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Orange County plans for Covid vaccine arrival

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Orange County officials are making preparation for the arrival of vaccine kits for the COVID-19 virus, County Judge John Gothia said after Tuesday's Commissioners' Court meeting.

But don't expect to have vaccines available in the county until late December or early 2021.

And they won't be available to the general public until after first responders, the elderly and others with un-



Gothia

derlying health issues have received the vaccinations.

The final plan for the first distribution here isn't expected until mid- to late-

December, Gothia said. "That's when we'll see how they're going to roll it out on Phase 1. They have not given us that yet," he said.

Leon George, deputy emergency management coordinator, stepped in for his

boss, Joel Ardoin, at Tuesday's meeting.

He said county officials have been told that the current plan is to have five vaccination "pods" in Orange County during Phase 1 and the county has already received refrigerators in which

to store vaccine kits.

"All we've had was just a discussion to determine how many [vaccinations] they're going to have," Gothia said.

"What they've got to determine is how many they're going to have and how many they can produce for each

area first.

"That's the initial plan and it's subject to change because it's been moving pretty rapidly. If they get more vaccines available, they'll open more pods for it."

The list of first responders that need to be vaccinated

first is long, Gothia said.

"First responders is a huge pool of people from fire departments, police, medical. A lot of people are considered first responders," he said.

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T.W. Permenter replaces retiring PH mayor, Mohon

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

T.W. Permenter says it won't be the same without seeing Dan Mohon out and about.

Pinehurst City Council reluctantly accepted Mohon's resignation as mayor Tuesday night and voted to replace him in that office by promoting the Mayor Pro-Tem, Permenter.

"At this time, it is with a heavy heart that I, a great friend of Dan, ask for a motion to accept his resignation."

Mohon is known to have been undergoing cancer treatments for some time. He said he in his letter of resignation his health had forced the issue.

"Due to my current health conditions, I regret to inform you that I must resign as mayor of Pinehurst, Texas, effective immediately," he wrote.



Permenter

"It has been my privilege to work with the city manager, the city employees as well as the other board members. It has been an honor to serve the citizens of this wonderful community.

"My hope is that city will continue to make progress in all the ongoing projects, especially the Harvey water and sewer program. I wish you all the best in the future endeavors of Pinehurst."

A longtime council member like Permenter, Mohon, the mayor of Orange 30 years ago, took on the mayor's job in the fall of 2019 when Pete Runnels retired mid-term because of poor health.

Permenter, 83, and a Dupont retiree 23 years ago, has already served once as Pine-

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New OC abatement policy aims local

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Orange County approved a new property tax abatement policy that should make local workers and suppliers smile.

Under the policy, a company that is granted a tax abatement by the county for a new or expanded operation is expected to hire more local laborers and give preference and priority to local manufacturers, suppliers vendors and contractors - except where it's not reasonably possible.

"This gives our local suppliers and vendors a better opportunity to compete for the work," said Jessica Hill, director of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation.

Under the terms in the policy, a requirement for those receiving new abatements would be to hire 50 percent of its labor force during construction from a seven-county area extending to Chambers County to the west and to the Tyler, Jasper and Newton county lines to the north.

"Local" means local when it comes to vendors, suppliers and subcontractors. Only those with a principal office in Orange County need apply.

Further, in any such purchasing exception involving purchases totaling \$250,000 or more as a single buy or a total spend, justification for not buying local will be re-

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Davis jumped from Triangle to the stars

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Entertainer Tex Ritter got a park in downtown Nederland. Football coach Bum Phillips got a statue.

And Nederland native Walter "Buddy Davis" probably had the best record of them all.

"I think he deserves a statue in downtown Nederland, but Bum Phillips took that spot," Shaun Davis said of his dad, who died at 89 years of age on Nov. 17.

"But my dad was not the kind that he'd worry about something like that."

Buddy Davis won an Olympic gold medal as a high jumper in 1952 and was a member of two NBA championship teams, in 1956 and 1958.

He is the only athlete in the history of sports to have an NBA championship ring and an Olympic track and field gold medal.

He grew to stand 6 foot, 9 inches tall and a natural athlete who could play any sport.

But that was only after he spent three years, from age 8 to 11, with polio. With both legs paralyzed, he was unable to walk on his own.

"My dad's primary recovery tool was a bike that was mounted in place [like today's exercise bikes]," Shaun Davis said. "He really started being able to run and play when he was 12 and 13, and he took on extraordinary dimensions, physically."

Buddy Davis was a three-sport star at Nederland: a three-time all-district pick in basketball, a district champ in baseball and a state meet qualifier in the high jump.

"Buddy was the type when there was a sport coming up, if he wasn't doing it, the coach would ask, 'Would you do this this weekend?'" said Shaun Davis.

The younger Davis worked as an executive for Temple-Inland and lived in Orange County a while back. His wife, Tammy, worked for The Record Newspapers; two children graduated from Little Cypress-Mauriceville High.

director of state and local affairs

Buddy was a three-time All-American at Texas A&M, twice in track and field and once in basketball. He won the NCAA high jump in 1952 and that summer went to Helsinki, Finland, to win his



Walter "Buddy" Davis, a Nederland native and Texas A&M grad, won the 1952 Olympic high jump gold medal in Helsinki, Finland, setting an Olympic record of 6-8. Davis was a track and basketball All-American at A&M and played seven seasons in the NBA, helping his teams to two championships. He is the only athlete ever to win both an NBA title and a track and field gold medal.

gold medal with an Olympic record jump of 6-8.

This was when high jumpers used a form called "the Western roll" where they jumped head first over the bar and landed in a pit of sawdust.

Davis cleared 6-11-3/4 at the 1953 AAU Championships and is credited with being the first to "unofficially"

clear 7 feet in an exhibition meet.

He was the 13th pick in the NBA draft in 1952 by the Philadelphia Warriors, from whom he played with from 1952-58, before finishing his career with the St. Louis Hawks in 1958-59.

"He didn't talk about the NBA or Olympics stuff until later in his life. It was just rare that he talked about his incredible accomplishments," Shaun said.

He did tell his son his first basketball contract was for \$5,800 and he received a \$1,500 bonus for winning an NBA championship.

Davis worked as a deputy sheriff for Jefferson County during basketball off-seasons and, after adding a banking certificate from SMU to his A&M degree, he became a banker. His first job was at Vidor State Bank.

After retiring as a banker, Buddy and his wife worked as civilians for the Coast Guard in Puerto Rico, running a supermarket and restaurant on base.

After that, Buddy Davis worked another decade as a part-time disaster specialist for FEMA.

"He really did have an incredible life," his son said.



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Covid-19 cases in Texas are soaring again

Patrick Svitek and Dan Rosenweig-Ziff
The Texas Tribune

On June 26, Texas was reporting 5,102 people had been hospitalized due to the coronavirus, breaking a new record for the state. The positivity rate — the portion of tests that come back positive — had hovered above Gov. Greg Abbott's "warning flag" level of 10% for more than a week.

Abbott swept into action. For a second time in months, the Republican governor shut down bars and rolled back restaurant capacity. Six days later, he took arguably his most drastic action yet, announcing a statewide mask mandate.

This week, more than 7,400 Texans are hospitalized for COVID-19, and the positivity rate has exceeded 10% for over three weeks.

But the governor's strategy as the state heads into the holidays is to stay the course, relying on a 2-month-old blueprint to claw back reopenings regionally based on hospitalizations. The mask order remains in place, but last week he ruled out "any more lockdowns," and tensions are again rising with local officials who want more authority to impose safety restrictions.

Public health experts and elected officials acknowledge they are up against a stronger sense of "COVID fatigue" than ever — a malaise that appears to be reflected in the state response.

"The numbers are quite alarming, to be honest, because it's not showing any sign of slowing down," said Rajesh Nandy, associate professor of biostatistics and epidemiology at the University of North Texas Health Science Center. However, Nandy added, "it seems like at this point, there's not a lot of will, even among people, for a full-scale stay-at-home [order] like [Abbott] did in March because, of course, it has other consequences."

Texas is breaking coronavirus case records as the holidays approach



BY TEXAS TRIBUNE STAFF
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In recent days, Texas has reported daily new case tallies on par with where the state was during its summer spike. A record 10,826 new cases were reported Tuesday, surpassing the previous high of 10,791 in mid-July.

Hospitalizations have also been on a brisk upward trajectory, and deaths, which tend to lag behind the other metrics, have been creeping up.

Texas is far from the only state seeing soaring case numbers, though others are responding much more dramatically. Ohio has instituted a statewide curfew from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. starting Thursday. Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker, a Democrat, has warned that he could issue a mandatory stay-at-home order if the state does not turn around its numbers soon.

Texas' current posture toward the pandemic is more similar to that of Florida, another relatively large state with a GOP governor who has also held off on announcing new restrictions amid surging case numbers.

During a wave of TV and radio appearances Thursday and Friday, Abbott acknowledged the state was seeing a virus spike but professed faith in the strategy he announced in mid-September that scales back reopenings if the number of COVID-19 patients in a region exceeds 15% of its hospital capacity for seven consecutive days. Regions that reach that threshold have to reduce the occupancy of most businesses from 75% to 50% of capacity, among other things.

In one TV interview, Abbott said the treatments — along with the promise of a vaccine soon — mean Texans have entered the "ninth inning of our challenge with COVID."

Yet public health experts say that kind of exuberance may be premature. Despite "euphoria" about recent vaccine announcements, the rollout of the vaccines will be systematic and measured, and for "a long time, we're still going to need to wear masks and socially distance," said Eric Boerwinkle, dean of the UTHealth School of Public Health.

"I worry a little bit that people are letting their guard down because they see a vaccine over the horizon," Boerwinkle said.

While Abbott made the media rounds late last week, he has not held a news conference on the topic in two months. His last conference was Sept. 17, when he announced the relaxed restrictions for hospital regions below the 15% threshold.

At the same time, he has said little about how Texans should approach Thanksgiving, which is eight days away and has prompted advice from public health experts to stay home and gather only with those in the same household. That also differs from Abbott's handling of the pre-July Fourth spike. At the time, Abbott warned that if "people gather on Fourth of July the same way they did in Memorial Day it is going to lead to a massive increase" in cases.

Since Abbott announced the 15% threshold, it has been

the subject of some scrutiny. Abbott initially defined the threshold as 15% of "all hospitalized patients" in a region, though he later changed it to 15% of "total hospital capacity" — or total beds — in a region. That redefinition is problematic, according to hospital administrators in parts of Texas that have seen the most infections.

"They're assuming that all those licensed beds can somehow be utilized for a COVID-19 surge, and that's simply not true," Dr. Brian Weis, chief medical officer at Northwest Texas Healthcare System, said last month during a coronavirus briefing for the city of Amarillo. "By using that number, that overestimates our capacity to handle COVID-19 patients."

Abbott's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday evening on why the threshold was redefined.

Dr. Peter Hotez, dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, said he was worried about hospitals in the Texas Panhandle and the Dallas-Fort Worth region becoming overwhelmed with sickened patients. When hospital intensive care units swell to capacity or beyond it, mortality rates increase, he said.

"It's the job of every elected leader, whether it's in Texas or anywhere else in the U.S., to prevent a surge on intensive care units," he said. "Every surge represents a failure by an elected leader."

Abbott's office insists that the state has provided local officials the power to enforce measures such as business occupancy limits and mask requirements.

"The protocols proved effective in slowing the spread over the summer and containing COVID-19, and they can continue to work, but only if they are enforced," an Abbott spokesperson said.

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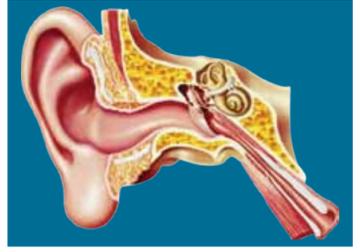
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Covid vaccine plans From Page 1

"Phase 2 is those who have pre-existing conditions, those in nursing homes, it's a very broad spectrum."

Then, it's everybody else. The good news is that three different pharmaceutical companies say they have vaccines that are 90 percent effective. Someone noted the third company to announce its vaccine ready for distribution, AstraZeneca, had 90 percent on the upside, but an average of 70 percent effective.

"What people don't realize," Gothia said, "is the flu vaccine is only 60 percent effective."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported before coronavirus surfaced in the United States this spring that the vaccine for the 2019-20 seasonal flu was only 45% effective overall.

Gothia said by the time, vaccinations are ready for the general public, it will be way past the point of vaccination "pods."

"One of the discussions they had on the phone call was that at some point, it should be available at all your major retail outlets like Walgreens, Walmart, any place that has a pharmacy," he said.

"It should be available by Phase 3, which is when the general public would be able to receive it."

In other news coming out after Tuesday's meeting, George said total COVID-19 cases for Orange County had risen by 397 infections in the



Melissa Pillsbury, front left, the Orange County Risk Management Director, accepts the 2019 Excellence in Safety Award the county received from its insurer, the Texas Association of Counties, at Tuesday's County Commissioners meeting.

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past week.

The grand total of 3,592 COVID-19 cases in the county since the pandemic began includes 2,505 cases confirmed via a PCR (nasal swab) test and 1,037 "possible" cases that tested positive via an antigen test not confirmed via a lab.

The total of COVID-caused deaths reported stayed the same, at 45.

Commissioners finished up the paperwork for a \$4 million tax and revenue anticipation note, which is a bank line of credit to cover any cash flow problems caused by the urgencies of paying for damage by Hurricanes Laura and Delta and the expected slowdown in receipt of property tax pay-

ments in the final months of the year.

Gothia stressed they hoped to not use a penny, thus owing only the setup fee.

They accepted a \$542,632 check for sales tax receipts for September and paid \$850,000 in bills for the weeks of Nov. 17 and Nov. 24.

They acknowledged receipt of a \$300,000 insurance check for Hurricane Laura damage, going with an earlier \$200,000 insurance check to a special budget for insurance claims.

Much of that money is going into repairing the roof of the county jail and leaks that surfaced in other county buildings from the 100 mph gusts of the storm.

Mohon steps down as Mayor From Page 1

hurst's mayor.

He laughed when it was noted that Mohon was older than Runnels and he was older than Mohon.

"I think old men make better politicians," he said.

His friendship with Mohon goes back several decades.

"I've known Dan for many, many years. He was mayor of Orange, then got out of politics. He moved to Pinehurst and got active in our community."

"Dan has been instrumental in so many things we've done."

"We are really going to miss Dan's guiding hand in Pinehurst," council member Michael Shahan said.

"Dan has been a pleasure to work with," council member Sarah McClendon said. "He's such a highly intelligent man with a great love for our city."

"He and all the things he's done for our city, it is going to be hard to replace him."

Tommy Gunn, the Pinehurst city attorney, perhaps said it best of Mohon.

"Dan definitely improved the quality of life not just in Pinehurst but all of Orange



Pinehurst Mayor Dan Mohon resigned Tuesday due to health conditions. The longtime public servant will be replaced by T.W. Permenter.

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County," he said.

McClendon made the motion to appoint Permenter to serve as mayor for the five months-plus until the May 2021 election. The vote was unanimous.

Permenter pointed to projects Mohon had helped initiate that are still ongoing.

"He's got the Fire Department back on line. We're getting a new Fire Chief and we have five or six people ready to start training Monday. We got some grants Dan

had been working on for infrastructure.

"One of his biggest things is making Pinehurst look good. He's done a great job."

A replacement to take over Permenter's council seat is next on the city's job-filling agenda. Jerry Hood has been promoted from his interim city administrator job to permanent city administrator and Greg Willis was named last week to fill a vacant council seat.

Wesley United Methodist Church Annual Fund Raiser

Wesley United Methodist Church will be selling this years crop of Durham/Ellis pecans and walnuts early November. Call Jane 409/734-8036 or the church 409/886-7276 to place an order or for additional information.

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quired.

Abated companies are required to post quarterly reports of their spending during the construction phase and annual reports after that.

They are also required to provide bidding information to local businesses and labor to allow them to have sufficient information and time to submit their bids.

And the policy also puts a premium on abatement seekers to encourage and pro-

mote using Historically Underutilized Businesses,

David Jones, owner of Gopher Industries, a hotshot supplier of industrial needs to local plants, was the only speaker from the public at a public hearing held before commissioners unanimously approved the new policy.

Jones asked for more teeth in the agreement to spend locally. And he wanted a commitment from the abated companies to give back to their community.

Some of what he asked about was incorporated in the final policy. Commissioners agreed they would consider including items such as community involvement in the individual abatement agreements.

"We want to take care of Orange County, but we also don't want to take ourselves out of a competitive position," County Judge John Gothia said. "This is a huge difference from what we had before."

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Count our friends, instead of our foes.
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Count our courage, instead of our fears.
Count our full years, instead of our lean.
Count our kind deeds, instead of our mean.
Count our health, instead of our wealth.
Count on God, instead of ourselves.

With that I embark on another column. Please hop on board and come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.

PRESIDENT ELECT JOE BIDEN DECADES OF EXPERIENCE

Biden's love of foreign policy hints at how he'll govern as our new president. Biden will enter the White House with more foreign policy experience than any of his four immediate predecessors, from Bill Clinton to Donald Trump. Biden is in a position to hit the ground running. If in your mind you have Biden tagged as a softy, you are wrong. I love the following story that illustrates just who Joe Biden is. In 2001, President George W. Bush was trying to size up Russian President Vladimir Putin during their first face-to-face meeting at a summit in Slovenia. "I looked the man in the eye. I found him to be very straightforward and trustworthy," Bush told reporters at a joint news conference, in what turned out to be a regrettable misconception. "I was able to get a sense of his soul." A decade later, then Vice President Joe Biden had his own tete-a-tete with Putin, and he offered a starkly different assessment. As Putin was showing Biden his Kremlin office, the two men also found themselves eye to eye. "I said, Mr. Prime Minister, I'm looking into your eyes, and I don't think you have a soul," Biden recalled in an interview with Even Osnos, whose biography of Biden was published in October. "He looked back at me, and he smiled, and he said, 'We understand one another.'" As Biden's story about Putin illustrates, the president-elect already knows many of the players in the world stage, and knows them well, whether from his terms as vice president or his 30-plus years in the Senate. This week Biden is putting together an experienced cabinet ready to move forward.

DOUG EMHOFF BREAKS GENDER STEREOTYPE

Second Gentleman or Second Dude, take your choice, Doug Emhoff is the spouse of V.P. Elect Kamala Harris, the first woman V.P. That makes Doug the first second gentleman, flipping gender norms like the nation has never seen before. I'm sure Doug will be called Mr. Harris a lot but he says he's totally comfortable stepping back so his wife can show her brilliance, grace, grit and power because he wants her to succeed. Emhoff is a very successful private attorney from a corporate world where white men like him often take the lead. Kamala is the first woman, first African American woman and first Indian American woman to become the first vice-president of the United States. Doug, 58, will quit his law practice by Inauguration Day. They met on a blind date in 2013 and married the following year. She became "Momala" to his two children, Cole, 26 and Ella, 21, from Doug's first marriage. My choice is Joe, "first stud," Doug, "second stud."

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2010

Congrats to the West Orange-Stark Mustangs on a good season. When they lost their leader Reggie, most people thought their season was over. They showed what they are made of and fought to the last minute. ****New Orleans Saints beat Earl Thomas and the Seahawks Sunday at the Superdome. Sean and Collin Gros were in the stands. ****Bridge City's Matt Bryant kicked four field goals, 42-yards, 29-yards, 32-yards and 21-yards, plus two extra points. The Falcons beat St. Louis 31-17. Matt is still the teams leading scorer. **** We were sorry to learn of the death of Marvin Myers, who died Nov. 18, in Houston. He would have turned 92 on Jan. 2. Marvin, a World War II veteran, was a native of Brunner Addition, in Orange. He was a football star on the 1936 Stark High football team. Marvin was also a well-known boxer and an avid sportsman. Two of his grand parents had served as Orange County judges. Among his survivors is local resident Pearl Burgess, his sister. Services were held Sunday in Nacogdoches. He was a good man. **** Catholic Deacon Larry David prepared the gumbo for St. Mary's gumbo dinner last week. Some folks spotted were Percy Bordleon, 90-year-old Harold Forse, Anabel Anderson, a sweetheart, Elton and Mrs. Guillot, Anna Bell Rost, Judge Pat Clark, Debbie Hughes, Sherel Hunell and Betty Harmon, who was handling the raffle tickets. By the way, the tickets were sold out. ****Stump Weatherford stopped by for a visit. For years he has been active member and district officer of the Lion's Club. In the past couple of years he and Dayle have done extensive traveling for the club. Stump says this will be his last year. He looks forward to being just a regular member. He's walking on air this week as Athens advanced in the football playoffs. **** A few special folks celebrating birthdays in the next few days. Howard Morse, longtime Bridge City Bank board member is celebrating Nov. 25. *** "Ace" Amodeo, who is now

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GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN Obituaries 10 Years Ago-2010

Charles William Cessac, 66, passed away Sunday, Nov. 14. Service was held on Saturday, Nov. 27. He is survived by son, Charles A. Cessac, and wife Gina; grandchildren Anthony, Collin and Andrew Cessac; sisters Merle Howard, Elvia Provost and brother Wayne Cessac.**** Louis S. "Buddy" Semar, Jr., 71, of Orange, passed away Thursday, Nov. 11. Funeral services were held on Monday, Nov. 15. He coached basketball at St. Mary's School in 1960 and 1961 and he worked as a maintenance foreman in the construction industry, retiring in 1996. Buddy is survived by his wife, Margaret Semar; daughters, Kelly Poole, Kristy Rushing, and Penny Semar; sons, Mark and Mike Semar and eight his grandchildren.**** Ricky R. Grantham, 53, of Orange, died Wednesday, Nov. 17. Services were held on Saturday, Nov. 20. Ricky was affectionately known as "The Lawnmower Man." He is survived by his wife, Joyce Grantham; daughter, Chastity Lampman; step-daughters, Amanda Rodgers, Monica Cochran, Angela East, MS, and Tina Davison; seven grandchildren; three sisters, and nine brothers.

22 Years Ago-1998

County Judge Carl Thibodeaux administered the oath of office to new Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, Joe Parkhurst. The Judge, elected in May, replaces J.P. Pauline Farris, who resigned Nov. 13. Stepping into the new position earlier than expected Parkhurst said he had mixed feelings about leaving his longtime career as an educator. "It's tough saying goodbye to 35 years. It's something I'm going to enjoy however, I'm ready to get going," he concluded.****A Bridge City attorney, Phillip Smith, will leave private practice to join the staff of District Attorney John Kimbrough, on Dec. 1. Smith is the son of Sabine Pilot Capitan and Mrs. Smith.****C Delle Bates, the "Beachcomber," gave Becky Aleman a big rock for her finger.****The open house and ribbon cutting at the new county office building will be held Dec. 1. The dedication will honor the late Tax Assessor Rosemary Slaton. (Editor's note: Has that really been 22 years ago? Time does fly.)****Sharon Clark Bell is spotted at 5 a.m. every morning jogging.****The Bridge City Lady Cardinals volleyball team made it to the big show, the final four state 4-A semi finals. South Lake Carroll showed up with some big girls, two players 6 feet-1inch and two others 6 feet. Bridge City countered with one girl 5 feet-11inches. The Lady Cards beat Carroll 15-12 in the first game and lost the next two, 15-3 and 15-7. It was the Cards greatest season ever. Coach Wilson and seniors Natalie Sarver and April Belk won't soon be forgotten.****Dave Campbell's football magazine has picked coach Randy Theriot's Orange-field Bobcats to finish in fifth place in a district of six teams. The Bobcats however, clawed their way to the district championship and went into the second round of the playoffs They lost to Crockett 41-31, ending the dream season. Senior Beaux Daville had another great game with three touchdowns and rushing for 206 yards. He became the first Bobcat ever to rush for over 2,000 yards****Jim Sharon Bearden, son of Carol and Sharon Bearden, is class president of Texas Tech Law School. He has his own office and travels to other universities promoting his law school. (Editor's note: Jim Sharon now is in practice with his dad on Border Street in Orange.)

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Orange First United Methodist Church is 142 years old. Back in 1859 traveling Methodist preachers called this area the "Alligator Circuit." That was the beginning of Methodist in Orange. In 1873, 44 people joined together to form the first mission and official Methodist Church. They built a tiny wood-framed building on College St., facing Evergreen Cemetery. After a fire destroyed the church, they moved to the Court House for three years. In 1894, they rented a church at Border and Henderson. The Rev. W.W. Watts was pastor of the 224-member church. In 1910, the church moved to Sixth and Elm. The existing building was completed June 10, 1923. It wasn't until the \$8,000 debt was paid that the church was dedicated on March 25, 1937. Bishop A Frank Smith officiated.****A few folks we know celebrating in the next few days. Nov. 26: The pride of Orangefield, mother of twins and the prettiest district judge in all of Texas, Judge Courtney Burch Arkeen, who celebrates today. She'll do to ride the range with or ride anywhere with. Judge, happy birthday

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BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Natives celebrating birthdays in the coming week. Sherry Hickman, Serena Simonton, Amber Permar, Christie Smith, Sherry Hommel, Kelly Stanley, Michael Chapman, Christi Nelson, Shelly Hollier, Katie Deal, Colby Daville, Dana Bryant, Melissa Fisher, Tena Kenney, Abby Floyd, Betty Simonton, Cindy Huckabay, Andrea Tupper, Tiffany Osborn, Cassandra Carpenter, Sharon Evans, Angela Harkness, Freda Riley, Jim Bob Aven, Erin Evans, Jamie Applebach, Leah Vogt, Tish Garrett.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Celebrities celebrating birthdays in the next few days. Nov. 25: Singer Amy Grant, 60; Actors Kevin Chamberlin, 57 and Christina Applegate, 46.****Nov. 26: Actor Jamie Rose, 61; Singers Tina Turner, 81 and Natasha Bedingfield.****Nov. 27: Actress Robin Givens, 56 and JFK's daughter Caroline Kennedy, 63.****Nov. 28: TV show host Jon Stewart, 58; Race Car Driver Chase Elliott, 25 and Actress Mary Elizabeth Winstead, 36.****Nov. 29: TV Show Host Howie Mandel, 65; Wrestler Jerry Lawler, 71 and Actor Don Cheadle, 56.****Nov. 30: Golfer Tiger Woods, 45; Boxer Laila Ali, 43 and Actress Caity Lotz. ****Dec. 1: Soul Singer Janelle Monae, 35; Director Woody Allen, 85 and Pop Singer Bette Midler, 75.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

After getting off wok Oris Boudreaux and his fellow worker, Joe "Stud" Comeaux met up at Tee-Boy's Bar and Grill for a beer. Da two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage and family values.

Oris said, "I didn't sleep wit my wife Stella before we got married, did you?"

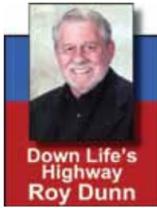
Joe replies "Mais, I'm not sure me, who was her pappu? Wat you say her maiden name was?"

C'EST TOUT

We have so much to be thankful for. First we are thankful for you, our loyal readers and to our family of advertisers. We live in a great place, with some of the world's most friendly folks. We're also thankful that we have been able to bring you this publication every week for over 50 years now. We are all in this together and there is still death and illness to face. It didn't have to be this way. I place great hope in our fresh start. I yarn for the day when we can be normal again. I miss hugging my grandchildren and being with my friends. We must all do our part to defeat this pandemic. Wear your mask. Happy Thanksgiving and God bless.

Thanksgiving in the shadow of a pandemic

**ROY DUNN
DOWN LIFE'S
HIGHWAY
For The Record**



I'm optimistic that by next Thanksgiving the times we are living today will seem like a bad nightmare.

We will wake from this bad dream, on a bright new day.

We will still be struggling to leave this past behind but in time the abscess will subside.

Here at home we will still have to take care of our own.

Our basic lives must be cared for. We have children to raise and to ensure they get a good, competitive education in our own schoolyards.

This brings me to something I've been interested in and concerned about.

I've been under the weather for the past month. Not good but that's a story for another time.

Over the weekend, I got to read The Record where I discovered that BCISD Superintendent Todd Lintzen will retire at the end of the school year.

I will say Todd was just the right hire at the right time for us, not for him. That poor guy and his bride got here in time to welcome about four storms, one wiping out their home.

His wife Tracey suffered open-heart surgery and was unable to work. They are now retiring and will move near family.

They earned Louisiana retirement and will now qualify for Texas retirement. They will be fine.

Special thanks for the great job, even under the restriction of COVID and what the maneuvering entailed.

Now comes the hard and delicate decision of the school board. Let me say up front I have a lot of confidence in this BCISD board. They have a lot of government experience,

even with other entities.

Some have been around school business for a long time.

In fact, I believe Bear's mom, Ann, delivered her at the school.

I've known the late George and Rita Anderson and their tribe over 60 years and brother's "Goober," Jeff and school board member Mark since they were in short pants.

I could write a book on Jerry McInnis.

I've been impressed with Thad Hill since the day I met him many years ago when he made his first run for political office. He asked for my support and I told him I had committed to a friend.

I figured the kid, a newcomer, didn't stand a chance. He said something to me that stuck, "Thank you sir, maybe next time I can have your support." I agreed that he would. He beat my guy like a drum. I've never voted against Thad since.

I just wrote this so you would know that I know the players.

They have a real problem facing them. They must front a bond issue. I know none of us like to hear that. The district continues to grow, probably 3,500 students in the next 18 months or so. There are some real needs. I don't have space to go with them here.

Fifty percent of passing a bond issue is timing and this ain't the time and won't be for awhile but I'm optimist the end of 2021 will be different.

Everyone knows there is no free ride but no one



Bridge City ISD School Board and Superintendent: Pictured back from left, Thad Hill, Mike Johnson, Jerry McInnis, Mark Anderson and Superintendent Todd Lintzen; and, front from left, Rebecca Rutledge, Judy Cole and Patty Collins.

wants to pay a fare that is not absolutely necessary. Citizens know a school, like a church, must be supported. All of my children and grandchildren were educated here at home. I'm proud of how well they have done and still have the Cardinal Pride.

I'm sure the school board will again use a search team in hiring the new superintendent, someone who can blend with the community, nevermind storms, skeeters, etc.

Most importantly is someone who has had experience with bond issues or passed one themselves. A must needed bond issue is first priority.

Doctors Harold, Lucia and Jamie all passed bond issues. I was front row to those. There was one special ingredient in all three. I have some positive ideas and some constructive advice if anyone is interested. Timing is everything and must be above board. Transparent to the last, all I's dotted and T's crossed. No jumbo's, just the needs and you can count me in and believe me, I hate to spend worse than anyone.

My wife laughs when anyone calls me a liberal.

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There's no place like home. While I'm on the subject of caring for home-folks, I think of our cities that all are on

For the most part they are all level-headed, smart, centrists. One leans to the right, one to the left but no flame-throwers, just a unique group.

Judge John Gothia is a doer; he puts things in compartment order. He is sharp on his feet, a good leader.

Commissioner Kirk Roccafort has 30 years government experience and a very impressive bio as mayor of Bridge City. He is a successful businessman who aligns with the blue collar worker.

Commissioner Johnny Trahan comes from the corporate world where in management he had far reaching supervision. He is most personable. You've got to love Johnny.

The lady on the court, Commissioner Theresa Beauchamp, is an educator and most important a counselor and former longtime Orange City councilperson.

Commissioner Robert Viator is a successful businessman, former Vidor

mayor and sharp with details. You couldn't have picked a better county team. They give me confidence that we will survive nature's wrath and illnesses.

Now, I probably will get in trouble.

What would help everyone, citizens, businesses and entities that need to raise a few coins and will hurt no one.

The appraisal district needs to freeze all property taxes for the next three years.

The county government may squeal ... if so, raise taxes, sharpen the pencils, and deal with the voters.

For too many years we have been raising taxes while claiming not to. By coming through the back door, by raising property values, it raises everyone's taxes on all levels.

Example: A small lot, 11 years ago, valued at \$8,000, today may appraise for \$19,768.

Come on, it's time for a break. A three-year break.

Happy Thanksgiving.

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We thank you for the opportunity to work together and for making us feel at home in our community.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Scoping Meeting for the Blue Marlin Offshore Port License Application

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) in coordination with the Maritime Administration (MARAD) announce their intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assist in the evaluation of a deepwater port license application. Blue Marlin Offshore Port (BMOOP), LLC, seeks approval to construct and operate a crude oil export deepwater port (DWP) in the Gulf of Mexico offshore Cameron Parish, Louisiana for exporting domestically produced crude oil.

The application proposes the ownership, construction, operation and eventual decommissioning of an offshore oil export deepwater port that would be located within and adjacent to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in West Cameron Lease Blocks (WC) 509 and 508 and East Cameron (EC) Block 263. Following the existing 50-inch pipeline, the deepwater port will be approximately 99 statute miles off the coast of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, with an approximate water depth of 152 feet. The deepwater port would allow for the loading of Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCCs) and other sized crude oil cargo carriers via a Catenary Anchor Leg Mooring (CALM).

This public notice is part of a public scoping process that will help identify and determine environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS, requests public participation in the scoping process, and provides information on how to participate. Due to COVID-19, MARAD and USCG are providing a virtual open house and BMOOP Project information website and virtual, internet based Scoping Meetings with alternate dial-in phone number options. The USCG and MARAD will hold two virtual Public Scoping Meetings, Wednesday, December 2, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (CST) and Thursday, December 3, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (CST). The meetings are open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to register via the website at www.BlueMarlinNEPAProcess.com or call (833) 201-3773. Attendees may attend online or via telephone and related details will be relayed to you upon registering for the meeting. Both virtual public meetings will be identical, interested parties may register for one scoping meeting only.

If you require special assistance such as sign language interpretation, non-English language translator services or other reasonable accommodation, please notify the USCG or MARAD, at least 7 days before the Scoping Meetings. Contact Will Nabach, USCG, at william.nabach2@uscg.mil, or Efrain Lopez, MARAD, at (202) 366-9761 or efrainlopez@doh.gov.

Written and oral comments will be accepted at the virtual Public Scoping Meetings. Comments will be recorded or transcribed for inclusion in the public docket. Comments may also be submitted to the Federal Docket Management Facility and must be received on or before Saturday, December 5, 2020. To make sure comments and related material are not entered more than once into the docket, only one of the following means are to be used:

- **Electronic (preferred to expedite processing):** Through the Federal Docket Management website at <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number MARAD-2020-0127.
- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility (MARAD-2020-0127), Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Attn: MARAD 2020-0127
- **Personal Delivery:** To the room and address listed above between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- **Fax:** To Docket Management Facility at (202) 493-2251

All submissions will be posted, without change, to the docket website (<http://www.regulations.gov>), and will include any personal information provided. All submission shall be publicly available for viewing. Please identify yourself, any organization you represent, and the docket number MARAD 2020-0127. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice that is available on the docket website, or the Department of Transportation Privacy Act Statement that appeared in the Federal Register on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70, pages 19477-78). Comments and material received from the public will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at Federal Docket Management Facility, in Room W12-140, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. You may also view the docket, including this notice and comments, at <http://www.regulations.gov> docket number MARAD 2020-0127.

The Blue Marlin Offshore Port license application may also be viewed at the following public libraries:

- Jefferson County, TX: Port Arthur Public Library, 4615 9th Ave, Port Arthur, TX 77642
- Orange County, TX: Orange Public Library, 229 5th St, Orange, TX 77630

If you have questions about the project or the meeting, you may contact Will Nabach, USCG william.nabach2@uscg.mil or Efrain Lopez, Maritime Administration, at (202) 366-9761 or efrainlopez@doh.gov.

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Thankful
By Pearl Burgess

Oh what a beautiful day,
how Thankful we should be.
The birds are singing a chorus,
in the top of the old pine tree.
I'm Thankful for my parents,
they taught us all they could
to show our love for others,
they hoped and prayed we would.
Be Thankful for the friends we have,
and cannot do without.
Let's be a friend to others,
as we all go about.
Be Thankful for our country, and what it took to be.
The sweat and blood that was shed, to give us Liberty.
The land has given us riches, our table is laden down,
With every kind of food from their rich and fertile ground.
Be Thankful for our families, show love, no heart of hate,
Be kind to all of them, before it's just too late.
I'm Thankful that my Lord looks down and He can surely see
His eyes are on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
Be Thankful to Him, in each and every way.
For every day He's given us
"Happy Thanks Giving Day."



Gavin Briggs was named the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce November Student of the Month from Bridge City High School. Pictured, from left, are Beth Arnold, Joshua Briggs, Gavin Briggs and Sarah Briggs. Photo courtesy of the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce

Briggs named BCHS November Student

The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced the November student of the month for Bridge City High School is Gavin Briggs. Gavin was presented His certificate by Ambassador, Beth Arnold of Wellspring Credit Union. Gavin is the son of Joshua and Sarah Briggs. He is ranked 15 out of 195 with a GPA of 4.47.

Gavin's awards and honors include 1st Division State Solo & Ensemble-2019, 3rd Place BCHS Talent Show-2019, Top Place Individual in UIL Biology-Nederland Meet 2020. Gavin's clubs and organizations include Band, National Honor Society - President 2020-2021, UIL Science Team, Academic Team, and Drumline Co-Captain.

Gavin's community service/work experience includes Little Ceasars Love Kitchen - Hurricane Laura, Salvation Army - Hurricane Laura, Bridge City Fellowship - Hurricane Relief, and Yardwork for Disabled Family.

Joseph Blanda, Science Department, Athletics Coach said, "Gavin has been in my PreAP Biology and my AP Biology class where he demonstrated a great understanding of science. His schoolwork was exceptional, and he also joined the UIL science team where he won the first contest he entered, proving his skills in biology. He is one of the best science students in his class and is an excellent choice for student of the month."

Tami Goss, Director of Bands said, "Gavin has been an invaluable student in the band program for seven years. He has the unique ability to always take care of business while maintaining a laid-back attitude that makes everyone around him feel comfortable and welcome.

His co-leadership of the drum line has been the strongest it has ever been during my 11 years at Bridge City High School. His academic achievements, character, dependability, and musical talent have made Gavin a mentor and role

model for his peers and the younger students that will follow in his footsteps."

Michelle Jaarah, Composite Science, AP Chemistry, Pre AP-Chemistry & Physics Teacher said, "Gavin maintains a rigorous academic schedule while remaining active in extracurricular activities and working a job. Gavin is a high performer that engages in academic conversations with his peers that enrich the experience of the class."

Sykvia Ney, English Teacher said, "Gavin has always been a diligent student. As long as I have known him, he has done his best to succeed at each task. He also does what he can to help those around him to succeed as well. I've never seen him in a bad mood. Gavin always has a smile and supportive greeting for everyone. I wish we had more young men like him. Gavin is a great representative for a model BC student."

Gavin's future plans are to attend Lamar University and major in Chemical Engineering.



The Ministerial Alliance was recently presented a \$500 donation by Rotary President Judge Courtney Burch-Arkeen and a Board of Directors member Mark Bunch for their Thanksgiving turkeys from the Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club.

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The Bridge City/Orangefield Rotary Club Awarded Kayla Moore Orangefield November Student of the Month. Pictured are Ray Wrinkle, Principal, Britni Briggs, Counselor, Kayla Moore, Student, Crissa Bonnin, Counselor, Julie Moore, Parent, Courtney Arkeen, Rotary President, Dean Moore, Parent.

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West Orange-Stark High School Engineering program is excited to move forward with Project Lead the Way curriculum and new materials within its growing engineering program. Mr. Gilson's engineering classes are currently organizing a new STEM lab including 3D printers, lab tables, and space for robotics. Thank you, Mr. Gilson, for leading our future engineers into an advanced field of study in Engineering. Students pictured here Kaiden Berry, Troy Cunningham, Courtney Davis, Jacob Dominguez, Nicholas Dove, Kaleb Istre, Lonny Lewis, and Devon Niles with their principal, Rolanda Hollifield, and teacher, Grant Gilson. Principal Hollifield was presented with a student-designed 3D printed object in the picture shown.



Last spring, State Farm awarded \$7,762.58 to the Orangefield ISD Agricultural Department. The money was used to purchase a welding machine; students will learn welding skills. OISD desires for students to have a skilled trade upon graduation from high school. We appreciate State Farm for their investment in our students' careers after high school. Pictured from left to right are: OHS Assistant Principal, Timothy Tremont, OHS Principal, Rea Wrinkle, State Farm Agent, Heather Montagne, Agricultural/Welding Instructor, Tim Singleton, OISD District Librarian/Grant Writer, Sunshine Copeland, and State Farm Agent, Keith Wolfe.

Obituaries & Memorials

Joseph "Joey" Floyd Hebert, 65, Bridge City

Joey Floyd Hebert, 65, of Bridge City, passed away on November 21, 2020, in Beaumont, after a short battle with cancer.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 28, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be George Cruse. Burial will follow at Wilkinson Cemetery in Orange.

Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in Orange, Texas on April 26, 1955, he was the son of James Floyd Hebert and Evila "Taffy" (Cowan) Hebert. Joey was a bail bondsman for many years but also worked as a milkman, steel worker, and substance abuse counselor. He was known for his infectious laugh, being a jokester, and was always the life of the party. Joey put 110% effort into his projects and was always up for a good challenge. He was an avid fisherman who loved playing the guitar and listening to music. Joey was also known as "Papa Joe" to his grandbabies and was the best husband, father, son, brother, and friend anyone could ask for. He left an impact on many lives and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.



He was preceded in death by his father, James Floyd Hebert; and sister, Jennifer Hebert.

He is survived by his loving wife of 13 years, Lori Hoggins; mother Taffy Hebert; children, Joey Hebert and wife Brooke of Bridge City and Andrea Cole and husband Clayton also of Bridge City; step children, Eric Hoggins of Beaumont and Kiley Guy and husband Chris also of Beaumont; grandchildren, Trey Hebert, Rayburn Hebert, Falcon Cole, Seven Harrison, Sutton Guy, Silas Guy, Sloan Guy, and Kyndall Harrison; siblings, Pamela Webb of Bridge City, Patti Holbrooks and husband Butch also of Bridge City, and Janet Rogers and husband Damon of Orangefield; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be James Holbrooks, Joey Platt, Clayton Harrison, Donnie Mulhollan, RJ Gardner, and Rocky Coward.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Texas Liver Coalition at 6720 Bertner Ave. Houston, Texas, 77030 or to the American Lung Association of Texas at 2550 North Loop West, Suite 265, Houston, Texas 77062.



Gunner Jones was named the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce November Student of the Month from Orangefield High School. Pictured, from left, are Crissa Bonnin Christy Jones, Shon Jones, Gunner Jones, Kim Smalley, Rea Wrinkle.

Jones named OHS November Student

The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce announced that the November student of the month for Orangefield High School is Gunner Jones. Gunner was presented his certificate by Bridge City Board of Director, Kim Smalley.

Gunner is the son of Shon and Christy Jones. He is ranked 4th of 119 and has a GPA of 4.7.

Gunner's awards and honors include:

Various Big "O" Awards All-District Football 2019-2020 Highest Honors Awards-Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior year All-District Baseball 2017-2018, 2018-2019 Rotary Youth Leadership Award Gunner's clubs and

organizations include:

National Honor Society Football all four years of high school Baseball all four years of high school Gunner's community service/work experience:

Helps with Bobcat Baseball camp Works Concession stands for football and baseball Helped with cleanup from Hurricane Laura.

Melissa Hyatt, Government and Economics Teacher said, "Gunner's Character is second to none. He is a bright spot to all that know him."

Misty Bellard, Technology Teacher said, "I was privileged enough to have taught Gunner his first three years here at Orangefield High School. He is a very respectful,

intelligent student, but what stands out about Gunner is his focus, determination, and dedication in every aspect of this student involvement. He is a very goal driven student that puts in the work necessary to achieve his desired result. He performs just as well in the classroom as he does on the field. He is an excellent choice for student of the month."

Simone Oregel, Math Teacher said, "Gunner is a great student and young man. Our Calculus class misses him this year. Whatever Gunner decides to do after high school, he will do great!"

Gunner's future plans are to attend Lamar State College Orange next fall to finish his basics, then will transfer to Lamar University to earn a Bachelor's In Accounting.

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Orange County Happenings and Events

Kiwanis Club of Orange Cancels Christmas Parade

Kiwanis Club of Orange announced today that the club has cancelled this year's Christmas parade. "We wanted to be able to host this long-standing tradition to provide a distraction and a bit of Christmas Spirit for our community. However, we have had very little applications submitted, several of our regular groups, such as school bands, will not be able to participate because of contests, and of course COVID-19 cases on the rise is quite concerning for us all", said Shane Johns, Club President.

The Clubs' plan is to keep the "Texas Christmas" theme for 2021, so organizations will have plenty of time to plan a creative entry for next year. Those who have already paid the registration fee will be contacted concerning a refund.

AAUW Orange Re-Schedules Book-Ins

For information on Book-Ins and membership in AAUW, leave a message for Sarah Boehme at (409) 883-4147. AAUW stands for the American Association of University Women. The organization's mission is to advance gender equity for

women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Its vision is equity for all. Membership in AAUW is open to any graduate holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution. Others without the above qualifications may enjoy participation through "Friend" memberships.

Santa at the Depot special event

So where do you mail your kids' letters to Santa? At the Orange Depot! On Sunday, December 6, 4-6, the Friends of the Orange Depot are holding a safe Santa Drive-by in front of the Depot. Drop off your letters to Santa, meet him and his gang of elves, and get free candy and prizes. Receive a special Christmas ornament if your kids wear a Santa hat.

Also special holiday music will be provided by singers from the Orange Community Players.

Lights will twinkle as the Depot's new large Santa Christmas train display will add holiday cheer to the community-wide event.

Orangefield FFA To Sell Christmas Trees

The Orangefield FFA Booster Club as well as

the Orangefield FFA Chapter will be selling real Balsam Fir Christmas trees this holiday season beginning Friday, November 27th from 8 am-7pm. Trees will range in sizes from 3 feet to 10 feet and range in prices from \$15 to \$125. All proceeds will benefit the Orangefield FFA Booster Club Scholarship Fund.

Orangefield FFA Hosts Food Drive

The Orangefield FFA Chapter will be hosting a Food Drive that will benefit local families this holiday season through the Bridge City/Orangefield Ministerial Alliance. We are accepting non-perishable food items from November 3rd-19th and will have a COVID-friendly drive-thru to drop off items on November 19th in front of Orangefield High School from 5-6pm.

AA meeting at Good Shepherd

AA meetings are being offered on Tuesday (open) and Thursday (closed) mornings at 9:30 am at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, located at 945 W. Roundbunch Road, Bridge City. Join us for coffee & donuts at the perfect meeting for imperfect people. For more information, please call, text at 409-221-0704 or email lolabell.102360@gmail.com.

Wesley United Methodist Church Annual Fund Raiser

Wesley United Methodist Church will be selling this year's crop of Durham/Ellis pecans and walnuts early November. Call Jane 409/734-8036 or the church 409/886-7276 to place an order or for additional information.

Daughters of the American Revolution meetings

The Daughters of the American Revolution 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. Any woman who can establish a direct family line to a patriot in the American Revolution can join. The Daughters of the American Revolution promotes Patriotism, Education and Historical Preservation. We had members that can help you find your Patriot. If you need any questions answered you can call Jackie Huackbay, Regent @ 409-719-6478 or Registrar, Katy Latiolais @ 409-720-9834.

ORANGE COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

Thanksgiving or Thanks-Receiving

PASTOR CHARLES EMPEY
Columnist
For The Record

Acts 20:35 "...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Who else but Jesus can say such a thing with the clearest of conscience that that is exactly what He did. He gave us creation and our individual lives. He gave Himself as the sacrifice of all from sin and condemnation who would believe. He literally has given and continues to give His all for those in His Kingdom, the true believers.

Thanksgiving Day is the time to express gratitude to the Almighty God and Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord for His grace and show appreciation to family and friends for their unconditional support.



Pastor Charles Empey

Giving is how God demonstrates His love for us.

Giving makes you happy. It gives you a positive affect in your soul.

Giving communicates importance to those who otherwise may not feel important.

Giving is God blessing others through your heart and hands.

Giving joyfully blesses God. Giving connects with com-

munity and others in one of the most powerful ways.

Giving is Biblical obedience.

Giving gives your life meaning.

Giving alerts you to further needs of others, opening more doors through which show God's love.

What is one way during the year that we as the church exemplify that openly to our community? Well, Thanksgiving is one of those times we can do that.

This year Community Thanksgiving cannot be observed with all the current restrictions. We need not allow that to dictate what we do otherwise during this awesome annual celebration.

We can either through our home-church or individually see to it that needy families have a blessed Thanksgiving. What's wrong with each fami-

ly in the church, while purchasing a turkey for themselves, purchase one more and take it to another family? Maybe even cook it for them. What about throwing in a few groceries that would complement a Thanksgiving dinner?

There are a lot of people during these recent down turns in our country who have been driven into the ditch, so-to-speak. They are in financial hardships not of their making. We all know someone who is in that condition. What a demonstration of God's love if they answer a knock on their door to a Thanksgiving dinner.

That would honor God and country on Thanksgiving.

Charles Empey is the Pastor of Cove Baptist Church, Orange, TX.

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Good report overdue

CAPT. DICKIE COLBURN
For The Record



Dickie Colburn

"Meet Bill and I at that little boat ramp in Bridge City at 3:00 and bring your waders."

I didn't even know who sent the text, but the unexpected message merited a return call at the very least.

"Hey man, this is Marler Cal and I have limited on trout up to four pounds twice this week wading the north end of your lake and today looks perfect."

I hadn't waded in over a year so in agreeing to meet them for a quick trip, I had no intention of exercising that option.

On the way to the ramp I also recalled that with Ty and Cal, night time is often not synonymous with quitting time. That was a scary thought, but I could always just say hello and wish them well if that was part of the game plan.

Both of them were Houston based clients that had fished with me for years prior to Harvey, but grew tired of my dismal reports since then.

"What if I told you the first ten trout we catch will probably all be keepers," he bragged through his mask. "We haven't caught a trout over five pounds, but our average fish has been close to three pounds."

That statement got me in their boat, but I told Cal that I would be as happy watching as catching when they promised to quit at dark.

We had less than two hours to fish when they buried the power pole and climbed out of the boat.

They never waded any water over thigh deep and just as predicted, eight of their first ten fish easily eclipsed the two pound mark. Every catch and release was consummated with an ear-piercing whistle and a "told you so" smile.

Had the trip lasted another twenty minutes I would probably have caved and accepted Ty's offer to use his waders.

I didn't, but I had enjoyed witnessing something that I wasn't sure would ever happen again. These were quality trout and it happened in a hurry!

Ty had to time to try only two lures and they worked equally well as far as I could tell. He alternated between a pink slow sinking Corky Fat Boy and a morning glory Corky Devil while his partner clipped off his bone She Dog only to occasionally eliminate frayed line. Ty probably caught the most fish, but only because Cal spent more time taunting me with each release.

The spot they chose was less that a medium cast off the Intracoastal.

"We have been on shallow trout since Laura came through," said Ty, "and we have fished the same pattern from Garrison's Ridge to Sidney Island. For some reason our average trout has not been as large the farther south we fish."

I have never taken for granted the number of calls and emails that I receive each week regarding a fresh fishing report and invariably they fall into three groups. Easily number one is, "just trying to help you out...don't tell anyone."

I have no problem honoring that request and understand

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Mustangs fall in Region III Area Rd.

GERRY DICKERT
For The Record



Gerry Dickert

And then there were none.

After a dominating march through the 2020 high school football regular season, the West Orange-Stark Mustangs were poised to roll through the playoffs.

China Spring had a different idea in mind altogether.

The Mustangs fell 35-22 in the Class 4A, Region III Area round this past Friday night, ending the 2020 prep football season for Orange County as its last lone representative on the gridiron.

The loss left WO-S with a final 8-1 won-loss record but the District 11-4A, Division II championship in hand.

The Mustangs and Cougars traded possessions to start the game this past Friday night in Magnolia, both ending in punts. The next WO-S possession ended with the same result but with a different twist. The punt attempt by Angel Ibarra was blocked by China

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The Mustangs defense came alive in the second half and was able to thwart China Springs and hold them to no points but the Mustang offense couldn't get enough on the board to win.
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Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast . . .

Regional Semifinal High School Playoff Games This Week

★ Area Playoff Games of Interest to Southeast Texas

Carthage (10-0) over Salado (11-1), Yoakum (9-2) over Columbus (10-2), Omaha Peewitt (8-3) over Elysian Fields (10-2), Mart (11-0) over West Sabine (7-4), Argyle ((11-0) over Waco La Vega (10-2), Huffman (10-1) over Kilgore (10-1), China Spring (9-2) over Sealy (9-2), Geronimo Navarro (10-1) over Navasota (7-3), Wimberley (9-3) over Sinton (8-3), Lorena (9-2) over Hallettsville (9-2), Holland (9-2) over Garrison (5-5), Timpson (12-0) over Garrison (6-5), Normangee (11-0) over Beckville (9-3), Shiner (10-0) over Mason (8-4), Refugio (10-0) over Genado (6-4).

★ Regular-Season Games

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Florida over Kentucky, SMU over East Carolina, Clemson over Pittsburgh, Wisconsin over Minnesota, Charlotte over Western Kentucky, Cincinnati over Temple, Virginia over Florida State, Louisiana Tech over Florida International, Northwestern over Michigan State, Michigan over Penn State, North Carolina State over Syracuse, Duke over Georgia Tech, Oklahoma over West Virginia, Indiana over Maryland, Purdue over Rutgers, Buffalo over Kent State, Western Michigan over Northern Illinois, Toledo over Ball State, Ohio over Bowling Green, Miami, O. over Akron, Tulsa over Houston, Arizona State over Utah, Boise State over San Jose State, Appalachian State over Troy, UCLA over Arizona, USC

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Spring's Dawson Exline who then picked up the loose ball and ran 10 yards for the score. The extra-point kick was good for a 7-0 Cougars lead with 4:24 left in the first quarter. The Cougars would up that lead to 14-0 with 24 seconds left in the first quarter when the Mustangs fumbled a punt return, giving China Spring the ball at the WO-S 8-yard line.

Three plays later, the Coogs' Major Bowden pushed across the goal line from the 5 for the two-touchdown lead.

Before the half was over, China Spring would increase its advantage to 21-0 when its offense marched 79 yards in 14 plays to score on a 4-yard run from Emmanuel Abdallah with 5:06 left in the half.

The Mustangs finally found the end zone when quarterback Jerren Terrell hit receiver Jerrold Brown Jr. on a 68-yard pass-and-catch with 4:50 left in the first half. Ibarra booted

the extra point for the 21-7 difference. That wouldn't last long, though, as the Cougars answered with a 71-yard TD run by Abdallah just 48 seconds later for a 28-7 China Spring lead with 4:02 left in the second quarter.

Colton Locking was on the receiving end of quarterback Bowden's pass last in the first half for 52 yards and the Cougars' final touchdown of the night. With 2:48 left in the second quarter, the Mustangs trailed 35-7.

West Orange-Stark, certainly unaccustomed to losing, mounted a comeback that would reach into the third quarter. The Mustangs cut the Cougars' lead to 35-4 after ending an eight-play, 65-yard drive with a 4-yard TD run by Jayson Zeigler Jr.

Midway through the third quarter, the Mustangs pulled to within two scores when Terrell hit Brown Jr. for a 15-yard touchdown pass. The two-point conversion run by Terrell was good for a 35-22

difference in the game.

While the Mustangs' defense shut down China Spring's offense through the entire second half, the Cougars got too far out ahead to be caught as both teams went scoreless through the final quarter-and-a-half.

Terrell finished the night with 137 yards, hitting 8 of 23 passing attempts with two touchdowns while also leading the Mustang rushing attack with 63 yards on eight carries. Brown Jr. was Terrell's top receiver with 83 yards and two TDs on two catches with Zeigler grabbing three catches for 29 yards.

The Cougars, who are now 9-2, outdid WO-S on offense with 360 total yards vs. the Mustangs' 228 yards.

Bowden completed 6 of 8 passes for 86 yards and added 72 yards on the ground. It was Abdallah who did the damage, though, as he had 185 yards and two touchdowns on 31 carries.



Mustang senior Courtney Davis comforts younger brother Andrew Wilson at the end of the loss to China Springs. Davis was injured early in the season and Wilson stepped in at center to fill his shoes. RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs

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No surprise, WO-S leads 11-4A, D-II all-district

GERRY DICKERT For The Record

As might be expected, the West Orange-Stark Mustangs dominated the superlative honors when coaches chose the District 11-4A, Division II All-District football team for the 2020 season.

Mustangs quarterback Jerren Terrell earned Offensive Most Valuable Player after finishing with 1,226 yards, completing 72 of 133 passes with 15 touchdowns and just three interceptions during the regular season.

Defensive Newcomer of the Year is Jailen Brown although he could easily have earned an offensive superlative honor after carrying the ball

seven times for 77 yards and two touchdowns and hauling in five passes for 46 yards and a TD.

WO-S coach Cornel Thompson once again was honored as Coach of the Year among his peers.

Earning first-team honors among Orange County's teams, on offense, were Hunter Ashworth and Hunter Norwood of Orangefield, Elijah Gales, Jalen Thompson, Demetrius Hunter, Angel Ibarra and Artavious Samuel of WO-S; and Austin Richardson and J.T. Fielder of Bridge City.

Earning first-team defense from Orange County were Ashworth, Brayden Babineaux, Tyler Washington and Dwight Davis of Orangefield; and Carmello Jones, Floyd Mouton, Kaiden Berry, Dontrey McClain, Jalen Thompson, Artavious Samuel, Patrick Mickey, Jadon Jones Jr., and Jasachin Harris of WO-S.

DISTRICT 11-4A DIVISION II ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Ayden Bell, Silsbee

OFFENSIVE MVP: Jerren Terrell, WO-S

DEFENSIVE MVP: Tyrone Brown, WO-S

OFFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: D'onte Zeno, Hamshire-Fannett

DEFENSIVE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Jailen Brown, WO-S

COACH OF THE YEAR: Cornel Thompson, WO-S

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterback: Jai'den Porter, Hardin-Jefferson

Fullback: Quincy Kelly, Jr., Silsbee

Running backs: Hunter Ashworth, Orangefield; Khegian Heckaman, Hamshire-Fannett; Antonius Arline, Silsbee; Elijah Gales, WO-S

Wide receivers: Sam Dickerson, Hardin-Jefferson; Jalen Thompson, WO-S; Austin Richardson, Bridge City; Evan Viator, Hamshire-Fannett; J.T. Fielder, Bridge

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Steelers look unbeatable; Cowboys could win NFC East

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JOE KAZMAR
For The Record

I know that when I figure out my Pro Picks on the weekly Fearless Forecast that I'll have two automatic wins if I pick the Pittsburgh Steelers to win and the Dallas Cowboys to lose.



Kazmar

That was true during the first half of the 2020 National Football League season, but it may not be entirely true in the second half.

I believe that if the Steelers can get past tomorrow night's meeting at Baltimore against the hot-and-cold Ravens, they very well could run the table by winning the remaining five games in the season.

Of course, aging quarterback Ben Roethlisberger MUST stay healthy and the COVID-19 must not camp out in northwestern Pennsylvania for any unusual length of time. The defense needs to play as solidly as it did Sunday in Pittsburgh's 27-3 victory over feeble Jacksonville.

The rest of the Steelers' opponents (Baltimore, Washington, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Cleveland) seem very beatable with maybe the red-hot Indianapolis Colts giving them as much or more problems on Dec. 27 than the Ravens will tomorrow night.

However, many teams choose to rest their starters after they either clinch the division championship or assure themselves of a lofty playoff berth. That has stopped a couple of past teams from running the table undefeated.

There have been 17 other NFL teams to start the season 10-0 since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970. The last teams to accomplish that feat were the Carolina Panthers and the New England Patriots in 2015.

And 10 of the previous 16 teams to do so, made it to the Super Bowl, according to last week's issue of the USA Today Sports Weekly. The first team to be included in the group was the 1972 Miami Dolphins—the only team in NFL history to go unbeaten throughout the entire season, including the playoffs.

Pittsburgh has faced only three opponents with winning records—Baltimore, Cleveland and Tennessee—and have four of their remaining games against teams with winning records—Baltimore, Buffalo, Indianapolis and Cleveland.

Let's look at the weak NFC East Division. If the Dallas Cowboys continue to play defense like they did Sunday at Minnesota when the chips were down and the outcome of the game was still in balance, they could very well finish as the division champions.

It's a sure bet no other division members will have a shot at the playoffs. The scenario will be winner takes all!!

All four members of the East Division have won only three of 10 games. The Philadelphia Eagles (who were favored by the preseason prognosticators) lead the division due to their 23-23 tie with Cincinnati in Week 3. The Eagles have six losses while the other three have suffered seven setbacks.

Eagles' fans and Philadelphia media have begged Head Coach Doug Peterson to bench quarterback Carson Wentz (who is the lowest



Can anyone beat the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers this year? Maybe not.

ranking quarterback of the 32 NFL teams) but the coach refuses, citing the fact that it would give the team a signal that the season is over when in fact the team is leading the division.

An analysis of the four members of the East Division shows that our Dallas Cowboys actually have the easiest road to the championship.

The Pokes' remaining six opponents have a combined record of 21-37-2 which is the worst of the four members. Dallas plays Washington (3-7), Baltimore (6-4), Cincinnati (2-7-1), San Francisco (4-6), Philadelphia (3-6-1) and the Giants (3-7).

The team with the most difficult path to the playoffs is the division-leading Eagles, whose six remaining opponents have a combined record of 36-25, with Washington close behind with 33-27-1 and the New York Giants at 31-28-1.

The Cowboys snapped a four-game losing streak Sunday with their 31-28 upset victory at Minnesota. The Cowboys were seven-point underdogs at kickoff time.

Quarterback Andy Dalton returned from a two-game absence to have one of his better games—three touchdown passes including a two-yard game-winning toss to tight end Dalton Schultz with 1:37 left in the game.

Dalton connected on 22-of-33 passes for 203 yards and one interception after fill-ins Ben DiNucci and Garrett Gilbert started the previous two games.

Idiot owner Jerry Jones may still look like the genius he claims to be for hiring Mike McCarthy as his head coach if he can pull off a division championship.

KWICKIES...The Houston Texans played their best game of the season by far Sunday, defeating perennial nemesis New England and its coach Bill Belichick 27-20. It was a feather in the cap for interim head coach Romeo Crennel, who had worked 17 years for Belichick at New England and had never beaten the Patriots head coach whenever they met head-to-head. Quarterback Deshaun Watson completed 28 of 37 passes for 344 yards and two touchdowns which produced a dazzling 121.9 quarterback

rating. He also ran for a four-yard touchdown.

The Cleveland Browns' current 7-3 record is the best 10-game start since 1994. The last time the Browns were above .500 was in 2007.

The Washington (Whatever their nickname is this week) 20-9 victory over quarterbackless Cincinnati Sunday marked the first win for starting quarterback Alex Smith since the 2018 season. It seems the lengthy rehabilitation period is paying off.

The four pass receptions by Dallas Cowboys star rookie wide receiver Cee Dee Lamb broke the team's record of 46 receptions by a rookie that was set in 1965 by "Bullet" Bob Hayes.

JUST BETWEEN US...Perhaps we can

just credit weirdo year 2020, but after last weekend there isn't an area team still alive in the state football playoffs. Undefeated West Orange=Stark and East Chambers both were upset along with the Newton Eagles, Woodville, Silsbee and the Deweyville Pirates. One area newspaper was so flabbergasted about the losses that they identified West Orange-Stark head coach Cornel Thompson—who has been at the school for more than 40 years—as Cornel Armstrong. Maybe it's because they ignore the school during the regular season until it is just one of the few teams left each season in the state playoffs.

Colburn

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their reasoning.

Most of these are folks that I readily share information with on a regular basis.

The second group is, "Just want to help out folks that don't get out much, but please don't use my name."

"These reports are golden for the occasional fisherman. These generous fishermen just don't wish to share an exact spot they have worked to find."

Then there is the "Just spell my name right under my picture" reports and they seldom if ever are accompanied by any useful information. I love looking at the pictures, but a picture doesn't tell you a hell of a lot about conditions, ect.

Now you have the inside on why so many of the fishing reports that I feel comfortable in passing along are seldom accompanied with the fisherman's name.

If you can't do more with the information than the fisherman's name then you need to reassess your approach to fishing!

It is also important to remember that any report you read is at least a day old and most bites seldom last longer than a single hour.

For that reason alone, you should incorporate as much of the report as possible during a major of minor feed.

The best fishermen are not boat riding during a major of minor feeding period.

Those better trout made my week and it should only get better.

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improved both the salinity and clarity and both factors make it much easier for the fishermen.

Be safe and I hope you celebrate a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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Center: Cody Caldwell, Hardin-Jefferson
Offensive line: Demetrius Hunter, WO-S; Wyatt Tully, Liberty; Hunter Norwood, Orangefield; Blake Briggs, Hamshire-Fannett
Kicker: Angel Ibarra, WO-S
Kick returner: Artavious Samuel, WO-S
FIRST TEAM DEFENSE
Defensive line: Hunter Ashworth, Orangefield; Caleb Buse, Silsbee; Carmello Jones, WO-S; Floyd Mouton, WO-S
Inside linebackers: Kaiden Berry, WO-S; Quincy Kelly, Jr., Silsbee; Mario Williams, Liberty
Outside linebackers: Brayden Babineaux, Orangefield; Dontrey McClain, WO-S; Kadin Stone, Silsbee; Jalen Thompson, WO-S
Cornerbacks: Artavious Samuel, WO-S; Tyler Washington, Orangefield; Mason Goudeau, Liberty;

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over Colorado, UTSA over North Texas, Oklahoma State over Texas State, Ohio State over Illinois, Coastal Carolina over Texas State, Arkansas State over South Alabama, Alabama over Auburn, Florida Atlantic over Middle Tennessee State, Baylor over Kansas State, Texas A&M over LSU, Tennessee over Vanderbilt, Rice over UTEP, Ole Miss over Mississippi State, Louisiana-Lafayette over Louisiana-Monroe, Nevada over Hawaii, Boston College over Louisville, Memphis over Navy.

PRO PICKS---Houston over Detroit, Dallas over Washington and Pittsburgh over Baltimore (all Thursday); Arizona over New England, Minnesota over Carolina, Cleveland over Jacksonville, Buffalo over LA Chargers, Las Vegas over Atlanta, Miami over NY Jets, NY Giants over Cincinnati, Indianapolis over Tennessee, New Orleans over Denver, LA Rams over San Francisco, Kansas City over Tampa Bay, Green Bay over Chicago (all Sunday); Seattle over Philadelphia (Monday Night).

Patrick Mickey, WO-S
Safeties: Jadon Jones, Jr., WO-S; Jasachin Harris, WO-S; Dwight Davis, Orangefield
Punter: Diego Gonzalez, Silsbee
Punt returner: Kieron Joiner, Liberty
SECOND TEAM OFFENSE
Quarterback: Ethan Oceguela, Bridge City
Fullback: Jayson Zeigler, Jr., WO-S
Running backs: Jamaal Shaw, WO-S; Terrick Peterson, Liberty; JimSharon Bearden, Bridge City
Wide receivers: Shan Gilder, Silsbee; Raymond Baltrip, Silsbee; Jacob Dominguez, WO-S; Colin Dorsey, Hamshire-Fannett; Vincent Harris, Liberty; Jordan Denson, Hamshire-Fannett

Tight end: Austin Samaha, Hardin-Jefferson
Center: Leo Rodriguez, Silsbee
Offensive line: Zach Tillman, Silsbee; Caden Ferrell, Hamshire-Fannett; Bryson Jordan, WO-S; Shaun Hallman, Bridge City; Grant Metts, Orangefield
Kicker: Diego Gonzales, Silsbee
Kick returner: Raymond Baltrip, Silsbee
SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Defensive line: Grant Metts, Orangefield; Reggie Twine, Hamshire-Fannett; Matthew Porche, Liberty; Bryson Jordan, WO-S
Inside linebackers: Jayron Williams, Silsbee; Luke McCullough, Hardin-Jefferson; McCoy Marze, Orangefield; Harrison Gauthier, Bridge City
Outside linebackers: Josh Chandler, Liberty; Brendan Walters, Hamshire-Fannett; Elijah Gales, WO-S
Cornerbacks: Gavin Garrett, Bridge City; Garrett Pivou, Hamshire-Fannett; Kevin Martin, Silsbee
Safeties: Vincent Harris, Liberty; Evan Viator, Hamshire-Fannett; Izaak Ogle, Hardin-Jefferson; Rueban Hattton, Silsbee
Punter: Ethan Oceguela, Bridge City
Punt returner: Artavious Samuel, WO-S

Texas duck hunters coast into split

OUTDOORS WEEKLY CAPT. CHUCK UZZLE For The Record

The first half of duck season for most Texas hunters in our area will end on Sunday and will not re-open until December 5th for the North zone and December 12th for the South zone.

Reports from all along the coast were a l m o s t m i r r o r i m a g e s of one another, "either you got ducks or you don't."



Capt. Uzzle

The birds that still remained in the area after the opening week or so got educated real fast and headed for areas with little or no hunting pressure.

A few really dedicated souls who had both time and resources went mobile and found some out of the way spots that were holding ducks and got in on some nice hunts, many of these were actually on public land so contrary to popular belief it can be done.

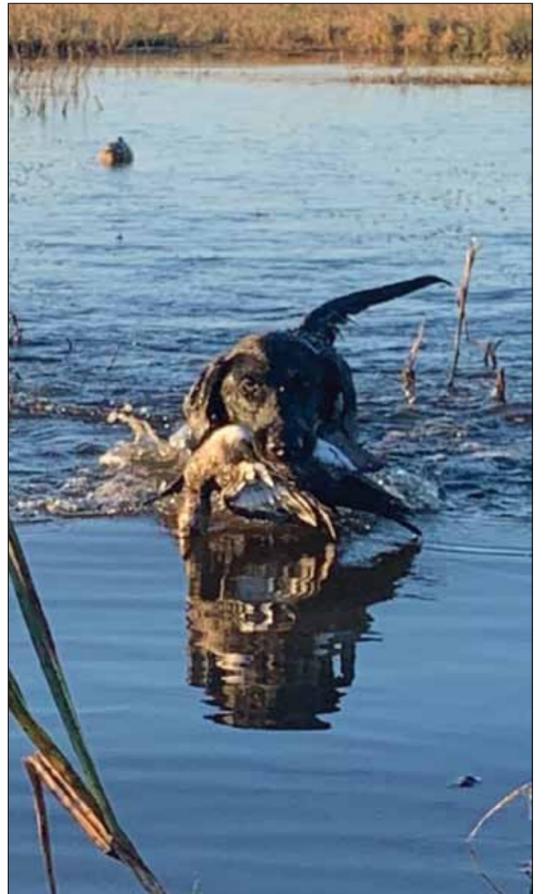
The best reports I've gotten have been from the rice fields so far and that looks to continue. High water in salt marshes has really changed things around for many hunters.

Well now that we won't be able to shoot ducks until December many hunters will either try to fish or go chase deer for a few days. The rest of the waterfowl world will set their sights on geese and they should be able to find some as daily it seems more birds come into the area.

The numbers of geese already in our part of the state are really up from last year at this time, the coastal prairie is prime right now and it looks like it may only get better.

The cold front that hit last week was just what the doctor ordered as big numbers of new geese invaded Texas.

A little boost from the weatherman is all many hunters will need to help get these wary birds down from ultra high altitudes and closer to decoying in your spread.



Texas duck hunters will end the first split this weekend and wait until December to crank back up.

There are some really big concentrations of geese just south of IH-10 near Winnie and across the river near the usual spots in Iowa, Fenton, and Welsh, as well as farther south down the coast.

Hunters wanting to take advantage of the numbers of birds around those areas really need to scout and find the flyway these birds are using, you just can't pick a spot and hope to decoy these birds into range because that just isn't going to happen.

Contrary to popular belief geese are really smart; you need to do your homework to have any chance at all.

Big goose spreads with some sort of motion like flags or kites will help with getting wary birds into range.

Full camo or white suits while laying in a spread is a must, just like gloves, facial camo or a mask should be.

If the birds are coming to your decoys don't call too much and let them work their way in, if they try to leave give them a call and many times they may circle back and try again.

The use of a flag is really helpful especially on young geese or Ross geese; they seem to really like the motion and sometimes will just dive into a spread.

If you have never hunted geese before don't get discouraged if your

results aren't what you think they should be, geese are tough to say the least.

One day they will have you pulling your hair out wondering why you did all this work only to be frustrated as wave after wave just flies too high over your spread or just simply refuses to decoy.

But on those days when it all works right it can be the best feeling in the world seeing those big birds come in with their feet down and wings cupped ready to light.

One word of advice for those folks hunting around big concentrations of geese and other hunters, do yourself a favor and hold the "skybusting" to a minimum.

Hunters who take ill advised shots at high flying birds don't help anybody out, especially other hunters.

Snow geese are already tough enough to hunt without educating them even more with "mile high" shots that make even the youngest and dumbest geese seem like old veterans.

Work a little harder on the decoy placement, scouting, and calling if you want to up your odds of success.

Pay close attention to the weather and remember that fog, low skies, and wind are the goose hunters best friend.

Good luck and enjoy your time in the field.

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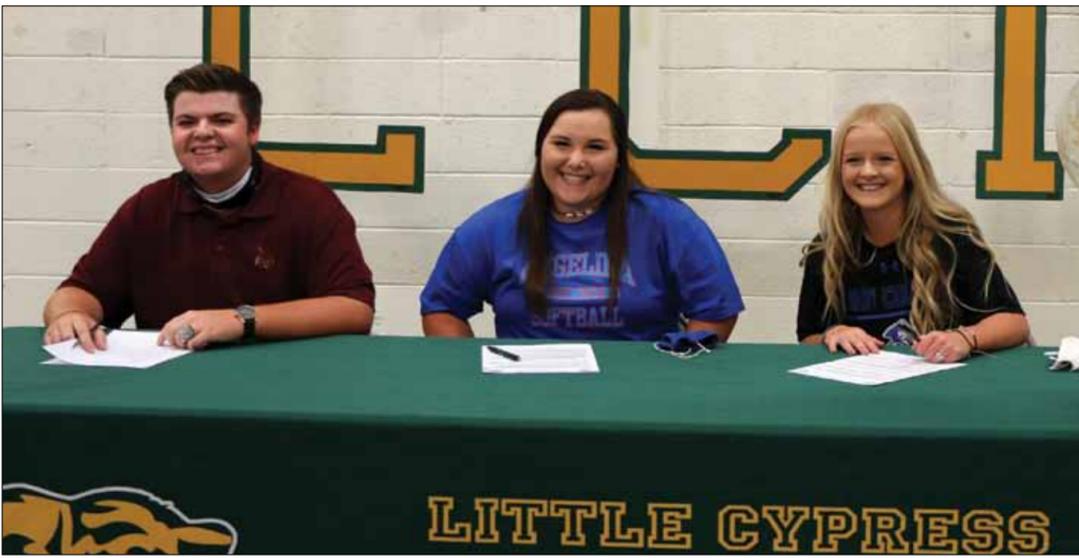
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A trio of Little Cypress-Mauriceville athletes signed letters of intent to play college ball next year. Pictured, from left, are Jack Burke, Bailey Frenzel and Madeline Stephenson.

LC-M trio signs to play at next level

Three Little Cypress-Mauriceville athletes signed on to play softball and golf with colleges on Tuesday, November 17.

Lady Bears softball standouts, Madeline Stephenson signed with Blinn Junior College and Bailey Frenzel with Angelina Junior College.

Jack Burke, current 22-4A State Golf Champion, has committed to Texas State University.

Madeline Stephenson is a four-year Varsity Letterman

named as 2019 District 22-4A First Team Infielder, 2019 KOGT Newcomer of the Year and 2019 Orange Leader Second Team Infielder.

Madeline's parents are Lisa and Wayne Stephenson.

Bailey Frenzel, also a four-year Varsity Letterman, was named 2018 District 22-4A Newcomer of the Year, 2018 Orange Leader First Team, 2019 District 22-4A First Team Utility Player, 2019 KOGT Offensive MVP and 2019 Orange Leader Offensive MVP.

Bailey's parents are Kimberly and Eddie Frenzel.

The ladies' 2020 season was cut short when team sports were cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Jack Burke's high school career includes many individual distinctions.

He was 2018 22-4A District Champion, 2018 22-4A Region III Runner-Up, 2018 4A State Finalist, 2018 Orange Leader Golfer of the Year, 2019 22-4A District Champion, 2019 4A State III Champion, 2019 4A State

Champion, 2019 National High School Championship Qualifier, 2019 Babe Didrikson Zaharias Junior Golf Player of the Year, 2019 Orange Leader Golfer of the Year, 2019 VYPE SETX Magazine Golfer of the Year, 2020 SETX Coaches Association Golfer of the Year, 2020 Babe Didrikson Zaharias Junior Golf Player of the Year and 2020 Orange Leader Newspaper Golfer of the Year.

Jack's parents are Aaron Burke and Sabrina Sanchez.

Make holidays merry, bright at Texas State Park

Staff Report For The Record

AUSTIN—Although holiday celebrations look a little different this year, Texas State Parks and the Texas Historical Commission State Historic Sites are hosting more than 50 events across the state to help bring in some holiday cheer. Starting this Saturday, Nov. 21, 32 Texas State Parks and six State Historic Sites are presenting Thanksgiving and Christmas themed scavenger hunts, self-guided walks and virtual events.

Anyone planning a trip to a Texas State Park should keep in mind that parks are operating at a limited capacity, reserving a day pass in advance is highly recommended since some parks are expected to reach

their capacity limit. Day passes can be reserved online through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) website or over the phone by calling (512) 389-8900.

We encourage our visitors to follow posted rules including wearing a mask when inside buildings or when gathered with others at a Texas State Park.

Local and statewide limitations and restrictions apply and can change rapidly, so we recommend checking social media or calling the park directly for updates before traveling.

At Bastrop and Buescher State Park, visitors can enjoy two self-guided scavenger hunts everyday throughout November. The "Happy Harvest Hunt" scavenger hunt will help

parkgoers discover the edible and helpful plants in the Lost Pines ecosystem. Visitors can also learn to identify the tracks and signs of turkeys and other wildlife on the "Turkey Trails" scavenger hunt.

Anyone wanting to participate in the hunts can grab a laminated scavenger hunt sheet and marker from the kiosk at the Piney Hill restroom at Bastrop State Park or the headquarters at Buescher State Park and head out on the trails.

From 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19., visitors at Brazos Bend State Park can take part in a self-guided holiday hike.

Visitors can pick up a guide at the Nature Center and start their walk at the Creekfield Lake trail to experience some holiday

cheer and learn about the park. This easy hike is ADA accessible, kid friendly and can be done at your own pace. After completing the hike, parkgoers can return back to the Nature Center and share what they've learned to receive a prize.

Visitors are invited to enjoy a free drive through Cooper Lake State Park-Doctors Creek Unit and see how campers transform their campsites into a winter wonderland from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18 – Saturday, Dec. 19. Reservations are required for anyone wishing to camp.

Anyone visiting Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site during the first three Saturdays of December can grab a self-

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Observe the beauty of Christmas art during our Lunch & Look @ Home: The Nativity in Art program on Friday, December 11, 2020 from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Take a lunch break at your home or office and virtually visit the Stark Museum of Art using the Zoom platform. Curator Sarah E. Boehme will discuss the Boehm Nativity, supplemented with a slide talk on the Christmas story in art. Participants will learn about the origins of the crèche, the Nativity in sculptural form. The talk will explore the tradition in other art forms such as Books of Hours illuminations and stained glass.

Jennifer Restauri Dickinson commented, "We are thrilled to offer the Lunch & Look @ Home program again and to highlight our exhibit featuring the Boehm Porcelain Nativity. This program will provide visitors with the opportunity to come together virtually and look closely at this incredibly beautiful and moving work of art. The virtual platform will actually allow us to take participants closer than ever as we examine the Boehm Nativity and the Books of Hours from the Stark Museum of Art's collection. This is definitely a program that you will not want to miss!"

Curator Sarah Boehme commented, "It is wonderful to have the opportunity to explore the background and history of the beautiful Boehm Nativity with our audience. I



The Stark Museum of Art, using the Zoom platform, will host a Lunch and Learn @ Home on December 11 from noon to 1 p.m. with the subject centering on The Nativity.

will be comparing other examples of the Christmas story including stained glass from neighborhood churches. Many families, churches, and community organizations have Nativity scenes, and we hope this talk will relate to your holiday traditions."

This program will be broadcast live from the Stark Museum of Art through Zoom. Participants are encouraged to download Zoom prior to the event. For more information, including tutorials for using Zoom, please visit <http://zoom.us>.

This live program will be recorded and available at a later date on the Stark Museum of Art website and Stark Art & History YouTube channel.

Participants must register for this FREE program in advance. For more information, visit starkmuseum.org. This program is in conjunction with the special exhibition "Spirit of Bethlehem: The Boehm Porcelain Nativity," which is on view at the Stark Museum of Art through January 8, 2021.

The Stark Museum of Art is located at 712 Green Avenue in Orange, and has new operating hours which are Wednesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. The Museum has instituted new safety protocols for the well-being of visitors and staff. For more information, visit starkmuseum.org.

Lovett named TASC Middle Level Advisor of the Year

Robyn Lovett, student council advisor at Orangefield Junior High recently was named the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) Middle Level Advisor of the Year at the TASC Middle Level Annual Conference November 14, 2020.

Lovett is an extremely active student council advisor who has guided her council to numerous recognitions including Outstanding Student Council in 2014-17 and again in 2019.

Orangefield Junior High School has also been recognized for Community Service since 2014 (with the exception of 2018 when the council was affected by Hurricane Harvey.) They have been active participants in State Service Projects each year as well.

Her principal, Rea Wrinkle, said, "One main characteristic that stands out is her



Robyn Lovett

love for the students. She constantly looks for ways to support not only her council members but also all students at OJH by attending nearly every school event and advising student council, coaching UIL, and sponsoring the Chess Club. Her council participates numer-

ous different civic and charitable events.

Finally, she is willing to take her students to student council conferences. I have been to other schools where advisors do not give up their time to take students to events where they learn about being leaders. Ms. Lovett does that."

Coree Guerra, a former OJH Student Council president said, "Ms. Lovett was always open to new ideas and taught her officers leadership skills and how to be better citizens. She never fails to make sure every child is included, no matter who they are."

TASC is the largest student leadership organization in the United States, and Lovett represents those council advisors across the state who give of their time and knowledge to ensure student success.



The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Education Foundation, Inc. received a donation of \$1,753.00 from the joint Little Cypress High School/Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School reunion group on Thursday, November 19. The Reunion classes of 1950 through 1978 have generously donated to the Foundation following each of their reunions for several years. According to Dale Clark Carlton, LC alum and past president of the LCM Education Foundation, Inc., when first year reunion coordinator Mance Huffman asked where the excess funds from the reunion should go, she suggested that the group continue the tradition of giving them to the Foundation to be used for educational enrichment grants requested by teachers throughout the LCM District. These grants are usually given in the spring semester, but the closing of schools during the pandemic postponed the process. As it happened, the Foundation's grant committee was meeting on Thursday evening to determine which grant applications would be funded, when they were visited by Carlton and Donna Nichols Bacon, who delivered the checks to the group. Ms. Bacon is a 1970 graduate, whose class celebrated their 50-year reunion earlier this fall. The LCM Education Foundation, Inc. will invest the money in the future of this community through the grants given to each campus to enhance the educational opportunities available to the students of LCMCISD.

China Springs Emmanuel Abdal is stopped by Mustang Dontrey McClain in the Mustangs 35-22 loss to the Cougars. RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs



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Kiwanis cancels Christmas parade

Kiwanis Club of Orange announced that the club has cancelled this year's Christmas parade.

"We wanted to be able to host this long-standing tradition to provide a distraction and a bit of Christmas Spirit for our community. However,

we have had very little applications submitted, several of our regular groups, such as school bands, will not be able to participate because of contests, and of course COVID-19 cases on the rise is quite concerning for us all", said Shane Johns, Club President.

The Clubs' plan is to keep the "Texas Christmas" theme for 2021, so organizations will have plenty of time to plan a creative entry for next year.

Those who have already paid the registration fee will be contacted concerning a refund.

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guided tour packet, walk the grounds for free and learn about how Christmas was celebrated in north Texas during the 1890s (when Dwight Eisenhower was born) and 1940s (when the Denison community preserved the Birthplace house). Children's craft kits will be available for purchase through the site's retail-to-go program while supplies last. Birthplace house tours are available with advance reservation and payment. For more information, call (903) 465-8908.

In South Texas, families can pick a spot in the day use area of Falcon State Park to view the Second Annual Falcon Lake Christmas Boat Parade from 7 p.m. -10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. Visitors will be able to see decked out boats float by in cheerful Christmas lights.

The grounds of Kreische Brewery and Monument Hill State Historic Sites are being transformed with holiday lights during the evenings from 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Dec. 4-6, 10-13 and 17-23. This annual event has been expanded to 14 nights to allow plenty of opportunities for social distancing. Guests will also be able to enjoy the walking trail with new light displays and photo opportunities in a safe, outdoor venue. The exterior of the Kreische House will be decorated in the 19th

century German tradition.

At South Llano River State Park, visitors can burn some of those Thanksgiving calories during the 3rd annual Turkey Trot 5K from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26. The park is home to a large Rio Grande Turkey roost, so anyone walking or running can see if they can spot some gobblers on their way to the finish line. This event is free to the public to participate in with regular park entrance fees. Runners must register by email before Monday, Nov. 23 by emailing Rebecca.Manning@tpwd.texas.gov and include the number of adults and kids (ages needed).

For more information about holiday activities at Texas State Parks, visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website. A full calendar is available online on the TPWD calendar page. For more activities at THC's State Historic Sites, visit the Texas Historical Commission website.

Photos of past holiday events are available on the TPWD Flickr page.

Want to bring Texas State Parks home for the holi-

days? Commemorate parks and the holidays with a Texas State Park ornament. For more than 15 years, the annual park Christmas ornament has featured some of the most recognizable Texas State Parks landscapes. The 2020 metal ornament features photo-quality artwork in stunning color with rich, laser-etched textures and detail.

This year, the ornament celebrates the increasing popular sport of kayaking, showcasing paddlers at Sea Rim State Park, located near Beaumont on the upper Texas Coast.

The annual Christmas ornament can be purchased exclusively online for \$19.95 each. Purchase by Thursday, Dec. 10 for likely arrival before Christmas. Tax and shipping fees apply.

Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine is also offering a special subscription deal for the holidays.

Buy one gift subscriptions for \$10 and get additional gifts for only \$5 each. Don't want to feel left out? Give yourself the gift of the outdoors too! Subscriptions can be ordered online at <https://tpwmagazine.com/specialoffers/>.



The Bridge City/ Orangefield Rotary Club awarded Bailey McCurry the November Rotary Bridge City Student of the Month. Pictured are Bubba McCurry - parent, Tim Woolley - Principal, Bailey McCurry - Student, Todd Lintzen - Superintendent, Kristen McCurry - Parent, Courtney Arkeen - Rotary President, Nicole Harris - Counselor.

Santa special event at The Depot

So where do you mail your kids' letters to Santa? At the Orange Depot!

On Sunday, December 6, 4-6, the Friends of the Orange Depot are holding a safe Santa Drive-by in front of the Depot.

Drop off your letters to Santa, meet him and his gang of elves, and get free candy and prizes.

Receive a special Christmas ornament if your kids wear a Santa hat.

Also special holiday music

will be provided by singers from the Orange Community Players.

Lights will twinkle as the Depot's new large Santa Christmas train display will add holiday cheer to the community-wide event.

AAUW Orange Re-Schedules Book-Ins

The third time is the charm for the AAUW Book-Ins discussion of "The Shadow of the Wind."

On Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., the Orange Chapter of AAUW will have its book discussion through the Zoom platform.

Member Linda Womack will review and lead a study on the book "The Shadow of the Wind" by Carlos Ruiz Zafón.

Sarah Boehme, Book-Ins Chair, noted, "This is a session we have are eagerly awaiting. We have had to postpone it twice, first due to Covid-19 and then because of Hurricane

Laura. I am convinced that this time no crises will interfere."

Boehme shared that the book lovers cherish this book because it begins in "the cemetery of forgotten books," where books that are no longer remembered wait for new readers.

"This best-selling novel is a magic story about a boy who finds a forgotten book and a purpose for his life," she continued.

For information on Book-Ins and membership in AAUW, leave a message for Sarah Boehme at (409) 883-

4147. AAUW stands for the American Association of University Women.

The organization's mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Its vision is equity for all. Membership in AAUW is open to any graduate holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution.

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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 NOVEMBER 12, 2020, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Darrell Lee Wolfford, 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 November 12, 2020.

BRANDY ROBERTSON,
County Clerk, Orange County, Texas
By: Samantha McInnis,
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To: UNKOWN 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 judgment may be taken against you.

The petition of Robert Lee Mooney III and Margaret Ann Mooney, Petitioners, was filed in the County Court At Law #2 of Orange County, Texas on November 10, 2020, against Unknown Father, numbered 200669-D and entitled In the Interest of Jude Malichi Mooney A Child. The suit requests ORIG PETITION IN SUIT AFFECT THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP.

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

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VICKIE EDGERLY, District Clerk
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **CURT DALE BLOCK**, Deceased, were issued on **November 16, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18675**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Shirley Ann Block**.

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
Orange, TX
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Dated the 16th day of November, 2020.

James R. Dunaway
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **HENRY G. CHILDS**, Deceased, were issued on the 4th day of **November, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18868**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, Probate Division to: **GLEN BRADFROD CHILDS**.

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Glen Bradford Childs
1413 FM 3247
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DATED the 10th day of November, 2020.

Eric Peveto

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Glen Bradford Childs

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **THOMAS E. SONNIER, SR.**, Deceased, were issued on the **November 4, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18860**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Murel A. Sonnier**.

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: **Tommy Gunn**
Attorney at Law
202 S. Border Street
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Dated the 4th day of November, 2020.

Tommy Gunn

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AA meetings are being offered on Tuesday (open) and Thursday (closed) mornings at 9:30 am at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, located at 945 W. Roundbunch Road, Bridge City. Join us for coffee & donuts at the perfect meeting for imperfect people. For more information, please call, text at 409-221-0704 or email lola-bell.102360@gmail.com.

The Dementia Care Givers' Support Group meets at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Canticle Building, 4300 Meeks Drive in

Orange on the following days and times: Second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m., and Second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Wesley United Methodist Church will be selling this year's crop of Durham/Ellis pecans and walnuts early November. Call Jane 409/734-8036 or the church 409/886-7276 to place an order or for additional information.

Al-Anon can help if someone close to you has a drinking problem. Al-Anon meets Sundays & Wednes-

days, 7:00 p.m., North Orange Baptist Church, 4775 N. 16th St. (Rear), Orange, TX 77632. Call Angela at 474-2171 or Jane at 409-670-2887 for more info. Calls are kept Confidential.

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

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