiled from Nova Scotia, 1965, 225 years ago. Aug. 16, 1948, Babe Ruth died at age 52. On the same day in 1977, 42 year old Elvis Presley died. Aug. 18, 1984, Sheriff Chester Holts died. He has been the longest serving sheriff in Orange County history. He left office in 1968 after 21 years of service with no unsolved major crimes. Also today, Aug. 18, Robert Redford turns 84. Does that make you feel old? Our apologies to State Senator Robert Nichols, whose first name came out Robery in last week's headline on his column. The senator is a friend of ours. Sorry Bob, the Gremlins got us. We spoke with Karen Fisher, tax assessor collector, and she reports that she is doing fine after her heart procedure last week. "I haven't felt this good in a long time," she said. Ms. Fisher is due to return to her office Aug. 25. August marks 100 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment. To commemorate USA TODAY will recognize 100 women who have made a substantial impact on our country or our lives over the past 100 years since being allowed to vote on Aug. 14. Monday they featured actress Rita Moreno, a native of Puerto Rico. What a joke, the second coming of Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays in the next few days are Jared Slemmer, Jennifer Babin, Chris Bailey, Melissa Cox, Ken Phelps, Lyn Goodwin, Wade Estes, Terry Walles, Aaron MacCormand, Ada Bridges, Andrew Glover, Diane Justice, Jerry Windham, Lindsey Schaffer, Britanie Long, Christina Myers, Gavyn Fisher, Valerie Richter, Norma Smith, Beth Holm, Joe Sanders, Brenda Gage, Johnny Stimac, John Everett, Jordan New, Karen Day, Shandi Conner, Danielle Heil, Carolyn Ward, Ian MacCormand.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

August 12: Maggie Lawson 40, Actress; Yvette Nicole Brown 49, Actress; Jim Beaver 70, Actor. August 13: Marcus Cousins 30, Basketball Player; Sebastian Stan 38, Actor. August 14: Magic Johnson 61, Basketball Player; Halle Berry 53, Actress; Milo Kunis 37, Actress; Steve Martin 75, Actor. August 15: Jennifer Lawrence 30, Movie Actress; Ben Affleck 48, Actor; Debra Messing 52, Actress. August 16: Madonna 62, Pop Singer; Steve Carell 58, Actor; Rumor Willis 32, Actress. August 17: Robert DeNiro 77, Actor; Donnie Wahlberg 51, Actor; Sean Penn 60, Actor; Bellinda Carlisle 61, Pop Singer. August 18: Edward Norton 51, Actor; Christian Slater 51, Actor; Robert Redford 84, Actor.

CAJUN STORY

Clarence Thibeaux, him, was injured during the war. While recuperation for several months in London he learned to play the bagpipes. He played his pipes free at funerals wen axed. One day Oris Broussard, da funeral director at Vincent's in Abbeville, axe him to play at a graveside service for old man Otis Gillbeaux, wat was a pauper him. He had no family so da service would be on his little piece of land nex to his little cabin.

Broussard gave him da directions. Go to Indian Bayou, take da dirt road to Forked Island, den a couple more turns. Clarence him got lost and arrived an hour late. Broussard, da funeral guy, had evidently gone and da hearse was nowhere in sight. Dere were only da diggers left and dey was eating dere lunch. Clarence him felt bad, he apologized to da mens for being late. Clarence went to do side of da grave and looked down. Da vault lid was already in place but he started to play bagpipe anyway.

Da workers put down dere lunches and gathered around. Clarence played his heart and soul for poor Mr. Gillbeaux. As he played "Amazing Grace" da mens started weeping. Clarence wept wit dem. Wen he finish he packed up his bagpipes, headed to his car, head hung low, his heart heavy. Wen he opened his car door he heard one of dem mens say, "I never seen nutten like dis before me and I've been putting in septic tanks for 20 years."

C'EST TOUT DONALD TRUMP'S MONUMENT

In Sunday's lead story, the San Antonio Express, shot down border wall claims. President Donald Trump's signature campaign to build a border wall from the Gulf Coast to the Pacific has added only 5 miles of new walls along the U.S.-Mexico border. Since he took office in 2017, the administration has set aside \$15 billion for 738 miles of walls and fencing on the 2,000-mile border, with the money coming from Homeland Security, the Defense Department and the Treasury Forfeiture Fund despite vowing that Mexico would pay for the wall. Only 5 new miles of the 30-foot high steel bollard fencing where none existed before, have been completed, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection data obtained by the Express-News. At least 3 miles of the new barrier are in the Rio Grande Valley, near Roma. The administration also has completed 24 miles of new secondary fencing — a double barrier — and replaced 236 miles of outdated or dilapidated fencing. However, the administration has allocated funding for 400 miles of replacement walls, 57 miles of new secondary fencing and 281 miles of new primary walls. "Trump is trying to say he's kept his campaign promise, but he's not saying what he's actually doing, which is just replacement sometimes of a double fence," said U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo. The government has been building walls and moving with more urgency on contracts in recent months in advance of the November election. The government this week awarded Fisher Sand and Gravel \$289.5 million to build 17 miles of border wall in Laredo — all on private land. "They don't even own the land, yet they are awarding hundreds of millions of valuable taxpayer dollars to contractors to come into our community and destroy something that's irreplaceable. And that's offensive," said Tricia Cortez, executive director of the nonprofit Rio Grande International Study Center. "We think it's a lot of political theatrics and these are just sort of PR moves that they're making right now to make you think this is unstoppable, and this is a done deal," Cortez, the Laredo resident, said. "I think we can see right through a lot of that nonsense and we're not buying it." Armed with City Council approval, residents in Laredo will be painting a "defund the wall" street mural outside the federal courthouse in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, more Mexicans are leaving Texas than those coming in. Time's up. Take care, stay safe and God bless.

Deaths & Memorials

Melvin Cook, 84, Orange

Melvin Blackwell Cook, 84, of Orange, passed away on August 7, 2020 after a very short illness, at home with his family by his side.

A graveside service was held on Monday, August 10, at 12:00 p.m. Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange. Officiating was Danny Brack. Family gathered with friends at 11:30 a.m. at graveside.

Born in Nacogdoches, Texas, on February 24, 1936, he was the son of Ellis Johnson Cook and Lottie Elizabeth (Christian) Cook. Melvin was 1 of 12 children. He was raised on a farm in Nacogdoches with his family. Growing up they traveled all over the US as migrant farmers. He left home at 14 and moved to Freeport with his sister Gladys. There he began working at Weingartens cleaning the parking lot. He later moved in with a wonderful elderly lady and her husband named Mr. & Mrs Broussard. They quickly fell in love with him and he became just like her son. While at Weingartens, they noticed what a hard worker he was, and he was promoted to the meat market as a butcher apprentice. While at Weingartens, he met and fell in love with a sweet and innocent employee in the courtesy booth, Patsy Ann. He was 17 but told her he was 19, she was 18. They married and his store manager had to sign for him to get married. He later told her the truth. He was transferred to East Town Weingartens in Orange as the meat market manager. He worked for them over 20 years until he bought West Orange Food Center around 1974. Years later he co-owned Food



City and several convenient stores in the Orange area. He was married to Patsy for 61 years.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Patsy Ann Cook; son, Matt Cook; grandson, Matthew Cook, Jr.; sisters, Eunice Williams, Gladys Henderson, Aleene Hudson, and Mildred Vaughn; brothers, Man Cook, Howard Cook, James Cook, Arlon Cook, and Wayne Cook.

He is survived by his children, Mark Cook and wife Elaine, Melanie Cook Hyatt and husband Danny, grandchildren, Jacob Cook and wife Angelique, Jessica Cook Everett and husband Dustin, Casey Cook, Bailey Ann Hyatt, Sandy Hyatt, Megan Hyatt Laiche; eight great grandchildren Mattie, Ashlyn, Harlee, Easton, Emma, Jacelyn, Dreyden, Ari; and sisters, Jeanette Burks and Frances Campbell.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jacob Cook, Dustin Everett, Rocky Burks, Rodney Burks, Darrel Duhon, Graham Stockton, and Dreyden Cook. Honorary pallbearers are Rex and Richard Burks.

The family would like to extend sincere appreciation for all the help and love to Lydia Pretz and Graham Stockton for all their help with Melvin and Patsy these last few years. Also special thanks to Harbor Hospice of Beaumont and Harbor Home Health for the loving and excellent care the last 2 weeks.

Memorial Donations may be made to Harbor Hospice at 2450 North Major Drive, Beaumont, Tx 77713.

James Allen PPool, 88, Orange

James Allen PPool, 88, of Orange, passed away on August 6, 2020 in Port Arthur.

A graveside service will be 2:00 p.m., Monday, August 10, at Orange Forest Lawn Cemetery in West Orange. Born in Dallas, Texas on January 10, 1932, he was the son of Guy Dalton PPool and Gladys (Hayes) PPool. James moved to Orange in 1942 where he met his loving wife of 45 years, Linda PPool. James was a security guard for many years in Orange county. He was a strong believer in Christ and was of the Presbyterian faith.



James absolutely loved little league and high school sports and was always at games cheering his favorite teams on. He made many friends that became his family over the years. Linda would like to thank everyone for the love, support, and help throughout the years. James made a lasting impact on many lives and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Gladys PPool.

Robert V. Kimmel, 76

Robert V. Kimmel, born February 21, 1944, died August 9, 2020 at his son's home in Orange, Texas. Robert was born and raised in Mexico, Missouri; graduating from Mexico High School and attending college in Kirksville, Missouri. He found his calling after joining the United States Army and served twenty-four honorable years. Robert traveled the world in the service of his country and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He also lived in Japan, Korea, and was especially fond of the time spent in Enewetak Atoll Marshall Islands, but always remained a Missouri boy at heart. After retirement and returning to Mexico, he worked with disabled and handicapped adults all the while continuing to support his favorite Missouri sports teams, the University of Missouri and the St. Louis Cardinals. His lifelong love of animals was evident in his dedication to a long assortment of dogs, cats, and the various birds he rescued periodically. Since moving to Tennessee, his green thumb showed itself with trees, plants, and shrubs. He was especially good at getting plants to grow in this climate where they should not



have thrived, but did. He had tropical plants such as windmill palm trees, banana plants, and Japanese Maples filling his yard. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Helen Kimmel, two sons, Danny Barnett and Robert J. Kimmel (B.J., also an Army veteran), and his long-time loving companion, Rebecca Swick. He is survived by: daughter, Adrienne McFarland (Kevin) of Columbus, Georgia; sons, Aaron Kimmel of Columbus, Georgia and Nathaniel Kimmel (Cole Holland) of Orange, Texas, and four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and sister, Faye Teel of Tacoma, Washington. The family wishes to thank Dr. Kristen Wolfenbarger, the ladies of Mend Care, the gentlemen of the Marysville Fire Department, everyone at Blount Memorial Hospice, and Kari, Amanda and Staci of Southeast Texas Hospice for all the care extended to Robert during his illness. We appreciate all of your kindness. Per Robert's wishes, cremation will take place with a memorial service to be held at a later date.

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Coronavirus testing in Texas plummets as schools reopen

Edgar Walters and Emma Platoff
The Texas Tribune

The number of Texans being tested for the coronavirus has fallen sharply in recent weeks, a trend that has worried public health experts as officials consider sending children back to school while thousands more Texans are infected each day.

In the week ending Aug. 8, an average 36,255 coronavirus tests were administered in Texas each day — a drop of about 42% from two weeks earlier, when the average number of daily tests was 62,516.

At the same time, the percentage of tests yielding positive results has climbed, up to 20% on average in the week ending Aug. 8. Two weeks earlier, the average positivity rate was around 14%.

On Saturday, the state set a record for its positivity rate, with more than half of that day's roughly 14,000 viral tests indicating an infection.

Taken together, the low number of tests and the large percentage of positive results suggest inadequacies in the state's public health surveillance effort at a time when school reopenings are certain to increase viral spread, health experts said.

"Opening the schools is a really complicated problem, and the best thing we can do is get the number of cases down so kids can go back to school safely," said Catherine Troisi, an infectious disease epidemiologist at UTHealth School of Public Health in Houston. "There are so many reasons why kids need to be in school, particularly younger kids, but we're finding out more and more they can get infected, and the concern is them bringing it home and spreading in the community and spreading to teachers."

"I think the worst thing would be for schools to open, then close," she said. "That really makes it hard on parents, that unpredictability, and there's a lot of costs associated with opening the schools safely."

The decline in tests may be driven in at least some places by a drop in demand. In Austin, health officials say fewer people are

seeking tests through the city's online portal and at local events. Local officials had been forced in late June to limit testing only to people who were showing symptoms of the coronavirus. Now, they are opening it back up to asymptomatic people.

The number of tests performed in Texas has "never been great," said Vivian Ho, a health economist at Rice University and Baylor College of Medicine, but "it's extremely troubling" that the numbers have dipped since last month.

"It's troubling because we can guess at some of the reasons, but we're not sure," she said.

She suggested that some people may have been discouraged by long wait times for test results, or less concerned about the virus' toll in Texas after a frightening peak in July began to flatten out.

A declining number of tests is a particularly thorny issue for schools, Ho said. "No public school has the resources to do testing under the current circumstances. There are huge class sizes and crowded hallways," she said.

Researchers estimate that the true number of coronavirus cases could be more than 10 times the number of positive tests. As many as half of the people who contract the virus may never experience symptoms.

State data shows coronavirus hospitalizations declining in Texas, with some 7,500 coronavirus patients reported in Texas hospitals on Sunday. That's down from a late July peak of about 11,000 — but remains well above Texas' levels in the spring, when daily hospitalizations plateaued below 2,000.

Gov. Greg Abbott said on July 31 that local health officials could not issue blanket orders that preemptively blocked schools in their jurisdictions from opening their classrooms for in-person instruction. That statement, which followed similar guidance from Attorney General Ken Paxton, came after about 18 local health authorities had issued such orders. The move frustrated some superintendents, who said they were hamstrung in their ability to respond to the pandemic.

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STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

Back To School Blues

Getting mentally prepared for re-entering school and the challenges ahead for students during the 2020-2021 school year

We are proud to welcome Maddy Smith as a columnist for The Record. Maddy is a student at Orangefield High School. She is a talented young writer whose columns offer unique insights from the perspective of a local high school student. Intended primarily for young people, all of The Record readers are welcome to enjoy our columns by Maddy Smith.

MADDY SMITH
Student Columnist
For The Record

The first day of school, whether you have been going to the same school all your life or you're starting at a new school, will always be nerve wracking. However, given the health risks can make it much more concerning and stressful than it usually is. There is more pressure on getting mentally and emotionally prepared now, parents and their kids have to make a commitment to either online school or regular school, and some kids don't even have a choice.

Children and teens take a long time to mentally prepare for school especially if you're going into high school. Not to mention if you're starting at a new school like I am. Now we have to worry about being extremely careful with our own health and the health of our family.

Some things that goes into mental preparation for school include mapping out where all your classes are and the easiest way to get there, who to sit with at lunch, what you're going to eat for lunch, what you're going to wear, how you're going to get to school, and constantly going through what if scenarios in your head and expecting the worst of the worst. Quarantine has also caused lots of stress and effected the "what if" situations in our head. Many of us have not seen or spoken to our friends as much as we should have during quarantine. This causes us to begin to worry if we are still friends or if we will have friends at all when we go back to school. What if they have changed and don't want to be our friend anymore. Not to mention the pro-

tests that has been going on.

We've spoken out and used our voice on what we believe in and stood our ground. This can affect many friendships if your friends have completely different views. For someone who is starting school somewhere new, all your worries are multiplied. Often you know nobody there and are completely on your own. You know nothing about the campus and don't know if you should jump into things before you get a feel of the campus and the people.

There are also many kids that do not have a choice on if they want to do online or regular school. Wi-Fi and technology are not accessible to some kids. Although many schools provided Wi-Fi for their students at the beginning of quarantine, they are not doing that for those that choose to do online school. Their parents may also work all day and don't have someone at the house to watch them and keep them safe. So the parents have no choice but to send their kids to school no matter how worried they are about their kid's health and their own.

Not all families are as fortunate as others including myself. I am very grateful I was able to choose and even have the opportunity to go to school. Whether a child had a choice or not the parents also have to mentally prepare for their children to go to school. A parent worries about their children all the time. It's part of their job to worry about their child. You going back to school is not only stressful for you but for your parents as well. They will stress your health, their own health and the health of their family.

Don't worry about what other people think about you when you go into a new situation including school. At the end of the day you will never see the majority of them ever again. No one is going to care what people thought about you or what you thought about other people in 20 years after you've grown up and moved on. Be as safe as you can especially out in public and around other people.

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I hope this week has been better for you than last week. It is normal to experience worry, anxiety, and self-pity when we lack the resources essential to our well being; Such as food, shelter, health, finances etc. God reminds us that help can come through unexpected resources if we only turn to him. Before we look for solutions on our own, we need to be careful and turn to Him first.

Turning to God can save a whole lot of time and frustration. 1 Kings 17:15 "So there was food every day for Elijah and the woman and her family."

The Farmer's Wife . . .

LOU HARRIS
For The Record

Hello Everyone,



2 cans stewed tomatoes
Salt, pepper, garlic powder to taste
1 small head cabbage, chopped (opt)

In a large pot, brown meat in a small amount of oil. Add at least 2 quarts of water and cook until meat is tender. Add potatoes, carrots and onions and cook about 10 minutes. Add all other ingredients and cook until vegetables are done about 15-20 minutes longer. Season to taste. You can serve over rice or cornbread.

Cookie Dough Cheesecake Squares

2 pkg sugar cookie dough
2- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
1/2 c sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla

Preheat oven 350 degrees. Grease a 13x9 cake pan. Cut 1 roll of cookie dough into 24 slices. Arrange slices on bottom of prepared pan. Press slices together and set aside

In a large bowl beat cream cheese until creamy. Gradually add sugar, eggs and vanilla. Mix well. Pour mixture over cookie dough. Cut remaining roll of cookie dough into 24 slices. Arrange over cream cheese mixture. Bake 45 minutes. Cool and cut into squares.

Grilling Secrets for Your Labor Day Weekend

You've been grilling all summer long, which means you may be in need of some new ideas this Labor Day Weekend. Experts say, no matter what equipment you're using, the secret to making a big impact on the flavor of your food is BBQ pellets.

"With the amazing wood smoke flavors that cooking with wood pellets offer, it's truly a game changer for any backyard barbecue," says Ben Madden, product manager at Bear Mountain BBQ Woods, crafter of gourmet, hardwood pellets. Bear Mountain BBQ pellets are made from 100% premium all-natural hardwoods, with no flavorings, fillers, or additives, which create amazing wood-smoke flavor.

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Teaching old dogs new tricks

CAPT. DICKIE COLBURN
For The Record

"I am hoping they let the kids back in school and at least a few of these folks have to go home," said Johnny Hughes. The Toledo Bend resident added, "I built my first camp up here in 1970 and I cannot ever recall the lake being this crowded all summer long."

After acknowledging the possibility that most of those people are simply trying to avoid Covid 19, he relented and added, "My neighbors' camps and docks are in a lot better shape now!"

At the age of 78, you would think the retired pipe fitter would no longer chase bass as aggressively as he still does. "I read everything I can on the internet about new techniques because that is the only way I can learn anything new. I used to share ideas with other fishing partners, but they have either died or never really liked to fish as much as they said they did!"

"I've kept my old Skeeter boat because it still works okay and doesn't draw a second look from weekend bass fishermen that didn't do their homework, but there is nothing old about my electronics," said Hughes. "The young fishermen that comprehend all the things their electronics will do are so much better fishermen than we were that it seems unfair."

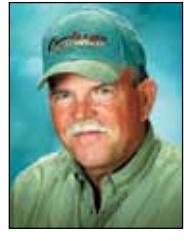
My most recent upgrade is a result of all of this added pressure," pointed out Hughes. "Even back when we were young studs and could flip hydrilla all day long I never caught as many quality bass as I do now and it is because of two things.....my electronics and fishing in the hottest part of the day."

"Some days the heat just won't let me grind as long as I'd like to because of diabetes and who knows what else, but I have been doing all of my catching between ten o'clock in the morning and five in the afternoon. I am never out more than a couple of hours at a time. The wife is convinced that I am going to load up our lab one morning and just cash it in like a Viking, so I keep an eye on my watch."

"Now don't go tell the world what I am fishing with because I know that the lure and color gives me an edge most days," he instructed. "I don't mind, however, you telling other fishermen what I am doing because I don't think they are tough enough to fight the heat."

"For the past two months, and I won't be surprised if it holds another two, the best bite has been deep even at daylight. Your old Wacky worm and topwaters have their moment, but if I was trying to win a tournament I would be cranking 10 to 14 feet of water early with a deep diving crankbait."

Hughes then said the remainder of his fishing time would be spent dragging a Carolina rig in 18 to 26 feet of water even



Dickie Colburn

Astros bring losing streak to Minute Maid

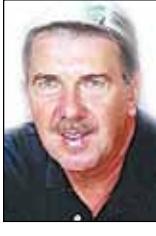
KAZ'S KORNER
JOE KAZMAR
For The Record

Most of the players on the other 29 major league teams are really happy today because the Houston Astros—the team that allegedly cheated to win the 2017 World Series—have lost five games in a row.

If the Astros were playing a regular 162-game season, that losing streak would be 14 games. They hope the streak continues into early October and Houston finishes the abbreviated 60-game 2020 season 6-54. Of course,

in reality this can't happen, but the Astros certainly don't look like the defending American League champions during the first two weeks of the season, wallowing in fourth place in the American League West Division standings through Sunday's action, 5½-games behind the division-leading Oakland A's, who are on a nine-game winning streak. The pitching staff is in a shambles with only two of last season's five-man starting rotation (Zack Greinke and Lance McCullers) healthy enough to pitch every five days.

The other three slots are taken by untested major league arms. And the bullpen, which has been decimated by most of last year's stalwarts due to sore elbows, forearms and muscle strains, now consists of 10 rookies, many of which haven't played above Double AA so far in their careers. But these rookies are coming in after the fifth inning in most games and holding the opponent scoreless or with only one or two runs, hoping the offense can produce at least a couple of runs. After this grueling 9-game road trip that ended Sunday, these 10 rookies have a combined earned run average of just a tad over 2.00. It's not as if the Astros are getting blown out in their nine losses, it's just a matter of their offense going dead after the fifth inning.



Joe Kazmar



New manager Dusty Baker's hands are tied because of the lack of players with major league experience.

So far, Houston has played in five extra-inning games and has won only one. A couple of those losses came after the Astros scored the go-ahead run in the extra innings only to have one of their new "closers" blow the lead and the game. The last time Houston was under .500 at least 10 games into the season was 2016.

New manager Dusty Baker's hands are tied because of the lack of players with major league experience. But when it comes down to crunch time like on Thursday, with Houston leading 4-3 going into the bottom of the ninth inning, Baker yanked out rookie Andre Scrubb, who got four outs on just 13 pitches and owns a 0.00 ERA and inserted Ryan Presley, who went into the weekend series with an astronomical 40.50 ERA. Presley threw just 15 pitches and didn't retire a batter as the Astros lost 5-4 to Arizona last Thursday. The loss ruined the first solid start of rookie Brandon Bialek (2-0), who didn't allow any runs over five innings of two-hit ball. If Presley had done his job, Houston would have headed to Oakland for their weekend series two-games over .500. Several

Astros' regulars that are struggling include injured George Springer (.182), Jose Altuve (.182), Alex Bregman (.219) and Martin Maldanado (.188). Players off to fast starts are Carlos Correa (.345) and Michael Brantley (.313) in games through Sunday and Zack Greinke (0-0) with a 3.00 ERA.

Closer Roberto Osuna has good numbers but is finished for the season after being put on the 45-day Injury List Sunday, who may need another Tommy John surgery which would sideline him for most of the 2021 season as well. Other Astros on the Injured List include ace right-hander Justin Verlander, slugger Yordan Alvarez, Jose Urquidy, Aledmys Diaz, Brad Peacock and Chris Devenski.

KWICKIES...

Las Vegas Raiders head coach Jon Gruden must have a weird sense of humor. The team logged on for as video meeting last week expecting to see Gruden leading the call. Instead, NFL Network reports, they got special teams coach Rich Bisaccia who said Gruden had been hospitalized due to complications of the coronavirus.

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Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife law enforcement reports.

A-B-C, It's Easy as 1-2-3

A Hamilton County game warden and Johnson County game warden were patrolling Lake Pat Cleburne when they conducted a water safety check on a pontoon boat that had three women, one man and two dogs on board. The boat had expired registration, no throwable floatation device and the captain of the boat had a freshly opened 16 oz. can of beer next to his seat. During the water safety check, the warden could smell alcohol on the man and noticed he had a hard time keeping his balance standing. The warden asked the captain, "How much have you had to drink? Have you had anything to eat today?" The captain said, "I've had about 5 beers and I had some watermelon earlier." The warden then asked the man to say his ABC's and he missed several letters. During the standard field sobriety test on shore, the man said under his breath, "I can't even do this sober." The captain was placed under arrest for Boating While Intoxicated. He consented to provide a breath specimen, which produced a result of 0.182 g/210L blood alcohol content. The captain was booked into the Johnson County Jail.

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

A game warden was traveling back to Bell County from Lake Travis when he heard several deputies, several volunteer fire fighters, Temple technical rescue and Starflight in route to a call near a river. The warden called the local dispatch for more information and learned that a minor was operating an ATV and went off a sheer 35-40 ft. cliff into the Little River. Additional assistance was requested because the terrain was difficult to navigate and needed a four-wheel drive vehicle. The warden reached out to another warden also in the area and they responded to the scene. Upon arrival, Temple Fire Department's technical team prepared a repelling system pully system and various personnel from seven different agencies assisted in recovering the patient, two of his friends and several rescuers up the sheer 35-40 ft. cliff. Due to the excellent teamwork and communication the operation was successful, and the patient was transported to the hospital in stable condition with a few broken bones.

Strike a Pose

A Houston County game warden was patrolling Houston County Lake when he noticed a man in possession of a slot limit bass. The man said he was going to take a photo with the fish and then release it back into the lake. The warden asked to see the fish and when the man removed it from the live well, the warden saw that it was dead and beginning to turn stiff. Case pending.



Curiosity Caught the Cat

A game warden received a call from an Andrews County deputy asking about the legality of shooting mountain lions in Texas. After explaining the regulations, the deputy told the warden someone had claimed to have seen several mountain lions hanging around an old abandoned house near the state line. The warden contacted the individual who had allegedly seen the cats and located where he had spotted them. The warden spoke to the landowners in the area and found out the individual did not have permission to be on their property. After investigating further, it was determined that four individuals were trespassing on the ranch. Appropriate charges were filed and are currently pending.

Punch Buggy! Wait That's MY Buggy!

A Polk County game warden was patrolling an area recently hit with several burglaries when he noticed an unoccupied UTV. While searching the UTV for a serial number, a person pulled up in a truck screaming

for help. The person claimed that someone had just broke into their property, then said "Hey! That's my buggy!" The thief had used the UTV to transport stolen goods from the burglary that morning. Trail cameras, which were also stolen, sent partial images of the thief to the owner's cell phone. The next day, the warden visited a nearby house that was being worked on to see if anyone recognized the subject. One of the workers said, "Yes, that guy borrowed my phone, he said his buggy broke down." The warden saw the text messages the subject sent and was able to gather their name and address. The case was handed to Polk County Sheriff's Office due to subject being part of an organized crime ring in Polk, Liberty and San Jacinto Counties. Multiple warrants have been issued.

Failing to Retrieve or Keep in Edible Condition. The next day, the warden contacted the friend who had admitted to helping the boyfriend kill the deer and leaving it hanging in the garage without processing it completely. After further investigation, the warden found that the friend also had a felony warrant. He was arrested for the Felony Warrant, Hunting at Night and Failing to Retrieve or Keep in Edible Condition.

We Found Dove in a Hopeless Place

Two game wardens responded to a call regarding individuals shooting birds near a gun range in Donna. With the wardens approaching the area from opposite directions, two men were found exiting a brushy area carrying a rifle and piece of plywood with a target affixed, while a third man was sitting under a blue tent near his pickup truck. The wardens confronted the men and asked if either of them owned the property or had the landowner's permission to be there. They readily admitted that they did not have permission, although one offered that he had hunted there a couple of years before. They were then asked if they had been hunting birds, but categorically denied it. Unfortunately for them, the Wardens were able to find the seven white-winged dove they had hidden in a bait bucket. After consulting with the landowner, it was determined that "Criminal Trespass – Agricultural Land" and "Hunting During Closed Season" would be the charges filed. In addition, the individual claiming to have killed the birds was assessed the civil restitution value for each of the white-winged dove.

We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together

A Montgomery County game warden received a complaint from a woman saying her boyfriend and his friend had killed a deer a couple of days ago and still had it hanging in the garage. The warden arrived at the location and found the deer had gone to waste. The boyfriend admitted to shooting the deer from a public road at night and was arrested for a Felony Warrant, Hunting at Night and

Three TPWD Employees Perish in Helicopter Crash

Staff Report For The Record

AUSTIN— While conducting aerial surveys for desert bighorn sheep in West Texas on Saturday, Aug. 8, three Texas Parks and Wildlife Department employees died in a helicopter crash on TPWD's Black Gap Wildlife Management Area in Brewster County. The victims include Wildlife Biologist Dewey Stockbridge, Fish and Wildlife Technician Brandon White, and State Wildlife Veterinarian Dr. Bob Dittmar. The pilot, a private contractor, survived the crash and was transported to El Paso for further treatment.

"No words can begin to express the depth of sadness we feel for the loss of our colleagues in this tragic accident," said Carter Smith, TPWD Executive Director. "These men were consummate professionals, deeply liked and highly regarded by their peers and partners alike for the immense passion, dedication, and expertise they brought to their important work in wildlife management and veterinary medicine. Wildlife conservation in Texas lost three of its finest as they so honorably and dutifully carried out their calling to help survey, monitor and protect the bighorns of their beloved west Texas mountains. We will miss Dewey, Brandon, and Dr. Bob deeply and dearly. All of us at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department send our deepest condolences and sympathies to the Stockbridge, White, and Dittmar families in the wake of this devastating tragedy and continue to pray for the health and recovery of the pilot."

The Texas Department of Public Safety, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Texas Game Wardens are currently investigating the incident. Further details will be shared with the public as they become available.

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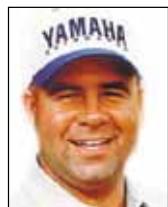
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Everything is bigger in the dark

Outdoors Weekly
Capt. Chuck Uzzle
For The Record

How many times have we seen it happen, it seems like the whole fishing world is crying about the wind and wishing that it would stop so we can get back to the business of enjoying our favorite sport. Well guess what, all the wishes came true and now we have a new enemy as the daytime temperatures are just plain going through the roof. It has just been hot as a family of rats in a wool sock and we are just now really getting to the tough summer months. Excessive heat like we have experienced so far means that fishermen will have to do some things differently in order to catch fish on a consistent basis and be safe while on the water.

Now some of the obvious precautions that come to mind are taking care of you before, during, and after any



trip out on the water. The blazing sun can take a toll on your body if you aren't prepared

and no fish is worth jeopardizing years off of your life. Make the effort to protect yourself by dressing right and wearing some quality sunscreen. The newest fishing clothing out there will keep you safe from the harmful rays of the sun as well as allow you to fish comfortably. There are plenty of great clothing manufacturers out there and they have some really nice options for the fisherman who wants to be safe. I have fallen in love with the long sleeve pullover Guide Skiff T shirt from Columbia, it's light, dries fast, and isn't bulky which makes it nice when I'm on the poling platform all day. Another addition to your wardrobe needs to be a hat that covers



The buff can be wrapped around a hat or your neck and face to give incredible protection from harmful UV rays and it stays on much easier than a bandana ever could.

your ears and the back of your neck; the old ball cap won't cut it for protection from the sun. I have seen many of the Florida and Caribbean guides use the Buff which is adaptation of the neck gaiter that many snow skiers wear and became famous when the contestants on Survivor began wearing them. The buff can be wrapped around a hat or your neck and face to give incredible protection from

harmful UV rays and it stays on much easier than a bandana ever could. I recently got a couple of them and they are a nice addition to your sun block.

Now that we are properly clothed and protected we can get down to the business of actually catching fish. The ultra hot temperatures will do just as big a number on

the fish as they do on the fishermen, feeding windows become a little smaller and fish just tend to get a bit more lethargic when the mercury climbs. I have seen redfish in the shallow marshes almost look up at the boat and beg you not to spook them because they are resting or are having trouble finding enough oxygen to make moving around an option. These fish are often difficult to catch because they just don't want to expend the effort to move in those conditions. Give the same fish a little overcast or summer shower that brings the temperatures down as well as rejuvenates the water and you have a whole different fish. That wonderful feeling of relief that we all get after a much needed rain is just what the doctor ordered to get those fish moving and eating again.

Speaking of fish eating, how many times in the summer have you seen fish just come up and nudge a topwater plug? It seems like they just don't want to commit to

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on the windier days. "Bass at that depth have no idea that you are hanging on in three foot waves."

"I have no idea why not that long ago we were afraid the hydilla was going to take over like it did on Conroe and now you can't find any," says Hughes. The absence of deep grass is the reason he prefers the Carolina rig over a drop shot.

"I don't want to get in a tug of war with the kind of bass I am hunting with a spinning

rod and I don't like to fish vertically at all." While he feels size of the bait is more important than color when fishing that deep, he is also convinced that not changing the length of your leader on occasion is a big mistake. "Do not fall in love with one particular length or you will pay the price some days."

While he added that he fishes with a $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce sinker all of the time I was surprised to learn that he does not fish with braided line. "If I was

learning all over again I would use braid," he stated, "but I guess I'll die fishing 20 pound monofilament."

I started fishing with and against Johnny in 1974 and he is as good as anybody I ever fished with so his advice is golden with me. That's why the pictures on his most recent text were jaw dropping, but not necessary. I don't know anyone else that has caught and released six bass over nine pounds in the past two months!"

Gruden, who was perfectly healthy, said he was using the meeting (and the fear it induced in the players) as a reminder for his team that the virus can affect anyone—all the more reason to be extremely careful, both inside the team facilities and out in the world. He had called upon Bisaccia for a little play acting.

Last week the University of Connecticut became the first member of the Football Bowl Subdivision to abandon its schedule in full because of the coronavirus pandemic. Last weekend the Mid-American Conference (MAC) canceled its fall season with the Big 10 and Big 12 expected to follow suit before this Korner hits the streets. At the same time, the USA Today coaches' preseason poll has picked Clemson No. 1 for the second straight year. Ohio State is second followed by Alabama, Georgia and LSU in the top five.

The University Interschol-

astic League should be prepared to delay the fall sports season while also working to write stronger and clearer policies. So far, the UIL has postponed Class 6A and 5A football and volleyball for five weeks to Sept. 7 with other sports and teams and lower classes remaining as scheduled for August. Jadeveon Clowney, who refused to accept a lucrative contract with the Houston Texans and play second fiddle to J.J. Watt, is having the same problem with the Seattle Seahawks, where he remains unsigned. According to NFL Networks' Michael Silver, "the Seahawks appear to move on from Clowney, who wants more than Seattle is willing to pay."

JUST BETWEEN US...

The pro golfing world found themselves a new hero, 23-year-old Collin Morikawa who came up with an eagle-2 on the short par-4 No. 16 hole Sunday afternoon to win the 102nd PGA Cham-

pionship by two strokes and the prestigious Wannamaker Trophy that goes with the victory. It was only Morikawa's second start in a major tournament. However, he is from the San Francisco area and was more familiar with the TPC Harding Park golf course than most of the competition. Morikawa joins Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy as 23-year-old winners of the PGA Championship. He won \$1,980,000 and a lifetime exemption from the PGA and five-year exemptions from the other three majors.

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9 Ways to Become a Weather Expert

Staff Report For The Record

Weather impacts a range of decisions we make throughout the day, from what to wear, whether to bring an umbrella, when to head out for a jog, or even if you should evacuate the area in an emergency.

Having access to the most accurate weather forecasts, news and information, and being able to make sense of it, is essential. That's why the experts at AccuWeather are sharing nine ways to use their newly designed app to enhance your life:

1. Don't get caught in the rain. Going for a jog? Avoid getting caught in the rain by checking AccuWeather MinuteCast, the app's minute-by-minute precipitation forecast in your location for up to the next two hours.

2. Plan ahead. Planning ahead? AccuWeather provides weather forecasts 45

days out, including historic and trend data breakdowns for each day, giving you a holistic view into the future and the peace of mind to plan that camping trip or to set your outdoor wedding date.

3. Know right away. Get informed automatically of what you need to know and when you need to know it with push notifications. Opt in to receive real-time severe weather alerts from the National Weather Service (NWS) and other sources, which can help protect you and your family from weather emergencies. AccuWeather's mobile apps process NWS severe weather alerts faster than any other source, which is critical when lives are on the line and every second counts.

4. Manage allergies. Don't let seasonal allergies ruin your weekend. The app's Allergy Outlook displays daily projections of common aller-

gens in a single, scroll-free list, so you can decide whether to skip that Saturday afternoon picnic in favor of something indoors.

5. Be productive. Outdoors and on the job? Let your crew know if they need to layer up with the help of the exclusive AccuWeather RealFeel. Combining temperature, plus additional factors such as wind speed and humidity, precipitation, cloud cover and sun intensity, this feature provides a proprietary measure of exactly how the air feels outdoors specific to where you're positioned, so you can keep your worksite productive, protected and comfortable.

6. Get historical. A Location Search feature allows you to check historical weather trends and long-term projections in any given destination, so you can start dreaming about your next vacation as soon as you book a ticket. You can even save

your 'Favorites' and 'Recent' locations for easy access to weather forecasts at work, home and school, or track the local weather of loved ones.

7. Catch sunrise. Want to catch that beautiful sunrise on the last day of your beach vacation? The app's Today's Details section lets you know exactly when the sun will rise and set each day, as well as how long each day and night will last.

8. Stay safe behind the wheel. Plan in advance to avoid inclement winter driving by using the 5-Day Precipitation Outlook and the 24-Hour Snowfall Forecast located on one map screen. The map includes a range of additional features, including Radar, Satellite and Temperature Contour, so you can understand all conditions at play.

9. Be prepared. If you live in an area regularly impacted by severe weather events,

utilize AccuWeather's video content, weather trends articles and tips curated to help you adequately prepare for a variety of catastrophic events.

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"With accurate informa-

tion, you can gain the confidence you need to make better informed decisions for your life, business and family's safety," said Kurt Fulepp, AccuWeather global chief product officer, who led development of the app.

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stead of floating on top. That small little bit of plug under the water was often just enough to get those fish to take the bait, it worked like magic. I still use the technique on occasion to this day and I always give Jim credit for sharing that little bit of knowledge with me.

Now for many anglers at this time of the year the best way to escape the summer heat is to wait until dark and then pursue their favorite fish. Night fishing is an altogether different animal compared to fishing during the day. I personally will not take clients at night due to the fact that so many things can happen and they are multiplied in the dark.

For my own personal fishing this is a different story, you can have an absolute blast under the cover of dark-

ness. A calm night and a vicious topwater strike are what many fishermen's dreams are made of. At night you get the benefit of several things, one being the heat is much less and that makes fishing a whole lot more tolerable.

Another benefit of fishing at night is the reduced traffic on the water; fish are much more likely to move around in the calmer conditions. If you plan to be out at night please remember to do a couple of things that will help to ensure your safety and make your trips more productive for years to come. First and foremost be sure to let someone know where you are going and what time you expect to be back. In the dark it's awful hard to flag someone down and get help. Two, be dang certain you have a PFD and some sort of signaling device like a whistle attached to you. Three, be careful of exploring new water in the dark. Nobody likes surprises and they are magnified in the dark.

Now that you have the safety stuff out of the way you can get down to the business of fishing. A good quality light or Q beam will help you locate bait. A quick scan across the surface will send baitfish fleeing and give exact locations to where the best concentrations of bait may be ganged up. Different anglers have varying theories on which moon phase is better for night fishing, I like the days around the full moon and I know others who swear by no moon at all. Either one will work if you have a plan and set up accordingly. Some anglers like to use

lights in order to draw fish to them while others will opt for a more traditional approach and fish know pieces of structure. Again, both methods will work and only you can pick your favorite.

The summer heat will be upon us for at least a couple of more months so be prepared to deal with it. The fishing will change with the weather but the patterns we discussed earlier should at least help you along the way to locating and catching fish at this time of the year.

Please be safe if you go out in either the heat of the day or the dark of night, no fish is worth a big risk and I am sure there are plenty of folks who want to be around for a long while. Enjoy the summer, take a kid fishing, and by all means be safe.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The BRIDGE CITY ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 17, 2020 in the Bridge City ISD Administration Building, 1031 W. Roadhouse Road, Bridge City, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.9664 /\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.11/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget	
The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.	
Maintenance and operations	0.87% decrease
Debt Service	11.76% decrease
Total expenditures	1.03% decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$1,377,347,904	\$1,397,225,195
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$20,679,849	\$16,549,489
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$1,182,116,142	\$1,201,529,172
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$17,784,670	\$14,232,561

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$12,794,378

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.97	\$0.13	\$1,100	\$4,120
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.06501	\$1.11783	\$1,18285	\$3,833
Proposed Rate	\$0.9664	\$0.11	\$1,0764	\$4,142

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$159,379.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$134,379.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.10
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,478.17
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$41.95

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.09830. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.09830.

Fund Balances

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$15,500,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$450,000

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE FOR ORANGE COUNTY

A tax rate of \$0.58648 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Orange County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.58648 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.53275 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.61412 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate for the 2020 tax year will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Orange County from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Orange County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Orange County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August, 18, 2020 at 1:00 P.M., located at 123 S. 6th St., Orange, Texas in the Commissioners' Courtroom.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Orange County is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Commissioners' Court of Orange County at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

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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:

James R. Dunaway
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 100
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77631-0100

Dated the 5th day of August, 2020.

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To: Unknown Father, Respondent,

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgement may be taken against you.

The petition of Sandra Ann Rabalais, Petitioners, was filed in the County Court At Law #2 of Orange County, Texas on July 28, 2020, against Unknown Father, numbered 200456-D and entitled **In the Interest of a Child**. The suit requests Original Petition for Termination and Adoption of Child.

The date and place of birth of the child/ren who is/are subject of the suit:

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The court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child/ren's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Orange, Texas, this August 4, 2020.

VICKIE EDGERLY, District Clerk

Orange County, Texas

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

DARREN ROSS MAY, Deceased
Cause No. P18811
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 JULY 29, 2020, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **DARREN ROSS MAY, 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 July 29, 2020.

BRANDY ROBERTSON,
County Clerk, Orange County, Texas
By: Samantha McInnis, Deputy

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

ESTON PRES BURNETT, SR., Deceased
Cause No. P18812
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 JULY 29, 2020, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **EASTON PRES BURNETT, SR., 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 July 29, 2020.

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FINDING GOD IN DRY PLACES**

Vaneetha Rendall Risner
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I was in my twenties when I first concluded that the Christian life was boring.

I read the Bible regularly, but often mindlessly. It just wasn't that interesting. I had a prayer list for my friends, but that felt obligatory. My prayers didn't seem to influence much anyway. I went to church every week, but paid little attention to the sermon. I was mostly there for my friends. I was grateful that Christ died for me and had saved me from my sin, but little about that seemed to excite me anymore. I assumed that was how everyone felt after the initial excitement of conversion wore off.

I was content with my mostly perfunctory faith until my son was dying, and then I moved from apathy to anger with God. Why had he not saved my son even after I begged him? I felt empty and almost purposeless until months later, when I cried out to God in desperation.

To my surprise, he answered me by surrounding me with an unmistakable sense of his presence. I started talking to God more honestly than I ever had before, often using the very words of Scripture. It felt freeing and life-giving, and I hoped it would never end. But as the intensity of my grief faded over time, so did the intensity of my connection with God.

Praying for a Passion

Around that time, I heard a talk by John Piper about loving God the way we love our spouses. I had never heard anyone speak with such passion about God before, and it made me reconsider my own desire for God or lack thereof. Then I heard another speaker whose love for Jesus radiated through her words as well, and I wondered if I could develop that kind of pas-



sion myself. She talked about the intimacy of her relationship with God, how he showed up in the most spectacular ways during some of her darkest times.

So I started asking God to give me a passion for him. I wanted to delight in God, but there was no formula to follow, no three easy steps, no way to conjure this up. I needed God to provide the spark.

The spark came when I was battling a chronic debilitating condition while raising two adolescent daughters after my husband had left us. Life was impossibly hard, and I needed God in ways I had never needed him before. It was then that I found a deep, abiding joy that completely reshaped me. This is what I've learned about finding true delight in God.

Pathways to Joy

First, I must be authentic with God, especially in my pain. I have sometimes pulled away from God, resentful and bitter, thinking I couldn't tell him how I felt. But mouthing words of praise when my heart was far from God did not honor God

(Isaiah 29:13), and never led to a deeper passion for him.

Rather than being superficial in my worship and inwardly turning away, or complaining about God and blatantly walking away, I needed to talk to God directly. We can tell him all our deepest fears and frustrations, as evidenced by the words of Job, Jeremiah, and the psalmists. Delight in God radiates from within (Romans 7:22), which requires honesty and truth in our inner being (Psalm 51:6).

Second, developing a passion for God requires focus and intention. I couldn't just drift into it. Jacob wrestled with God through the night and would not let the Lord go even at daybreak until God blessed him (Genesis 32:26). That tenacity should be our model as we cling to God until he gives us a desire for him. Keep asking, keep seeking, and keep knocking until you are satisfied. Since the Lord promises that when we seek him with our whole heart, we will find him, we should expect him to answer us with nothing less than himself (Matthew 7:7-11; Jeremiah 29:13).

Third, I put things into my life that would lead me to delight, though at first they resembled mere duty. I started reading the Bible with a pen and paper in hand, expecting God to show me something — even when my day was overwhelming, and the Bible felt lifeless. I prayed expectantly and looked for God's answers to my prayers — even when I was exhausted and wondered whether God was listening. I went to church and paid attention to the sermon, believing God would speak to me through it. I surrounded myself with believers and initiated conversation about faith — even when my non-Christian friends seemed more fun. All these things were God's means of grace to lead me to delight.

Love Him in Finding

When we don't desire God, we need to start walking toward him — a walk that anticipates delight is coming. If we lose sight of that goal and settle for a religious life fueled solely by duty, our faith will become wooden and meaningless, and we will likely fall away when tested. A perfunctory, intellectual faith alone cannot sustain us. In the end, faith without the faintest flicker of joy is not genuine faith.

Yet, if we want a genuine, life-giving relationship with God, we cannot set aside obedience, and simply wait for delight to wash over us. We must bring ourselves fully to God, continually asking him to breathe fresh, more vibrant, more satisfying life into our relationship. Passion for God doesn't always develop overnight. As it's growing, reading the Bible will move from obligation to delight. God's word will bring a lasting joy that will sustain us in our affliction (Psalm 119:92). Until that happens, we must trust in the slow work of God as we keep leaning into him.

When we trust in the Lord,

stay faithful, and commit our way to him, we learn to delight in God (Psalm 37:3-5). As we pursue that delight, we can ask God to teach us his ways, to help us walk in his paths, and to reveal himself to us in the process. It begins and ends with God.

The prayer of Ambrose of Milan sums this up beautifully:

Lord, teach me to seek you and reveal yourself to me when I seek you. For I cannot seek you unless you first teach me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in longing, and long for you in seeking. Let me find you in love, and love you in finding.

Dry duty and willpower will

not sustain us through suffering. In dark moments, we will inevitably reach for what satisfies us, comforts us, and brings us joy. God must be all those things to us, and if he is not, we must ask, seek, and knock until he is. Let us find him in love, and love him in finding.

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