



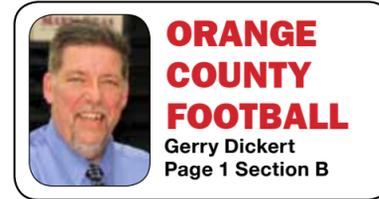
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Orange County's Barrow set for Nov. 3 election

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

The number of people applying to vote by mail in Orange County has increased, Elections Administrator Tina Barrow said earlier this week.

But so have the number of people hired to count those ballots and oversee a socially distanced Nov. 3 election.

President Donald Trump has predicted that an increase in mail-in ballots could cause a delay of days or weeks to decide the final vote count, but Barrow says she expects Orange County's vote-counting to be complete, as usual, within a few hours of the polls closing on Election Day.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, an extra, third, week of early voting has been added this year, meaning ballots may be cast as early as Oct. 13.



Barrow

There are four early voting locations for Orange County – Orange Public Library, Orange County Convention and Expo Center, Orange County Airport and the Raymond Gould Community Center in Vidor.

Barrow said she expects this election – headlined by Trump seeking reelection against Democrat challenger Joe Biden – to set a new county record for voter turnout.

The record of 32,294 was set in 2016, when Trump was elected despite losing the popular vote count nationally.

Trump was super popular in Orange County in 2016, though, whipping Democrat Hillary Clinton by more than a 4-1 margin, winning 81% of

the vote to Clinton's 19%.

Barrow says the reason she expects a bigger turnout includes the fact that seven city, school and taxing entities will also be holding their elections on that date, six of them having been postponed

from May by the COVID shutdown.

The local elections will be for mayor in Pinehurst, one city council spot each in Orange and Bridge City and four in Rose City, for two school board seats in Bridge

City and one in Orangefield, and for two seats on the Orange County Appraisal District.

The coronavirus threat – 1,822 cases and 39 deaths had been reported in the county as of Monday – con-

tinues and Barrow's department has received an \$83,000 CARES Act grant to help pay for extra staffing made necessary by the distancing rules that will be in place and

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TxDOT's barrier fix doesn't calm Clary

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Tommy Clary, the poster boy for Orange County pleas for flood control, was not impressed recently when the Texas Department of Transportation announced it would replace sections of concrete median barriers along Interstate 10 to better allow high water to flow across.

"Barriers aren't our problem," the North Orange homeowner said. "The dam bridge is our problem, the bridge that dams up the water."

Clary, who lives north of I-10 along Adams Bayou, has taken local elected city, county and drainage district officials on boat rides along the bayou to point out what he believes are the causes for much of Orange County's flooding.

He began after Tropical Storm Harvey with complaints about snags from trees falling into the Bayou and the Orange County Drainage District completed a major desnagging operation.

"That project helped," he allowed.

Clary points out that Adams Bayou has not been dredged since the 1950s and is half as wide and deep as it used to be.

But he and the others he has won over believe that a major reason water backed up in north Orange after Harvey and subsequent rain



Clary

events is because of the 47 pilings that support the six lanes of traffic that cross Adams Bayou at I-10. TxDOT has plans to expand I-10 to eight lanes, six for the freeway plus the two one-way service roads, also called Lutch Drive, on either side. The low bridges for the service roads will be replaced by elevating them alongside the highway bridge.

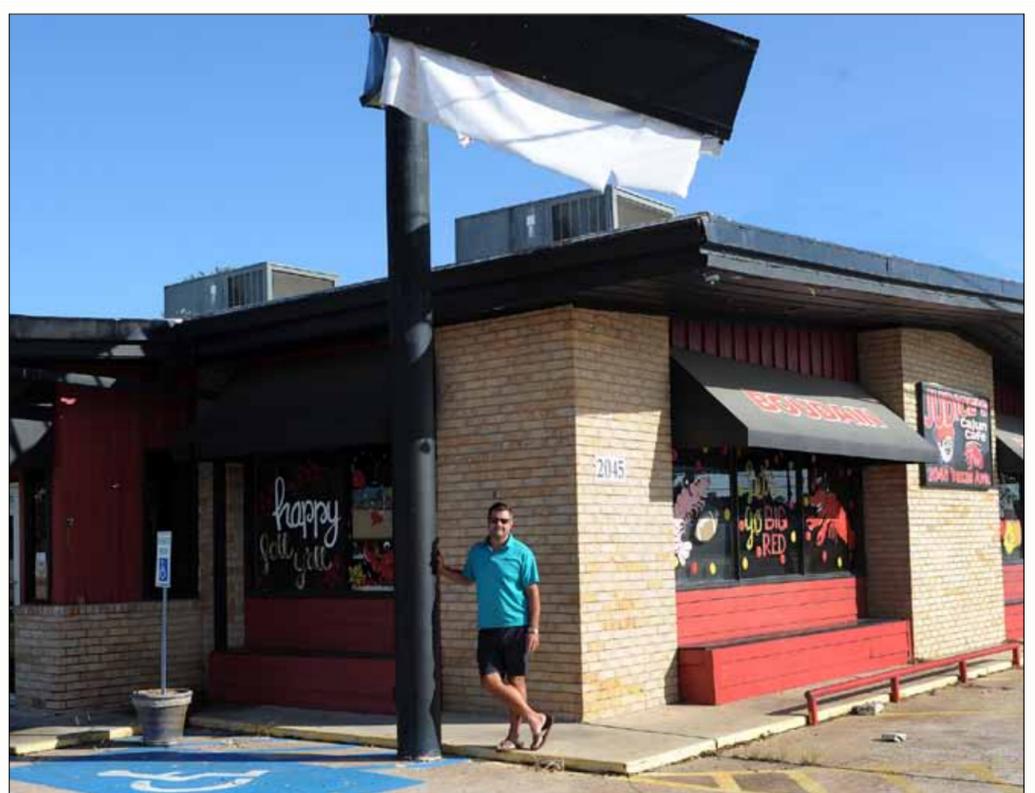
But the pilings for the wider bridge will still be in the bayou, waiting to snag logs and tree limbs and used couches.

During the record-breaking rainfall events of Tropical Storm Harvey in 2017 and Tropical Storm Imelda in 2019, rainwater was trapped on the north side, westbound lanes, of Interstate 10 by the solid concrete median barrier. The water filled the lanes like a swimming pool in both Chambers and Orange counties.

Travel was impossible. Motorists west of Beaumont found their cars trapped for multiple days by high water after Imelda.

TxDOT's release said it would be replacing 23 300-foot sections along low-lying areas where interstate flooding has occurred. That will be 16 in Chambers County and seven in Orange County,

TXDOT BARRIER Page 3A



Al Judice stands at his restaurant Judice's Cajun Cafe in Bridge City. While most local businesses were spared from Hurricane Laura the well known cajun food establishment received severe damage. Fans and diners of the restaurant will be happy to know that Judice plans to build back from the floor up and better than before. RECORD PHOTO: Mark Dunn

Judice's Cajun Cafe updates, rewards customers

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Like businesses all over Orange County, Judice's Cajun Cafe in Bridge City did not need Hurricane Laura blowing through on the heels of this year's COVID-19 shutdown.

But owner Al Judice IV decided to make the best of a bad situation.

"We're going to remodel," he declared last week, answering the question why his eatery had yet to reopen after the Aug. 27 storm.

"We got some water dam-

age in the wall, and if I'm going to have to replace the outer walls and everything else, I might as well do it up.

"We're going to reinvest money back into the business, put some money into it, so it actually benefits our customers."

Judice has run the restaurant at 2405 Texas Ave. for five years, turning the former Gary's Coffee Shop location into a hugely popular lunch and dinner destination for fried fish, shrimp, oysters, boudin balls and po-boy sandwiches.

It was his first foray into

the family restaurant business after spending the previous 10 years at Judice's grocery in Port Arthur.

"It's been a blessing," he said, "really awesome."

A.J. Judice, Al's grandfather, founded Judice's French Market on 7th Street in Port Arthur and created a sensation with boudin prepared by his wife, Mawmaw. Al's grandfather, "Crazy Frenchman" A.J. Judice, Jr., is credited with bringing boiled crawfish to Texas tables and taste buds in the 1960s. He invented crawfish racing

and was named Crawfish Racing Commissioner of Texas by Gov. Preston Smith.

"I was born in 1977, but I remember going to a lot of the local events my grandfather was involved in," Judice IV said. "With a family business, you can be as involved as you want to be."

"The grocery store was just as much fun, but not near as much profit. With HEB and Walmart [as competitors], you don't really make anything."

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Orange County nears 2,000 mark for COVID-19

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Depending on where you get your facts, Orange County has reached 1,941 total COVID-19 cases as of Tuesday, to go with 33 or 39 deaths.

Joel Ardoin, emergency management coordinator for the county, gave out the lower number of fatalities Tuesday in Commissioners Court. The Texas Department of State Health Services web-

site had 39 coronavirus deaths listed for the county.

The good news is that both Ardoin and TDSHS report that the county has a high rate of recoveries.

Ardoin said it was 1,521, which left 387 active cases. He said only 290 of those were confirmed while 97 were listed as "probable cases" having resulted from so-called "rapid" antigen tests like the ones administered before the visit of President Trump.

Those are sent to a lab to be retested before being confirmed, Ardoin said.

TDSHS had total cases at 1,847 for the county with 1,470 recoveries and 338 active cases.

Commissioners extended the county's disaster declaration from Hurricane Laura through the end of October, which is necessary to seek federal or state reimbursement from hurricane-caused damages still unknown.

And Kurt Guidry, county

maintenance boss, said new roof leaks were found just a few days ago when it last rained.

The county acknowledged receipt of \$463,639 from July sales tax and set special budgets to record a \$200,000 insurance reimbursement and a \$120,000 CARES Election grant. Outgoing was \$593,507 in weekly bills, including \$118,000 for a quarterly payment to the Orange County Appraisal District.



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COVID-19 in Texas

Texas officials change how the state reports positivity rate after testing backlogs skewed coronavirus data

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The Texas Tribune

Texas health officials announced Monday that they are changing the way the state reports a key metric used to evaluate the extent of coronavirus infection, a move that conceded that the state's previous method of calculating the "positivity rate" muddled the extent of viral transmission by mixing old data with new.

The Texas Department of State Health Services said it will now "primarily rely" on a new calculation of the daily positivity rate — defined as the share of tests that yield positive results — that takes into account the date on which a coronavirus test was administered. Officials said the new metric will give a more accurate representation of viral transmission in Texas on a given day.

It also means that each day's positivity rate will be an oft-changing number, fluctuating as officials collect lab results over time. Labs and hospitals report their test results to the state with varying degrees of timeliness, and state officials will have to recalculate the positivity rates for previous days as more test results from those dates pour in.

That's a departure from the current system, which calculates the positivity rate based on the date the health agency receives test results, which can be weeks or even months after the tests were administered.

It marks the latest in a series of data methodology changes and corrections health officials have issued over the course of the pandemic.

While touting the new reporting method as an improvement, state officials defended the old system as providing the best information that was available at the time.

The new positivity rate for the most part closely resembles the old metric, particularly when viewed as a trend line over time, officials said.

Health department spokesperson Chris Van Deusen said in an email that the different positivity rates generally moved in parallel until about August, when the state reported dumps of test results. "As long as the test results and new cases were reported fairly close in time, the case reported date was working as a metric," he said.

Asked if the health department had concerns about the accuracy of the positivity rate before August, Van Deusen said, "We have to go off of the data that we have."

The state said it will begin releasing the positivity rate under both the new and old methods. Health officials said they will publish a third positivity rate metric, which is calculated based on when lab results were reported to a national disease surveillance system, NEDSS, which officials said would reduce reporting lag time.

In its announcement, the Texas Department of State Health Services said the new calculations for the positivity rate will provide a more accurate representation of coronavirus transmission on any given day. It said the change was made after technology improvements last month improved the department's ability to use data from labs and other testing sites. The agency said that until recently, it wasn't able to track test results by the date they were administered.

The state can now process about 100,000 lab reports per day, officials said, compared with about 45,000 per day before August.

"As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, so must the data we share," Texas Department of

State Health Services Commissioner John Hellerstedt said in a prepared statement. "Our information must provide the clearest possible picture of what is happening now and what has occurred in the past."

Gov. Greg Abbott has pointed to the positivity rate as one metric that guides the state's response to the pandemic, helping policymakers calibrate the level of restrictions placed on bars and restaurants, for example. Abbott has previously said that a rate above 10% would be considered a red flag. According to the state's old calculations, the rate regularly exceeded that level in late June, after Abbott began allowing businesses to reopen in phases in early May.

The department did not immediately respond to a question about whether it agrees with the governor's threshold.

Health experts have raised questions about the value of the old metric since it included test results from widely variable time periods, and they have pointed out the limitations of the state's data.

"The numbers that we see from the county health departments or the state health department ... they're not useless, but they are highly qualified and unreliable in terms of studying the trend," Rajesh Nandy, associate professor of biostatistics and epidemiology at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, has said.

Coronavirus test results vastly undercount the extent of viral transmission; 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 and may not seek out testing.

Texas health officials said

Monday that the positivity rate is just one of many metrics that inform disease surveillance. After a midsummer surge that overwhelmed some Texas hospitals, particularly in South Texas, the state's number of coronavirus hospitalizations has fallen in August and September. Still, rates of viral spread and hospitalizations are higher now than they were before Abbott began the phased reopening of businesses in May. More than 14,000 Texans have died from the virus, according to the state's accounting.

The decision to start calculating and posting the additional positivity rates began this summer, when thousands of backlogged tests were added to the health department's reporting system, causing the positivity rate to spike, health department officials said.

Part of that logjam — some 350,000 of more than 850,000 tests — had accumulated because the state could not process enough test results each day before an Aug. 1 system upgrade. Labs have also struggled to upload their test results to the state's system, with formatting errors and glitches as minor as an errant question mark sometimes causing monthslong delays. Local officials and lawmakers have called the data "meaningless" and "inaccurate."

Just Sunday, San Antonio officials shared a health department email that revealed more backlogs — this time of roughly 205,000 test results from HCA Houston Healthcare, including 21,366 positive cases extending as far back as March. Baylor Scott and White and the health department's own lab in Austin also encountered a "routing error" during the system upgrade that prevented some 140,000 test results from June to the present from being processed into NEDSS.

Van Deusen said some of the cases were reported to local health departments despite the "routing error."

"I wish I could guarantee there would never be another IT issue that interrupts lab reports, but that's probably not realistic," Van Deusen said.

About 800 facilities have registered or are in the process of working with the health department to submit test results — many of them long-term care facilities, including nursing homes that are now under a federal mandate to regularly test staff for the first time, Van Deusen said. The department could not immediately provide a number for how many labs already testing Texans have been unable to

upload their results into the state system so far.

The state has hired health technology company Persivia to help improve the reporting process. Another consultant, Deloitte, joined the Department of Information Resources and Abbott's office in working with DSHS to improve "data quality and transparency," the health department said.

State data will also start to more accurately and efficiently separate tests by county, which could eliminate a large pool of tests that have been stubbornly categorized as "pending assignment" without being tied to a specific county, health officials said.

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also to clean each polling place as voting takes place. "We'll use that money for staffing, security, communication and supplies," Barrow said. "We have all the PPE stuff (personal protective equipment) we've got to buy, additional workers to get all the machines cleaned and extra workers at polling locations so they can clean stuff."

The County Elections Administration office also received a \$120,000 Help America Vote Act Security grant that required a \$16,000 matching payment by the county. Barrow said that money will purchase 31 Express Vote machines, like the 36 the county now owns, and four scanners that help count the paper ballots generated by the machines.

But the elections veteran says it is unlikely the equipment will be received in time to use for this coming election.

The Express Vote machines were introduced to the county voting process two years ago and will be in heavy use during early voting. Voters use a touch screen computer to place their votes but the votes are not recorded by computer. Instead, the machines issue a printed out ballot for voters to double check before inserting in a ballot box.

The early voting ballot boxes are locked and stored at the Elections Administration office until Election Day, when they are counted by Barrow and her staff. That involves running the ballots through a scanner that generates totals from each box. Those numbers are released to the public after the polls close at 7 p.m.

"We don't ever count any votes until Election Day, no ballot box is ever opened until Election Day," Barrow said. "That morning, whenever we get in, we'll run them through the machine. I open the ballot boxes and feed them [ballots] through the machine. Last time, I spent five or six hours running early voting."

Election day ballots turned in via the Express Vote machines or the old hand-marked bubble ballots are run through county scanners after the polls close.

Less than third of all votes cast in Orange County in 2016 came on Election Day.

The Orange County record for early voting was set in 2016, with 22,730 voters choosing to avoid the election-day rush. That was 70.3% of all votes cast.

Of those 22,730 votes, 1,855, or 5.7% of the total vote was cast by mail-in ballots.

President Trump and state Republicans like Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Attorney General Dan Paxton have predicted that mail-in voting will lead to voter fraud – although history does not support that claim – and Democrats counter that Republicans are trying to suppress voting by many means, including disqualifying a high number of mail-in ballots.

A federal judge ruled last week that the state's system for verifying signatures on mail-in ballots was unconstitutional. Some elections officials required that signatures on the ballot envelopes exactly matched those on the ballot-by-mail application, which are good for six years. Listing a middle initial on the application and not on the ballot envelope was reason for disqualification.

But Barrow says that's not the way she works. "The way we always do mail ballots is we send you an application, you sign that application and send it back. We send you a ballot and those signatures from your application and ballot envelope are reviewed to make sure they're the same person's signatures," she said.

"But it's not based on if your signature is exactly the same, it's if you sign one and somebody else signs the other and it's clearly two different people's handwriting. We've always done

it that way. A lot of the stuff that you're hearing, they've just blown out of proportion."

The deadline for applying for voting by mail is Oct. 23, Barrow said.

Another election issue getting a lot of play in the national media this year is a possible shortage of poll workers because of reluctance to be in confined spaces with others because of COVID.

"We haven't lost too many so far, but we're still in the process of finding that out," Barrow said. "We're going to have more judges, because of COVID, and people having to be six feet apart. We usually have three to four per election. We'll add anywhere from one to two people extra."

Election judges make \$12 an hour and are chosen by the chairmen of each of the county's political parties. The winning side in each precinct in the last gubernatorial race gets to provide the precinct judge and the losing side provides the alternate judge.

In the 2018 election, 31 of Orange County's 34 precincts voted to reelect Republican Gov. Greg Abbott and three precincts voted for his opponent, Democrat Lupe Valdez.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE – Oct. 5. Call 409-882-7973, visit Orange County Elections Administration Building, 206 Border St., Orange, TX, or email orangecountyelections@yahoo.com for application.

EARLY VOTING – Oct. 13-Oct. 30 – at Orange Public Library, Orange County Convention and Expo Center, Orange County Airport, Gould Community Center in Vidor (Any registered Orange County voter may vote in any early voting location).

ELECTION DAY – Nov. 3, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. – Orange County voters must vote at their assigned precinct voting location. Sites will be published later. Call 409-882-7973 for more information.

BALLOT BY MAIL – To qualify, you must be over 65, or disabled, or plan to be out of town on election day.

DEADLINE TO REQUEST MAIL-IN BALLOT – Oct. 23.

LOCAL ELECTIONS ON NOV. 3 BALLOT CITIES

Orange – (3-year terms) -- Paul Burch (I) vs. Charles Ray Thomas for Place 6 at-large.

Bridge City – (2-year terms) -- Mike Reed (I) vs. Kenneth Prosperie for Place 2 council rep.

Pinehurst – (2-year terms) -- Dan Mohon (I) and Troy Pierce for mayor.

Rose City (2-year terms) – Tony Wilcoxson, Sheila Faske, Jeff Dorn, Linda Dumon (I), Jeff Schulze, Jayme McGlothlin (I) (running for four at-large seats)

SCHOOLS
Bridge City ISD – (3-year terms) -- Mike Johnson (I) vs. Keith A. Jones for Place 6; Mark Anderson (I) vs. Cory Mitchell for Place 7.

Orangefield ISD – (4-year term) – Jude Graffagnino vs. Juan Gonzales.

OTHER ENTITIES
Orange County Drainage District – (4-year terms) -- J.B. Arrington (I) vs. Larry Ancelot for Precinct 2; Randy Fuselier (I) vs. James Scales for Precinct 3.

(I) -- incumbent

Judice building back From Page 1

Before the family business, Judice said he studied cosmetology, attended the police academy and "did a little bit of everything."

He said it was a reality TV show that turned him into the restaurateur he is today.

"I learned a lot about the restaurant business from 'Bar Rescue,'" he said. "When they get to talking about

"I love the restaurant business. Nobody comes in to pissed off. They come in to have a better day."

Judice said when he took over the Cajun Café location on Texas Avenue, he added onto the original Gary's building. The current redo won't add to the footprint.

"I don't have anywhere to go," he said.

"We believe our customers deserve something nicer and newer."

menu items and 'What's your cost per item?' and 'What is your payroll cost per item?' down to what toilet paper costs, you have to know your numbers.

"And, hopefully, you've got more coming in than going out."

Judice opened a second restaurant, Judice's 1927, in Nederland in 2019. It's an upscale Cajun restaurant serving a menu that includes sea bass, lobster bisque and both Buffalo and boudin burgers.

"I have two restaurants, and I want another," he said.

It will replace the steam table with a salad bar. There will be new décor and color schemes.

"We're going to keep our basic stuff, but we're going to add a few items to the menu, give people a few more options," Judice said.

"We had wind-driven rains that blew into the wall and we had to demo all that and dry it out. We were already down this much, we might as well go a little more and redo it."

"We believe our customers deserve something nicer and newer."

TxDOT barrier fix From Page 1

the release said.

The new barrier will be installed in two phases. In the first phase, the permanent concrete median barrier will be removed and a temporary concrete median barrier installed.

The final phase, set to begin late this year or early next year, will replace the temporary median barrier with a new permanent barrier recently approved by the Federal Highway Administration, one that has an opening 13 inches by 18 feet long at the bottom of each 30-foot section to allow for drainage.

U.S. Congressman Brian Babin (R-Woodville) took credit for the TxDOT decision in a press release issued

at the end of August.

"I've heard from many residents in Orange and Chambers Counties who are being impacted by repeat flooding along the Interstate 10 corridor after heavy rain events," he said.

"My staff and I have had numerous conversations with community leaders and leadership at TxDOT about this unfortunate situation. I've worked to solve this problem for nearly a year and proudly commend TxDOT."

Babin said the project "will also benefit many as we reach the peak of hurricane season," apparently not realizing that hurricane season ends before the project is scheduled to be completed.



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From The Creaux's Nest

SOMETIMES IT SEEMS ENDLESS

In all of my years I can't recall when life in our country was so chaotic. I look forward to the day when life returns to normal or somewhat normal. The norm has been stretched so far that I doubt it can ever truly be the same again. Less than 50 days before the presidential election and I can hardly wait. I have to make hay and I'm burning daylight. I'd best get going. You would do me proud if you came along. I promise it won't do you no harm.

REMEMBERING J.W. "KID" HENRY

John W. Henry, 87, passed away September 10, 2020. Funeral service was held Sunday, September 13, with graveside service at Forest Lawn Cemetery in West Orange. J.W. lived an interesting life. I had known him going back to 1947 when we were armature boxers, he in Texas, and me in Louisiana. Those were interesting matches. I was always glad I fought in a different class. I really got to be friends with him around 1952. His dad, John Henry, was a world champion rodeo star for many years. I got to know him when we published a story on this unique tough man. J.W. was also tough but he was a kind fellow who would help anyone. The former Marine, a boxing Golden Glove champion turned pro, later went into law enforcement, serving in several departments in the area. He was a special investigator for district attorney Sharon Bearden. I'm sure Bearden and Chief Wilson Roberts have a lot of J.W. stories. He created many stories. It would fill this page to tell them all. J.W. never got too far and often returned to his Lord's work as an evangelist. As a member of Boilermaker Union, Local 187, I've heard many stories about his exploits from many of his retired friends and also from the late Rev. Leo Anderson. J.W. was a really colorful guy. Once as a deputy sheriff, they couldn't reach him on his police radio for two days. When he showed up he was in deep trouble. He had followed a criminal case he was working on all the way to Dallas. He got his man, handcuffed him and checked him into the Orange County jail. He still got scolded and a weeks suspension. I'm thankful that our paths crossed. If you didn't know "Kid" you missed a treat. Condolences to his family, J.W. "Kid" Henry is with Mildred, his wife and love of his life, along with his beloved family members who went before him. May this good man rest in peace. Please see obituary.

TRUMP'S DEADLY LIES EXPOSED IN "RAGE"

According to Bob Woodward's new book *Rage* out this week, President Trump admitted engaging in wholesale public deception. The recorded conversations were made public on television outlets over the weekend. During phone chats in February and March, Trump, describing for Woodward, about the lethal transmission of the virus, "You just breath the air and it's five times more deadly than the flu." At the same time he was insisting in public statements that the disease is fleeting, "Today there are 15 cases and in a couple of days it will be down to zero." It is one thing to urge calm in a crisis but Trump outright lied when told that this would be the worse health crisis since the pandemic of 1918 that killed 687,000 in the U.S. and 50 million world wide. He told the American people that it was a Hokes; it would soon go away, mysteriously just disappear. Meanwhile, people were dying, a number that by next weekend will reach 200,000. Studies have since shown that tens of thousands of citizen lives could have been saved if he had acted sooner. Where was his moral compass? He knew early on how easily the virus spread through the air. "Deadly Stuff" he told Woodward. Reporters covering Trump were reporting he was in denial. That wasn't the case at all. He knew the truth, according to Woodward, at the beginning of the pandemic when the first cases in the country were reported. He was on a lying mission to protect his re-election. Former Defense Secretary, General "Mad Dog" Mattis, is quoted in *Rage* as saying, "The president fumbled response to a coronavirus pandemic that has killed 192,000 Americans." Mattis has called Trump a buffoon; Secretary of State Rex Tillerson called Trump, "A frigging moran; while former Chief of Staff, Four Star General, John Kelly, called him "An idiot, really crazy." Goldberg had written in his book "Suckers and Losers," that during a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, while standing next to Kelly over his son Robert's grave, a U.S. Marine killed in combat in Afghanistan, Trump asked Kelly, "I don't get it, what was in it for them?" Kelly saw it as reflective of Trump's inability to comprehend the motivations of people who sacrifice for others. Trump told Woodward and reporters in his own defense last week that he downplayed the virus to avoid public panic. A lie only his mother could believe yet there are Trumper's out there who will swallow it hook, line and sinker. His lying, that has lead to six and a half million cases in the Untied States, was all about getting re-elected. Trump was really more worried about panicking the stock market. The Dow Jones and the coronavirus threat might tarnish his economic argument for re-election. He keeps holding rallies that will lead to more deaths. This week he held an indoor rally with thousands not wearing mask. He insists that rally attendees sign affidavits stating they will not sue him or the RNC if they get sick or die. In June he held an indoor rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma that led to the death of Herman Cain, former Republican presidential candidate. Trump bills himself as a

war time president. Well, his leadership is leading to many casualties and many more citizens will die as the number climbs. We now know more than enough about Trump's ability to handle his job and protect the nation. He has failed. He won't change. It's all about him. This country and Democracy can't survive four more years.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2010

The Houston Texans looked impressive in a big win over Payton Manning and the Colts, 34 to 24. The Texans are picking up some Cowboy fans in this area. Three of Roy's grandsons, Garrett and Collin Gros and Chris Menard attended the big win. Beginning Friday, after 5 p.m., the new, widened Ferry Drive in Bridge City will open to traffic. The traffic light at Roundbunch and Ferry will again be operational. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held for the opening of Ferry Drive on Friday, Sept. 17. Our buddy H.D. Pate got a new truck. The first thing he did was drive to Oklahoma alone to visit his older brother Judge Pat Pate. He didn't stay long, he hates to be away from home. Boy, how time changes things, I recall when he had difficulty getting home. For many years, back in the 1960's, Kountze News publisher Archie Fullingum was known as Southeast Texas' best Mayhaw jelly maker. His talent was even talked about in the United States capital where congressmen made special request to visitors from Southeast Texas to send them a jar of Archie's Mayhaw jelly. Today, even though I haven't tasted it, I'm told there is a new "best maker" of Mayaw jelly. This may surprise you but longtime lawman John Tarver, who years ago got the recipe from his grandmother, is now the maker of unbeatable jelly. If John Harrington has done one good thing in his life, it's that way back years ago he planted Mayhaw trees on Roundbunch Rd., next to the Chamber office. Today Bridge City could be the Mayhaw capital of Southeast Texas. Special folks we know having birthdays this week. Phyllis Dunn, affectionally known as Ms. Phyl around here, will celebrate her special day Sept. 16. She certainly has earned a good one. Best wishes. Darlene Montagne celebrates on Sept. 17. Celebrating also is John Clark, longtime newspaper man, retired but still very active in VFW. John has probably served the organization in every capacity. A nice, kind lady Debra Gauthier celebrates this week. Our longtime buddy, who we've known since he was in diapers, George Navarro, marks another year. Even Mark Anderson is getting more gray in his hair as another birthday comes around.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN Obituaries 10 Years Ago-2010

We were sorry to hear about the death of Dr. Jack Couvillion, 82, who died Sept. 8. Services were held Saturday, Sept. 11, at St. Mary. Dr. Couvillion practiced dentistry in Orange for over 50 years. He is survived by his wife Jane and a large family. Everyone liked the "Doc." He was a fun guy who contributed a lot to the community. He will be missed. Many people have their own Dr. Couvillion stories. Rosemary Murphy, 81, of Bridge City died Sept. 7. Services were held Sept. 10. She and late husband Rip raised their family in Victory Gardens. They were very active in community happenings when the kids were growing up. Rosemary, who we had known 50 years, was a wonderful lady. Our condolences to her children and their families. Daughters, Marilyn, Marianne, sons, Randall, Michael and Brian have all moved away but will have great memories of growing up in Bridge City with their mom and dad. We were also sorry to learn of the death of Joseph Piazza, 76, who died Sept. 4. Services were held Saturday, Sept. 11. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary. He came from a large family, born and raised in Port Arthur; he was a longtime resident of Bridge City. He is survived by daughters, Mary Jo, Connie, son, Daryl and their families. May he rest in peace. Dr. Robert Ingram, 88, died Sept. 11. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 15 at Claybar in Orange. To his wife Dorace and family we send our deepest sympathies. Dr. Ingram had a lot of friends here and served his patients well.

45 Years Ago-1975

Coach Jim Crossland, former Little Cypress-Mauriceville head coach, is offensive co-coordinator for West Texas State. WTS played and defeated the Lamar Cardinals Saturday night in Beaumont. Bryan Carr and Mike Fishback, both former Little Cypress-Mauriceville stars, played for West Texas State. Larry Spears, also on the team and former star for the West Orange Chiefs, didn't see action due to injury. Coach Crossland says, "He's one of the great ones. It's a shame Orange County fans didn't get to watch him. He's a thrill to watch." Millie Harp was presented a "Pooch Swing" by local jokester, service station owner Ed Bacon. Millie's husband built a nice porch at their home and Joe Burke suggested it needed a special swing. Ed obliged by painting a big tire white, lettered "Pooch Swing" on it hung with a big rope. Millie nicknamed "Tall Boy" by Ed, fits just right in the new tire swing. David Bergeron is marrying pretty Linda Fuller on Saturday. Bobby Hoosier celebrated a birthday last week. Vera Dolley is released from hospital after stomach reduction surgery. Pretty Kathy Roberts, daughter of Beverly and Wilson Roberts of Bridge City, is featured in Gunn Studio advertisement. The Bridge City Cards defeated SFA 26-0. Bridge City's defense allowed only three first downs. Richard Slaydon and Co., featuring Charlie Warner and Tony Mulhollan, added the points. Stark High defeated Mt. Carmel, 13-3. Craig Couvillion, #15, threw a touchdown pass to Mark Bonin that was nullified because Couvillion was a foot over the line of scrimmage. Little Cypress-Mauriceville ran all over Hardin Jefferson in a 36-14 victory. Rick Smith caught four touchdown passes.

70 Years Ago-1950

Odd Fellows win summer softball league. The trophy was presented by J.D. Peddy, Orange Recreation Director. Team members are Ezra Gorden, John Garzia, Glen Don Seales, Dick Obanion, Joe Snider, Doug Smith, Pat Bean, Ralph "High Pockets" Gravett, Tony Lopez, Dewitt Gibson, Earl Gordon, Johnny Gordon, bat boy Don Gravett, Al Haygood, George Toal, N. Nash and Roy McDonald. (Editor's note: I'm wondering if that is mayor McDonald's dad.) Nine Orange reservists called are Pfc. Ben A. Anderson, Pvt. John W. Bertrand, Pfc. Clarence Hudson, Cpl. Albert Buck, Pvt. Virgil Bird, Sgt.

Lewis Gay, Pfc. Therman McDonald, Pvt. George Pillsbury, Jr., Pfc. Alvin Randolph, Jr. A restocking program of a pond east of 16th St., in Sunset Addition is underway by local officials and Southeast Texas Sportsmen's Club. Officials are police chief Alvin Keown, asst. chief Henry Stansfield, city commissioner Charlie Taylor, Orange mayor Joe Rannels Jr., club president Jack Kennedy, DPS officer R.C. McDaniel, county judge Sid Caillavet, county judge-elect Charlie Grooms. (Editor's note: Charlie defeated Sid in that election, Sid came back and beat him. They exchanged the judgeship several times.) "I must be getting old, I remember all the above but I can't remember the pond they were stocking." To be wed next week are Margie Hartsfield and Joseph James Wade Granger. Edwina Breaux and Joe R. Staudt. Frances Box and Stanley Slater.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Orange County lawyers are finding it hard to make a living while the courthouse is shut down. Bail bonding companies are also going out of business and putting their buildings up for sale. I hear that the Sheriff's Department still plans to hold their Blue Santa functions. Deputy John Badeaux is in charge of arrangements. Contact him if you want to help with donations. It's a great thing for underprivileged children. Help if you can. This week ABC reported that only six miles of border wall has been completed. The goal is to complete 10 miles by Election Day. Trump claims 365 miles of the 2100 miles Mexico would pay for has been completed. Another lie. There will be enough however to put his name on his monument. A few special folks celebrating their special day in the next few days. The head of the Dunn clan, Ms. Phyl, celebrates on Sept. 16. Stephanie Morris, Todd Estes, O'Sanique Foster, Lori Campbell and Anthony Walker are also a year older today. On Sept. 17, the real boss of the Johnny Montagne gang, Ms. Darlene Montagne celebrates. Also celebrating is Delana Huebel and Lynda Stout. Sept. 19 is the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah, it is also the day Susan Pennington, George Navarro and the boy from Dime Box, the old veteran John Clark celebrate birthdays. Sept. 21, the oldest of Dr. Clay and Amber Dunn Greeson's three boys, Luke Clay Greeson, turns 4- year-old. He's big brother to 2-year-old Liam and 3-month-old Rowan. Also celebrating is the mayor of Orangefield Bobby Cormier. Today is also International Day of Peace. Sept. 22 is the first day of autumn. The United States leads every country on the globe with more COVID-19 cases and deaths. Last Friday the U.S. recorded 1,465 deaths, Canada had zero. Something I've noticed and reporters complained about is Trump wants everyone to rise when he enters the press room. They are there to question him about the state of the nation, not to worship him. He also is the only person I've ever seen that applauds for himself to get the crowd to do the same. I spoke with a couple in attendance when Trump visited Orange. They were not overly impressed. Louisiana took a hell of a blow from Hurricane Laura that we were spared by one slight adjustment to the east a few hours before landfall. Now Sally has slammed east of New Orleans. The category two is a rain maker, another blow for residents of Bay Saint Louis. Sunday, George and Janelle Sehon traveled to Louisiana with a small group headed up by Sherry Hickman, local business owner of Trendz. Michelle & Al Justice, Brooke Wejs and Angel Sehon joined them with 4 vehicles packed to the brim to deliver the supplies and hot meals. Their first stop was Vinton and they went on to Sherry's hometown of Sugartown and Lake Bundick areas. The devastation was great for more than 45 miles north of Lake Charles. They thanked Granny's Home Cooking, Tracie Thibodeaux Boyd, Dawn Exline and their daughter Angel Marie. Check Janelle's Facebook for more. Leland Gros, 11, is staying with his great-grandparents, Phyl and Roy, after his home was destroyed at Hackberry. That area will be a long time in recovery. Good Night John Boy. On Sept. 14, 1972, 48 years ago, The Waltons premiered on CBS. Life is a far cry from the simple life we once knew.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

L.C. Comeaux walked into Tee-Boy's Bar & Grill, sat down at a table and told Bubba Breaux to bring him one of dem Miller Lite beers.

Bubba bring it to L.C. good and cold an he say, "Comeaux, dat will be a penny for da beer."

Comeaux wasn't believe it him. He look at da menu wat is laying on da table and he axe, "Say Bubba, how much for dis nice T-bone steak?"

Bubba, da bartender/waiter answer, "Dat will be a nickel."

"Wat about a bottle of wine wit it?" L.C. axe.

"Dat will be anutter nickel," Bubba answer.

Comeaux can't believe it him, he axe, "Where's Tee-Boy him?"

Bubba say, "He's upstairs wit my wife him."

"Oh yea," Comeaux said, "Wat's he doing upstairs wit you wife hanh?"

Bubba say, "I don't rightly know me, but I suspect he's doing up dere wat I'm doing to him and his business down here."

C'EST TOUT Highest single-day spike in cases

The World Health Organization reported the world's highest single-day increase since the pandemic began at more than 307,000 cases Sunday. WHO, criticized political leaders for not being prepared for the pandemic in a report on epidemic preparedness published Monday. "Financial and political investments in preparedness have been insufficient, and we are all paying the price." According to the USA Today analysis of Johns Hopkins University data through late Saturday in the U.S., Montana, Kansas, Guam and Puerto Rico set records for deaths this week, New case records were set in Wisconsin. The U.S. has had about 6.5 million confirmed cases and more than 194,000 deaths. On a Texas view, 2,595 new virus cases and 21 more deaths were reported Monday by Texas health officials. The Texas Department of State Health Services said the total number of COVID-19 cases so far in the state is now at 663,445, while the death toll is now at 14,211. The true number of cases in Texas is likely higher though because many people haven't been tested and hospitals were kept from reporting deaths. Studies suggest people can be infected and not feel sick. Health officials estimate that about 68,000 cases in the state are currently active. My time is up for now. Take care, wear mask and wash your hands. God bless.

Deaths & Memorials

Betty Corbello Theis, 70, Bridge City

Betty Corbello Theis, 70, of Bridge City, passed away on September 11, 2020, in Beaumont at Baptist Hospital. Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 18, at Orange Forest Lawn Cemetery in West Orange. Visitation will be held prior to the service, at 10:00 a.m., Friday, at Orange Forest Lawn Cemetery. Born in Vinton, Louisiana, on November 22, 1949, she was the daughter of Henry and Nola Corbello. Betty was a member of Stark High Chicks class of 1967 with her dear friends. She worked as a loan officer for Dupont Credit Union for 15 years and for Mobil Chemical on Hwy 90 in the safety training department. Betty married the love of her life, Russell in 1992 and they moved to Kingwood, Texas. Russell retired after 30 years of service with Chevron Chemical at Cedar Bayou, Baytown. Together they bought the Kingwood CiCi's pizza restaurant. Betty and Russell built and operated 5 locations. They ran them for 10 years and after selling them they went into real estate in Galveston for Tramonte Realty. Betty sold houses and Russell went into acreage development. They have been enjoying retirement together with family and friends. She was a part of Mothers Against Cancer Kingwood and worked with children who were going through cancer treatment at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. Betty and Russell are faithful members of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bridge City. She was the light



of her husband's life and they never had a dull moment together. Betty was a beautiful lady inside and out and adored her family more than anything. She was the sweetest person you would ever meet and left an imprint on many lives. Betty will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Nola Corbello; son, Gerald Hamilton; sister, Isla Nelms; and nephew, Bill Nelms.

She is survived by the love of her life, Russell E. Theis; children, Kenny Hamilton and wife Apple of Orangefield, Becky Longron and husband Todd also of Orangefield, Brandon Theis and wife Nikki of College Station, and Reagan Theis and wife Traci of Lakeway, Austin; 11 grandchildren, Blake Hamilton, Derek Hamilton, Gus Longron, Coop Longron, Colt Longron, Stone Theis, Sterling Theis, and Avery Theis; 3 great grandchildren, Hudson, Carston, and Cohen; nephew, Robert Nelms of North Carolina; siblings, Mary Stanton and late husband Don of Bridge City and Ken Rieve and wife Pam of Liberty.

Honorary pallbearers are Blake Hamilton, Derek Hamilton, Gus Longron, Coop Longron, Colt Longron, Stone Theis, Reagan Theis, Ross Theis, Paul Pool, and Brandon Theis.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Texas Children's Hospital Cancer Center.

John W. "J.W." Henry, Jr., 93, Orange

J.W. Henry, Jr. left this world peacefully on September 10, 2020. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mildred Lemaire; his daughter, Joanna Leggett; his son, Bert Allen; his father, John Henry, Sr.; his mother, Opal Fairris; his grandson, Martin "T. Wayne" Davenport; and numerous other loved ones.



J.W. pursued a career in the professional boxing arena, leaving this profession in 1955 to follow his calling to become an Evangelist for his Lord.

J.W. is survived by his children, Opal Stifflemire and her husband Glen; Edwina Mat-tarocci; Mary Bourge and her husband Mitchel; Patrick Henry; and John Henry and his wife Jeanné.

He retired from Local 187 Boilermaker Union, and worked in numerous positions in law enforcement in Orange and Newton County. A graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 13, 2020, at Orange Forest Lawn Cemetery in West Orange. Officiating was Reverend T. R. Richmond. Visitations were held last Saturday and Sunday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Serving as pallbearers will be Joshua Henry, Wilbert Moore, Bert Henry, Wesley Moore, Phillip Henry, Larry Leggett, John William Henry, III, Benjamin Henry, and Austin Henry. Honorary pallbearers are Micah Moore and Seth Moore.

He is also survived by 21 grandchildren and numerous great and great-great grandchildren. Born in January 15, 1933 in Dallas, Texas, he was the son of John Henry, Sr. and Opal (Fairris) Henry. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. Early in his life,

Cruz and Democratic opponent Beto O'Rourke spent months wrangling over the details. They ultimately agreed to three debates, though the second did not work out due to the battle over Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Cornyn, Hegar set debate date Oct. 9

Patrick Svitek
The Texas Tribune

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and his Democratic challenger, MJ Hegar, are set for their first debate, though Hegar wants more and Cornyn has said he is open to additional debates.



Nexstar Broadcasting announced Tuesday morning that it would host the first debate Oct. 9 in Austin and broadcast it live on 15 stations across the state. The one-hour event, which will be held at the Bullock Texas State History Museum, will also be shown live online.

"Senator Cornyn has agreed to debate MJ Hegar, and we look forward to considering other opportunities," the spokesperson, Travis Considine, said.

The public posturing over debates has been much more muted than it was during the 2018 U.S. Senate race, when Republican incumbent Ted

Hegar, though, used the announcement of the first debate to say she wants three total, each "televised statewide." She said she has agreed to the Oct. 9 debate as well as two others: one in October in Dallas, hosted by WFAA and airing on TEG-NA stations statewide, and another in October, hosted by Spectrum News and also with a statewide reach.

Early voting in the Nov. 3 general election starts Oct. 13, four days after the first debate.

"We all know John Cornyn hasn't had to face the voters in some time, which is why Texans are counting on him to buck up and participate in three televised statewide debates ahead of the November 3rd election," Hegar said in a statement.

Cornyn said in an interview this month that he would debate Hegar "at least once, and I'm happy to do more." A Cornyn campaign spokesperson reiterated the sentiment in response to her challenge Tuesday.

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Maddy Smith

**Maddy Smith
For The Record**

Recently many of us have been affected by hurricane Laura in both Louisiana and Texas. The hurricane has impacted many peoples everyday life. Schools are put on hold causing a problem in the schedule for sports and testing. People today still do not have power, running water, or a home. It is important for all of us to unite and help those who need it.

Lake Charles was hit the hardest in hurricane Laura. A large majority of people do not have homes. Places such as the grocery store and gas stations are closed because there is no electricity. Many families have to drive long distances just to get to a gas station, a restaurant, or a hotel with a bed they can sleep in. Families had to pack up their lives and relocate just to stay away from danger only to come back and find out you don't have a home anymore. Think about those that were struggling to put food on the table in the first place and now having to rebuild a home. Think about those that might have lost a family member or a

friend in this tragic hurricane. Think about those that didn't have family or friends to evacuate with and are staying in a hotel room paying lots of money every night to have a place to sleep while their house in ruins back home. Pray for those that do not have homes, those who have damage to their homes, those who have family in need, and those who have been there to support and help the families that do have damage.

With schools being put on hold, teachers and students schedules and year have been affected. Those that are doing online school may be affected more than those that go to school in person. If you don't have electricity in your home, you are not able to do your school work. Teachers that have been affected now worry about work, their home, and their family. If you are a teacher whose home was destroyed, you may have to drive two hours just to get to where you are staying after school and to school each morning. As a community we need to unite together and help one another. Help your family, help your next door neighbor, help the people in the next neighborhood over, and help those that have to be alone during this. Donate supplies to organizations such as the Red Cross. Go to your local church and volunteer with clean up or helping distribute supplies. Maybe go around with cold drinks and sandwiches and hand them out to those who are working.

Our community is strong. We have gone through many tragic hurricanes and each time become stronger together. We are brought closer together to one another. We meet new people and make many new friends and allies. Going through a hurricane is draining and something that shouldn't be wished upon anybody. However, having a community that supports each other truly does make it an easier process and so much more fun.

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We are moving. Cleaning out boxes from the attic has left me more unsettled and emotional than I ever anticipated. As I open each crate, I vividly remember the way life used to be — the hobbies I used to love, the things I used to do. Thumbing through my mementos, I am reminded again that the life I'm living now isn't what I signed up for. Nothing has turned out as I planned.

While I am deeply convinced that I'm living out God's best for me, there are days I mourn the loss of what used to be — particularly recently as I've been going through old tubs, each one filled with memories of a life that no longer exists. Pictures of long-ago family vacations, Christmases past, recitals, and school plays. Shoeboxes filled with letters from people I no longer know. Childhood photographs that make me laugh and at the same time cringe in horror. All reminders of how my life has changed.

And then there are the art supplies. Fifteen years ago, my life was defined by projects I could do with my hands. Painting, crafting, scrapbooking, embroidering, making jewelry,

painting dishes. Tubs, crates, and craft containers all crammed into the attic — each dedicated to a different artistic passion. They all sparked my creativity. Relaxed me. Made me happy.

But my diagnosis of post-polio syndrome changed all that. With my arms deteriorating, I couldn't afford to waste my energy on crafts. I boxed everything up (with help), labeled it, and shoved it in the attic. And I didn't look at it again. Until now.

What Happened to the Life I Dreamed?

As a friend helps me rummage through these old boxes, looking at paintbrushes and canvas, rubber stamps and colored paper, a deep sadness settles over me. I miss those things. But I know they are part of my past and I can't dwell on what can't be undone.

This grieving isn't particular to me. A few weeks ago, I spoke with three friends, all of whom were facing significant disappointment. One used to be an opera singer, but her vocal cords have changed and she can no longer sing as she once did. Another friend was looking forward to her youngest child going to school so that she could

pursue the ministry she felt called to. But an unexpected pregnancy dramatically changed her plans and now her dreams feel beyond reach. The third friend has a special needs child and constantly wonders about her child's future. As well as her own.

Like my friends, all of us face disappointments. Our lives look vastly different than we imagined they would. People dream of certain careers and accomplishments, but family issues or unexpected events make careers take a backseat. Young lovers believe they will have the perfect family, yet somehow their family doesn't even resemble their vision.

So, what do we do? How do we get past this nagging feeling that there should be more to life? Or that perhaps we are being denied the life that we should have? The life that, if we were completely honest, we believe we deserve.

Weep Deeply

This counsel from John Piper has been immeasurably helpful to me: "Occasionally, weep deeply over the life you hoped would be. Grieve the losses. Then wash your face. Trust God. And embrace the life you

have."

"Weep deeply over the life you hoped would be." Even as I write those words, I feel a sense of release. We who are sometimes too guarded about our pain, because it seems more spiritual, need to shed tears. Acknowledge what is hard. Grieve the loss. Feel the sting of what will never be.

Weeping helps me heal. Since mourning is rarely a "one and done" event, I sometimes break down long after I think I have moved on. Often unexpectedly. When tears well up, I have learned to acknowledge and even welcome them. They frequently reveal something that is worth paying attention to.

I mourn the loss of what once was as well as the loss of what never was. They are both losses of what I hoped would be. Couples who have struggled with infertility, as well as those who have buried a child, or who are raising a special needs child or a wayward son or daughter, have all lost what they hoped would be. Whatever the origin, they are losses nonetheless.

Wash Your Face

After I have wept and grieved, I wash my face. I don't just dry my tears. I take a warm cloth and wipe the salty streaks from my cheeks. I let the soothing warmth move across my skin. Then I splash cool water on my face to refresh me, redirect my thoughts, and fix my eyes on the Lord. Only then can I move on.

This is a deliberate act, a choice I make to refocus.

When I refocus, I take my eyes off my problems, and shift them onto the Lord — and I choose to trust him. Trust him even when my situation looks black. Trust him that he is working for my good. Trust him that he knows what is best.

Embrace the Life God's Given

Finally, I am called to embrace the life I have. Embrace it as I would a beloved friend. Wholeheartedly. With joyful

acceptance, not grudging obedience. Embracing means gladly receiving and even welcoming whatever the Lord gives me, even when it wasn't in my plans. It means being fully present, living in the now, finding joy in the moment, and not longing for what's past.

So today, if you are feeling weary and disappointed about your life, allow yourself to grieve. To weep deeply. To mourn the loss of what you hoped for. But then after you have lamented, wash your face, trust God, and embrace the life he's given you.

Into a world of great sadness and loss, God told his people, "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new

thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:18-19).

The Lord is indeed doing a new thing in my life. And yours as well. He is making a way in the wilderness and forging streams in the wasteland. Lean into it, and embrace it. God is doing something beautiful.

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Catching still improving

CAPT. DICKIE COLBURN
For The Record



Dickie Colburn

I was not surprised by the pods of dead shad we saw floating in both Cow and Adams Bayou following Hurricane Laura, but two texts and a short video I received regarding the dead fish in the Nibletts Bluff-West Bluff area were very concerning.

Several area bass fishermen said the water in the river both smelled and looked bad the week after the storm, but none of them reported seeing anymore dead fish. Something that depletes the oxygen content like flooded dead grass or leaves is most often the culprit, but there are other possibilities.

Easily, the most disturbing thing about the pictures, other than the number of dead fish along the shoreline, was the variety of fish. There were scores of dead catfish as well as bass, bream, white perch and drum. That was unusual in itself and usually indicates that there was a problem from top to bottom in the water column.

I spoke with some folks that live a little further north on the river and personally checked out a few areas closer to the Intracoastal and saw no other dead fish. The water had that funky look to it, but I couldn't detect any noticeable odor. While any fish kill is a bad thing, I would hope that Mother Nature is responsible for our loss!

The bite continues to improve in Sabine Lake for both trout and redfish. More visible bait on the surface and more birds pointing out these traveling buffets have made it much easier on local anglers. I don't think the average trout has been as solid as those taken below the Causeway, but the numbers are excellent.

I did see two very good catches of trout up to four pounds that were caught along the north revetment wall on a pink-chartreuse Catch 2000's. Both parties said they found their fish a long cast off the wall itself and that the fish would not touch a slightly larger Catch V in the exact same color.

Robby Leger said he limited on trout up to three pounds four days in a row and was back working on his now vacant lot by 8:30 each morning. He fishes only the south end of the lake and has had no problem catching both reds and trout on a Vudu shrimp under a popping cork.

Robby is from Channelview, but has been staying in the area until he finishes cleaning up the mess Laura left him. He has already ordered a new trailer, but can't use waiting for it to arrive as an excuse to stay. "My lot is clean and ready now so I guess I'll have to go home," said Leger.

Fishing reports from Toledo Bend, especially good ones, have been hard to come by this week. Only a few of the guides are back on the water and most of the folks with camps or homes are still doing more cleaning up than fishing!

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Bobcats shake 'heartbreak' opener

GERRY DICKERT
For The Record



Gerry Dickert

With momentum in hand, the Orangefield Bobcats were one play away from a season-opening win against Livingston this past Friday night at Lions Stadium.

Instead, the two-point conversion attempt was met head-on by a pair of Livingston linebackers and the Bobcats were left with a heartbreaking 21-20 loss on the road.

Orangefield trailed the game 21-14 but put together a masterful 15-play, 70-yard scoring drive, capped by quarterback Gunner Jones' one-yard run with 33 seconds left in the game. Jones would get the call again on the two-point conversion run but wouldn't be able to find the end zone again as the Lions defense stiffened to secure the win.

Livingston scored first after an early

drive put the Lions at the one-yard line. Quarterback Damian Ruiz pushed across the goal line for the score and with the PAT kick, the Lions were up 7-0 with 4:41 left in the first quarter.

The Bobcats came back with a 14-play, 61-yard TD drive that was punctuated by a two-yard run by Jones. The PAT tied the game at 7-7.

On its next offensive possession, Orangefield rolled 70 yards in 11 plays. Dwight Davis scored with just five seconds remaining in the half when he took the sweep around the lift side for a 14-7 Bobcats lead at the break.

That Orangefield momentum was stopped cold in the third quarter when the Bobcats fumbled away possession at the OF 32 with 9:38 left in the quarter. Just moments later, Lynn Johnson took the ball those 32 yards to the end zone to tie the game for Livingston 14-14.

Johnson would add the winning score with 8:43 left in the game, taking off on a 55-yard scoring run for a 21-14

advantage.

Jones finished 3 of 9 for 39 yards with an interception while adding 14 yards and two touchdowns on seven carries for the Bobcats.

The leading rusher for Orangefield was Hunter Ashworth with 15 carries for 62 yards, while Davis finished with 13 carries for 51 yards and a TD. Tyler Washington added 41 yards on seven carries, Cameron Dischler had 40 yards on 12 carries and MacCoy Marze pitched in 31 yards on seven carries for the Bobcats.

Tyler Washington and Dwight Davis shared the receiving chores with Washington grabbing two catches for 51 yards and Davis two for 31 yards.

Overall, the Bobcats collected 258 total yards of offense vs. the Lions' 136 yards of offense.

The Bobcats host their first home game of the season with a 7:30 p.m. showdown with Buna this Friday. The Cougars are 0-1 this year with a 25-8 loss this past week to Hardin-Jefferson.

Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast . . .

Games This Week

★ WEST ORANGE-STARK over NEWTON—

The Mustangs were supposed to play Jasper last week, but the game was canceled due to Hurricane Laura. However, Jasper scheduled a game with Newton last week and really walloped the Eagles. I would have picked the Mustangs to beat Jasper last week, so consequently I believe WO-S will beat Newton Friday night based on my crazy philosophy.

★ WOODVILLE over LITTLE CYPRESS-MAURICEVILLE—

The Eagles had a state-ranked Class 3A team last year and have many of their players back for 2020. Woodville already has blown out two teams (Karnes City 56-12 and Corrigan-Camden 48-7) but will face their toughest foe Friday night. Let's hope the Bears

can open their season on the right foot with an upset victory.

★ BRIDGE CITY over ANAHUAC—

The Cardinals look much improved from last season and should be able to overpower this opponent quite handily.

★ ORANGEEFIELD over BUNA—

The Bobcats played well against Livingston last week and lost when coach Josh Smalley went for the victory on a two-point conversion at the waning moments of the game and came up short 20-19. The Cougars are always scrappy, but the 'Cats have too many weapons.

★ VIDOR over BAY CITY—

The Pirates opened the season on a successful note last week and should remain undefeated after their trip to Bay City Friday night.

★ WARREN over DEWEYVILLE—

Both teams are fresh from impressive victories last week with the Warriors blanking West Hardin 41-0 while the Pirates whipped Colmesneil 46-6. But the Warriors will wear down the Pirates and eke out a victory.

AREA HIGH SCHOOLS—

Splendora over Hamshire-Fannett, Jasper over Hardin-Jefferson, Liberty over Shepherd, Texarkana Pleasant Grove over Silsbee, East Chambers over Lumberton, Hearne over Hardin, Grapeland over Kirbyville, Tarkington over Coldspring, Hemphill over Huntington, Hitchcock over Kountze, San Augustine over Winnsboro, Groveton over Shelbyville, Hull-Daisetta over West Hardin, Colmesneil over High Island, Cushing over Evadale, Mount Enter-

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Will Earl Thomas soon be wearing Cowboys uniform?

KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

The first week of the 2020 National Football League action is now in the books but the two Texas franchises are both still without a victory.

The Houston Texans was the first team to suffer a loss this season as the defending world champion Kansas City Chiefs annihilated the Texans 34-20 in a nationally-televised game that was not nearly as close as the final score indicated.

The Dallas Cowboys played much better against the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday Night Football before a national audience with similar results, 20-17.

Both Lone Star State teams had one thing in common, they both had coaches or coordinators who were doing their jobs for the first time with their respective teams. And none of the three coached well enough for their team to win.

The Texans' head coach Bill O'Brien figured he had too many responsibilities being both coach and general manager so he turned over his play-calling duties to offensive coordinator Tim Kelly and the defensive coordinator job to Anthony Weaver, who replaced 73-year-old Romeo Crennel who was kicked upstairs to assistant head coach.

The Houston Chronicle, which covers the Houston Texans like a blanket, graded last Thursday's overall debacle with an F-minus. The defensive line—including star J.J. Watt—was given an F, linebackers got F, the secondary was better with an F-plus and the coaches also garnered an F.

Kansas City's Andy Reid made a monkey out of the Texans and things don't get any better as last year's overall choice to win the Super Bowl—the Baltimore Ravens—come to NRG Stadium Sunday with Head Coach John Harbaugh as Houston tries to avenge last year's 41-7 shellacking. Quarterback Lamar Jackson threw three TDs Sunday in the Ravens' 38-6 win over the Cleveland Browns.

Things don't get any better in Week 3 when the Texans take on the Pittsburgh Steelers with Head Coach Mike Tomlin and quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. All three of the head coaches (Reid, Harbaugh and Tomlin) boast Super Bowl victories.

The Cowboys introduced their new head coach Mike McCarthy, who's only big deci-

sion in Sunday's game cost his new team a possible victory.

McCarthy elected to go for a first down instead of kicking a chip-shot field goal midway in the fourth period on a fourth-and-three, trailing by 20-17 and came up inches short on a quick pass from quarterback Dak Prescott to rookie wide receiver CeeDee Lamb.

But the big news about the Dallas Cowboys is that the team is really wanting to sign Orange native Earl Thomas—although Idiot Owner Jerry Jones was playing games with the media about the rumor appearing last weekend on Fanside.com which hinted that "something big was coming to the Cowboys".

The article points out the fact the Cowboys cut All-Pro safety Ha-Ha Clinton Dix during training camp and is using different personnel including cornerbacks because the position is the weakest on the defense. Cutting Dix made enough room under their salary cap to work out a deal with Earl.

Thomas reportedly said his career is temporarily delayed but he definitely plans on playing this season and will show everyone that he's not a malcontent. The article added that Earl probably was paying close attention to the defensive schemes the Cowboys are using.

KWICKIES...

When the LA Chargers nipped the Cincinnati Bengals 16-13, former LSU Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow became the 11th straight first-round rookie quarterback to lose his first game in the NFL. The record is 0-11-1.

An unknown Harvard professor said the definition of sports is a passion without consequences. People will paint their bodies and act like teenagers at a game and not worry a bit about someone chastising them.

Seattle Seahawks' Russell Wilson is the only quarterback in NFL history to lead his team to a winning record in each of his first eight seasons. He started the 2020 season the same way by completing 31 of 35 passes for 422 yards and four touchdowns Sunday in a 38-25 victory over the Atlanta Falcons.

And speaking of good performances by an NFL quarterback, Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers had his 24th career game with four or more touchdowns Sunday as the Packers outlasted the Minnesota Vikings 43-34. Rodgers completed 32 of 44 passes for 364 yards and the four TDs, leading the Packers to seven



The Ravens have released veteran Pro Bowl safety Earl Thomas III. Thomas, 31, was signed to a four-year deal last offseason. He started 15 games, made 47 tackles and notched two interceptions. Thomas was voted to his seventh Pro Bowl.

scoring drives in 10 possessions.

Houston Astros ace right-hander Justin Verlander has been rehabbing really hard in hopes of being ready to start the first playoff game. He threw 55 or 60 pitches Saturday in a bullpen session and plans on increasing that number this week.

Chicago Cubs' right-hander Alec Mills became the second player to pitch a no-hitter this shortened season. Mills was so obscure, he had to walk-on as a college pitcher and had to earn almost every break he got. He zeroed the Milwaukee Brewers Sunday as the Cubbies scored 12 runs and increased their hold on first place by four games over St. Louis in the NL Central Division.

Slugger Albert Pujols hit his 660th home

run Sunday to tie Willie Mays for fifth place on the career homer list. His three-run shot in the eighth inning propelled the LA Angels to a 5-3 win over the slumping Colorado Rockies.

JUST BETWEEN US...

The Houston Astros limped home from their road trip to the Left Coast where they lost 9 of the 11 games. But Saturday before a national audience on Fox, trailing the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-2 in the top of the ninth inning, the Astros banged out five straight hits, scored five runs and won the game 7-5. But their 8-1 loss to the Dodgers Sunday left their overall record below .500 (23-24 --.489) 6½ games behind the AL West leading Oakland A's. Houston needs to catch fire in their final 13 games to assure a playoff position.

Friends of Orange Depot to meet Sept. 24

The next meeting of the Friends of the Orange Depot board and volunteers is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 5:30 PM at the Depot.

Because of the pandemic, health protocols will be in place for the meeting.

Guest will be City Manager Mike Kuntz who will be available to answer the group's questions about 11 Street situation. Final vote will be taken.

Because of the pandemic concerns, the organization had to cancel the postponed annual Depot Day fundraiser, which was to be held on October 3. Depot Day will be held at the normal time, the first Saturday in May 2021.

In the last few weeks, the city has allowed special events to be held at the Depot at 50% occupancy. Anyone wishing to book an event can call 409-330-1576. www.orangetx-depot.org

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The rice is right- fantastic opening weekend of teal season

OUTDOORS WEEKLY
CAPT. CHUCK UZZLE
For The Record

Saturday morning's early teal season opener began with plenty of odds stacked against most hunters in our area but that fact did not dampen the enthusiasm associated with the opportunity to shoot ducks. Many local hunters actually began to camp out at some of the local public hunting areas on Thursday in hopes of ensuring a prized location for Saturday morning. I must admit, even though I love to hunt teal that I am not mad enough at them to sleep on the road 2 days before a hunt. Regardless of how you got there Saturday morning it was nice to be back in the field with a shotgun in your hand and the opportunity to hunt ducks.



Chuck Uzzle



Rice field hunters had a fantastic opening weekend of teal season. RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle

Going into the opening weekend there were 2 very distinct groups of hunters, the ones who would be hunting rice fields and those who would not. The hunters fortunate enough to be overlooking a fresh cut tract of rice on Saturday morning could certainly smile through the dense populations of mosquitoes and hot temperatures because there were plenty of teal to take

your mind off the buzzing and the sweat dripping from your forehead. If you happened to be hunting the marsh you had the same conditions to deal with minus the numbers of teal. Overall the hunters who took to the local marshes struggled while the folks in the rice fields burned it up.

All along the coastal prairies the highest numbers of

blue winged teal reported prior to the opener came from either freshwater locations or agricultural fields. The saltwater marshes from Winnie over to the east side of Lake Charles were nearly void of any teal leading up to the opener on Saturday. The lack of huntable numbers of birds kept many hunters at home over the weekend while only the die hards

braved the less than desirable conditions. The combinations of high temps, constant storms building up off of the coast, and a lack of wind did little to help out those hunters in the coastal marshes.

Easily the best reports and results came from the prairies as many hunters took longer setting out decoys than shooting their limits. As expected the best reports were from hunters on the west side of Houston in areas like Wharton, Matagorda, and Eagle Lake. Also to the east in Louisiana in Welsh, Klondike, Lake Arthur and Gueydan reported quick limits and plenty of birds. To say the weekends opening results were a case of the "haves and have nots" would be an understatement.

Looking ahead there is at

least some hope on the horizon for all the hunters as the next full moon arrives on October 1st and that should certainly help usher in a number of birds. The full moon contributes to the mi-

gration as a majority of the birds do most of their traveling at night and then rest or feed during the daylight hours. Teal fly great distance

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Colburn fishing From Page 1B

Mickey Ponds said he came out very well and has spent more time on his tractor helping neighbors than fishing, but he did make two short, but productive outings last week. "I was hoping to catch just enough white perch for me and the wife Tuesday afternoon and wound up cleaning seventeen good slabs.

"I caught them on a brush pile in 23 feet of water just south of Housen Bay." He

was fishing a pearl-pink 2-inch jig. The following morning he drifted McGee's with a Carolina rigged pumpkin green lizard and caught nine bass up to about six pounds.

"The wind was blowing too hard to white perch fish so I just drifted 12 to 15 feet of water for an hour or so," said Ponds. "I didn't keep any fish, but they were all two pounds or larger. I also saw two bunches of school bass,

but I never gave them a try." He saw those bass in the Mill Creek area.

Another word of warning for those of you that have not been back on the water since Laura roared through the area. It seems like every day there is a new partially submerged piece of debris in areas where there was none the day before. Wear your life jacket, hook up your kill switch and run just a little slower for a while!

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Texas Teal Hunters Can Expect an Exceptional Season

**Staff Report
For The Record**

AUSTIN — This year's early teal hunting season is expected to be one of the best seasons seen by Texas hunters in quite some time as conditions affecting the waterfowl's migration and habitat are above average for this time of year.

"We've not seen conditions line up as well as they currently are in a long time," said Kevin Kraai, Waterfowl Program Director for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). "We predict that this should be a very successful teal season in Texas."

The 16-day statewide early teal season in Texas will run Saturday, Sept. 12 through Sunday, Sept. 27. The daily bag limit on teal is six, with a possession limit of 18.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual May Waterfowl Breeding Population and Habitat Survey was canceled. However, according to a completed North Dakota Game and Fish Breeding Waterfowl Survey, blue-winged teal numbers appear to be 55% higher than the previous year. North Dakota serves as a popular breeding ground for blue-winged teal prior to their fall migration to southern states. Following two consecutive years of above average rainfall in the Eastern Dakotas, the survey data suggests that the birds were



The Record's Capt. Chuck Uzzle seen with one of his favorite companions and a batch of teal.

successful at reproduction and are likely approaching record numbers.

"We are just a few days removed from a big full moon, which triggers migration, and now have experienced record cold across much of the flyway from a cold front just days before the season opener," Kraai said. "We are also expecting another full moon towards the end of teal season that should help with bringing in new birds."

As for conditions and prospects for teal season around the state, TPWD waterfowl biologists report:

The best hunting success for the coastal regions of Texas are typically during years when conditions are somewhat drier. These conditions keep teal closer to hunting blinds as they are unable to move too far on water. Currently, conditions along the Texas coast appear ideal — not too wet and not too dry. Recently harvested rice fields and fields that are idle are continuing to collect water and will likely be holding an abundance of teal this September. Coastal marshes will hold submerged vegetation and aquatic insects

making them prime teal habitat.

Large tracts of marshes in southwest Louisiana have been compromised due to Hurricane Laura's storm surge and will not be as appealing to teal as in years past. That could potentially mean Texas will see a larger portion of the teal migration in September.

Reservoirs in North and East Texas have experienced above average rainfall and reports of abundant teal in the upper ends of many creeks and the rivers.

Even though areas of the Texas Panhandle broke all-time records in recent days with the coldest temperatures ever recorded for early September, unfortunately most of the playa wetlands on the High Plains remain dry and very few teal can be found at this point in the year.

Hunters should purchase their new 2020-21 Texas hunting license prior to hitting the field. It's also required by law that hunters have proof of their completion of a hunter education course.

Teal season dates, along with regulations, bag limits and more can be found in the all-digital Outdoor Annual. Hunters can also access digital copies of their licenses via the Outdoor Annual and My Texas Hunt Harvest apps.

Anyone hunting on Texas Public Hunting Lands are

also required to purchase an Annual Public Hunting Permit. Texas has more than 1 million acres of land that is accessible to the public. More information about these

lands and locations can be found on the TPWD website. Hunters using public lands can complete their on-site registration via the My Texas Hunt Harvest app.

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es and early migrators are often very difficult to keep track of as they are truly "here today and gone tomorrow". Early last week there were areas in both Texas and Louisiana that were packed full of birds on Monday and Tuesday. On Saturday those same birds were sipping margaritas in Mexico as they had left seemingly overnight for their wintering destinations leaving many hunters scratching their heads and

scurrying for another plan. There is no doubt that the largest part of the teal migration has yet to happen so the hopes of all waterfowl hunters are still high. Hopefully the numbers of birds coming into our area will build as the week progresses and the success rates for all the hunters will increase by next weekend and throughout the rest of this early season.

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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.

Kevin James Gros
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DATED the 24th day of August, 2020.

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Dated the 14th day of **SEPTEMBER, 2020**.

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

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This September, which is National Preparedness Month, get started by checking out Ready.gov and the American Red Cross, two great resources for creating a plan to protect you and your family's immediate safety. As for your financial preparedness, consider these tips from Wells Fargo:

- A natural disaster could potentially destroy paper copies of documents needed for tax and insurance purposes. While you should protect these documents in a fireproof, waterproof box that locks, you should also possess electronic copies. Save birth and marriage certificates, wills, deeds, tax returns, insurance policies and stock and bond certificates on a thumb drive or in a secure location in the cloud.

- Keep an up-to-date inventory of your possessions. One easy way to do so is to use your smartphone to take photographs or videos of everything valuable and store this in the cloud. Your documentation should include cars, vehicles and electronics, as well as any interior and exterior home improvements you've made which could increase your property value and help with insurance claims.

- Review what your insurance policy covers and determine if additional insurance or coverage is needed. Be sure to take into account how life has changed in the COVID-19 era. For example, emergency shelters may not be an option for your family given social distancing guidelines, so you may want to consider adding coverage for temporary housing to your policy.

- If you haven't already done so, consider setting up online banking, mobile banking, automatic bill pay and electronic account alerts. Should you be displaced from your home, these measures will make it

easier to stay on top of your accounts and bills. Take this opportunity to ensure your online profiles are up-to-date in case your bank or lender need to contact you post-disaster.

- Note that a disaster can shut down local ATMs and banks for days or even weeks. Include easily accessible cash in your emergency supply kit.

- Know in advance if and

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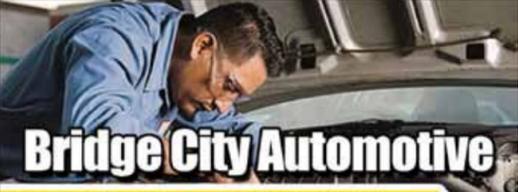
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