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The 2021 Bassmaster season will be here soon

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For The Record

The 2021 Bassmaster season will be here soon and Orange is scheduled to host its fourth Bassmaster Elite tournament the weekend of April 8-11.

The tournament on the Sabine River is scheduled to make a three-stop swing through Texas in 2021.

First stop will be Lake Ray Roberts, north of Dallas, March 19-21. Then Orange and finally at Lake Fork, near Tyler, April 22-25.

"Fishing is such a huge sport. You just don't realize it," Ida Schossow, president

of the Greater Orange Chamber of Commerce, said.

"Since we first started, it's just taken off."

Schossow should know. Her organization brings bigtime pro fishing tournaments to the area on nearly an annual basis, starting with the 2013 Bassmaster Elite tournament in 2013.

A record crowd of 33,000 fans, the most for any Bassmaster tournament up to that point, turned out for the first year in Orange.

That crowd still ranks No. 2 all-time for the series.

Todd Faircloth was the first Orange champion. Greg Hackney, in 2018, won the

most recent Bassmaster Elite tourney on the Sabine.

The 2015 tournament, won by Chris Lane, was the wettest for sure, as early fishing took place in a deluge.

It also yielded Schossow's favorite story.

"The year it rained so bad,

we had this little man from Vidor. He was 84 years old," the Chamber leader said.

"He was walking over to the stage and the ground was so wet. As he turned to lean back on a trailer, his cane sunk in the mud and he just slid down in the mud.

"So we get him a chair and ask, 'What are you doing? Let us help you.'

"He said, 'I came to see my hero, Kevin VanDam.' I'm like, 'You're 84, Kevin VanDam's like 40ish.' But that's his hero.

"We told him, 'You sit here

and we'll go get him and bring him to you.' He's like, 'You can do that?' and we say, 'Sure.'

"These people, they follow this tournament fishing. It brings generations together,

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Former OF school boss joins OCAD board

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For The Record

After nearly three decades for the Orangefield school district and nearly another decade working as a troubleshooter for other school systems, Philip Welch has picked up work back in Orange County.



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set their entities' tax rates get the first salvos from taxpayers when their bill is higher most every year.

In many cases, the rate setters point out they lowered or kept the same rates as previous years, pointing out correctly that it's the rise in appraised values that plays the biggest role in taxes going up.

Each county's appraisal district is next to feel the taxpayers' heat.

In fact, the five-man board of directors Welch is joining has no authority regarding setting values or appraisal methods.

The board's main function is to hire the chief appraiser, set the budget and appoint the members of the appraisal review board.

The chief appraiser and his team of property appraisers survey homes, neighborhoods and businesses in person and via aerial and satellite photos.

The appraised values of homes in each neighborhood are determined based on recent sales prices of similar homes in the neighborhood, the appraisers say.

Property owners receive notice of their values in May and those who disagree with their appraisals can file a protest, which will be heard in June or July by the appraisal review board. They should bring in supporting documents.

Members of the OCAD Board of Directors are selected through nominations and voting by the 19 taxing entities who share in the cost of operating the OCAD, with their annual "dues" and votes

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Orange Knights of Columbus make Christmas donations to Salvation Army and Orange Christian Services



The Knights of Columbus Council 1680 and Assembly 1105 presented their annual Coats for Kids to Capt. Jan and Francisco Zuniga of the Salvation Army. Knight members on hand for the presentation were Grand Knight John Badaeux, Deputy Grand Knight Juan Cantu, members Ray Broomes, Rodney Clark, C.J. LeBlanc and Charles Trahan.

The Knights also presented their annual Coats For Kids to the Orange Christian Services on a separate occasion last week.

LSCO's Crockett: make learning relevant

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

The new Dean of Academic Studies at Lamar State College Orange said there was never a doubt in her mind she would be a teacher someday.

"I knew in the third grade I wanted to be a teacher," Dr. Suzonne Crockett said Tuesday morning. "I love teaching, and I miss teaching. But now I'm able to teach the teachers."

"And I keep my hand in. I usually teach a math or education course almost every semester."

Waiting until age 30 to begin her own college education was never a negative in her mind.

"My parents' plan for me was college," said the native of the Pecan Acres subdivision in Pineville, Louisiana. "College was never not an option."

"What happened was I met my husband and we married the year I graduated from



Dr. Suzonne Crockett, Lamar State College Orange's new Dean of Academic Studies, began her career in education as a math teacher and remains big on numbers.

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high school. I was taught when you love someone, you get married. I chose to get married and I chose to go to work. I actually eloped."

Crockett worked for the Women, Infants and Children program in Louisiana.

She transferred to the Sulphur office and commuted to that job from Orange for a while after she and her husband, Rev. Ronnie Crockett, moved here.

Rev. Crockett is pastor at Mount Olive Baptist Church.

The couple has four children and 12 grandchildren.

Suzonne Lynette Holmes Crockett is the daughter of another Baptist pastor, Rev. Leroy Holmes, and Susie Lee Holmes, "such an awesome baker" that "she won various awards on her biscuits."

Crockett's dad, who pastored two churches while working at the Huey P. Long Charity Hospital in Pineville and serving as an auxiliary policeman, attended Louisiana College in Pineville. Her mom graduated from Grambling State. Two aunts were school teachers. College graduates looked down from the family tree.

"I was definitely not a first gen [first-generation student]. And I wasn't even the first doctor in my family," the LSCO veteran said.

"College was the expectation in my home."

She began her post-high school studies at Lamar-Or-

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Civic leader Dan Mohon passes away in Orange at 80

Dan F. Mohon was born in Vernon, Texas, on December 10, 1939, to Walter and Flora Pauline Beach Mohon, of Odelle, Texas.

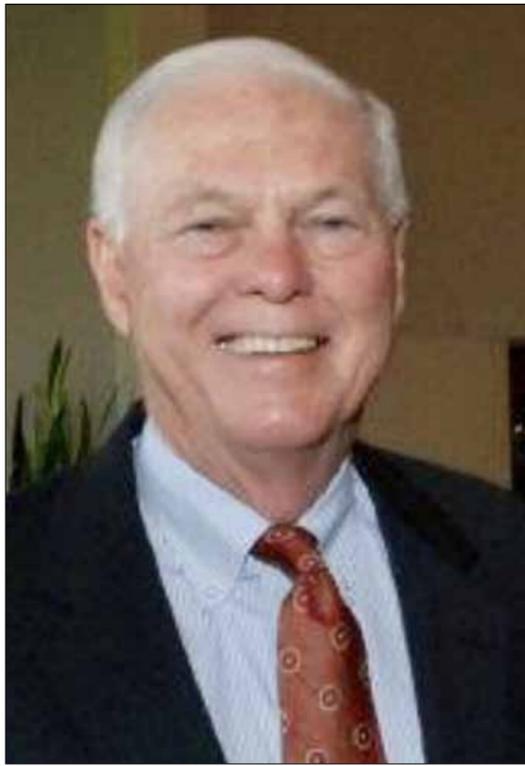
His life was significantly marked by the unexpected death of his father right before Dan turned 13. He took on a great responsibility caring for his mom and his younger sister Nanene and his younger brother Gary, where he learned that love was action. As a young teen, he went to work 32 hours a week making just over \$14 a week.

Dan graduated from the Quannah High School in 1958. He then put himself through Texas Tech University, graduating with a business degree in real estate and insurance. While in Lubbock, he met the love of his life, Shirley Manon Hacker of Oklahoma. They married on December 22, 1962.

Dan and Manon Mohon rolled into Orange, Texas, in 1974, with their two young sons. He didn't arrive with fanfare or riches; he arrived with determination, loyalty and love.

Dan was a man who loved extravagantly. His love sprang from his faith. He believed in Jesus and his faith was the cornerstone of his life and the way he lived. His love of God was showered generously on his wife, his sons, his grandchildren, his family, his church and his community. He loved people and spent his life showing us what it meant joyfully.

Dan loved cars and was



Dan F. Mohon

always enthusiastic when he bought a new one. Early one Saturday morning in the mid-seventies, he woke his two sons and drove to a dealership in Conroe, Texas. He was picking up a new white-with-burgandy Buick Electra 225 coupe he bought through Stephen's Buick in Orange. While the salesman was finishing the paperwork Dan opened the trunk and laid down sideways to show his impressed sons how big it was. It was a big car, and just the car for a man with a big heart.

He passed away last Sun-

day, December 6th, just four days shy of his 81st birthday. He filled all of his days with hard work and loyal service to God, his family, his friends and his community.

He was always a man of action and community contribution. He was a two-term mayor of Orange from 1988-1992, and the recent mayor of Pinehurst. He served as the First Baptist treasurer and on the Lutch-er Stark Theater board, both for 25 years.

He served as a leader in other community leader-

ship roles included the President of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce, Lamar State Foundation Board, Red Cross board member, City of Orange Planning and Zoning, Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission (Aging Committee Chair) Deacon, the Orange Rotary Club and chaired more than one pastor search committee.

In all of his community service though, Lions Club often took the cake as his favorite. He served as the Lions club President and carnival chairman. He was recipient of the Melvin Jones award and the record shows he had perfect attendance for over 47 years.

And along with God, his family, his community service and his friendships, two other and real passions were with Dan throughout his life: golf and ice cream. And even with those, he shared them with others.

Dan F. Mohon was an example of faith, faithfulness, kindness and strength and with all of his time given to his community, he was also a good friend to many. As one friend said, Dan Mohon took his hand in friendship, "and never let go."

So what can you say about a man who lived 81 years, who loved his wife and best friend dearly? Who was father to two sons, now men — husbands and fathers in their own right. A man who was mayor of two towns, was president of this and chairman

of that? What can you really write about a man who had perfect attendance with Lions Club for decades? A man who was an example of faith, surefootedness, decisiveness, kindness and strength? You can say thank you for your big heart, your love, your diligent hands — your example. And we'll miss you dearly; you're a good man.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Manon Mohon of Orange, Texas. He is also survived by his oldest son Monty Mohon with wife Michelle of Fort Worth and their six children: Joshua (wife Emily) Mohon, Annabeth Mohon, Katharine Grace Mohon, Joseph Mohon, Isabelle Mohon and Jack Mohon. He is also sur-

vived by his youngest son Marcus Mohon with wife Autumn of Austin and their four children Mason Mohon, Gray Mohon, Reed Mohon and Bliss Mohon.

The pallbearers are Dan and Manon Mohon's ten grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, December 14, 2020, at Trinity Baptist Church in Orange. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, December 12, 2020 at their family cemetery in Hye, Texas.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, December 10, 2020, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

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like this 84-year-old man saying this fisherman half his age is his hero.

"It's just a neat story." What would be neat is new stories in 2021.

Of course the 2021 schedule for Bassmaster Elite is, like all professional and amateur sports, subject to weather and global pandemics.

Orange was on the 2020 Bassmasters Elite schedule – twice – last year; first for a spring event, then a make-up in the fall. Both dates had to be canceled because of the coronavirus.

Tuesday, a workshop for the Orange County Commissioners Court ended with a \$100,000 donation from the county's hotel and motel tax fund suggested for the Chamber to help pay fees associated with the fishing tournament.

"And that's not all the money we need," Schossow said after the meeting. "Our people need to raise another \$59,000."

The 16-year-old Bassmaster Elite series is slated to open Feb. 11-14 on the St. Johns River at Palatka, Florida.

It's the first of 10 events on a schedule that runs through August.

Like everyone in every community, Schossow hopes the Bassmaster Elite tourney here comes off smooth in 2021.

• 2021 Bassmaster Elite Series schedule

Feb. 11-14, AFTCO Bassmaster Elite at St. Johns River, Palatka, Fla.

Feb. 25-28, Tennessee River, Knoxville, Tenn.

March 19-21, Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmas-

ter Classic presented by Huk, Lake Ray Roberts, Fort Worth, Texas

April 8-11, Sabine River, Orange, Texas

April 22-25, Lake Fork, Emory, Texas

May 6-9, Neely Henry Lake, Gadsden, Ala.

May 20-23, Lake Guntersville, Scottsboro, Ala.

June 10-13, Pickwick Lake, Florence, Ala.

July 8-11, Lake Champlain, Burlington, Vt.

July 15-18, St. Lawrence River, Waddington, N.Y.

Aug. 19-22, Make-up date

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ange in 1992, to honor her dad who had passed away a few months earlier.

Crockett earned an associate degree at what is now LSCO, then attended Lamar University where she earned both a bachelor's and master's degree.

She began her career as a math teacher at Port Arthur's Thomas Jefferson High School, in 1998.

In 2004, she returned to LSCO as a math teacher. She has served as Division Director of Education, Leisure Learning and Mathematics; and was later named Associate Dean, then Interim Dean of Academic Studies. Along the way, she earned a Doctorate degree from Sam Houston State University.

As Dean of Academic Studies, Dr. Crockett is responsible for the academic programs on campus, including policies and development as well as overseeing and supporting the faculty and staff.

"Math is a subject a lot of students struggle with and I understand their struggle," Crockett said Tuesday, taking education back to what she sees as its basics.

"And I'm always willing to meet the students at the point of their needs."

The Dr. Seuss book "Green Eggs and Ham" came off the bookshelf to explain her secret to success.

"Green Eggs and Ham" is how a lot of students feel about

mathematics," she said. "They don't like math."

"They wouldn't like math here, there. They wouldn't like math anywhere. Not with a fox. Not in a box. Not in a house. Not with a mouse."

"People do not like mathematics because they have not tried it. When we expose students to a concept, we have to make sure they are ready for those concepts. The students have to see the relevance of it."

"It's like a formula: you don't care about the length times the width equaling the area until you have to lay down some carpet. And then you care."

"Perhaps you need to talk about momma and daddy having to replace the carpet. All the students in Southeast Texas know what a hurricane is."

Crockett says she took her children on a vacation trip to St. Louis to let them see the Gateway Arch. That, she said, was to help them better understand parabolas in their upcoming algebra class.

"My classroom is my home, and now as dean of academic studies I employ those same strategies for the department," she said. "When we are introducing new ideas, new legislation, new testing platforms ... well, when we bring the relevance to the team, then the project becomes real."

"I really want people to wake up and say, 'I can't wait to get to work with Crockett. You never know what we're

Orangefield students get metal and woodworking tools



The Orangefield Water Supply Corporation donated a battery operated drill, impact driver, and a hammer drill to Orangefield ISD Agriculture Department. The students will use these tools on metal and wood projects. A bend test tool will also be donated by the water supply corporation. This tool will help the district AWS

certify welding students. OISD appreciates the generosity of local businesses in the Orangefield community.

Pictured are Timothy Singleton, Orangefield ISD Agriculture Department Head, Timothy Tremont, OHS Assistant Principal, and Rea Wrinkle, OHS Principal.

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weighted based on what share of the county's tax base they collect.

Five directors are chosen to the board. Welch is filling a slot held by James "Jim" Brown, who recently resigned because of health reasons.

Welch's swearing-in will leave the board still leave

Schossow's seat to be filled. His place on the board will be filled early in 2021, according to Scott Overton, OCAD's chief appraiser.

Other board members are Tim Andrews, Laura Floyd and Karen Fisher, Orange County's Tax Assessor-Collector.



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PANDEMIC TAKES TOAL AT HOME

It's amazing to me how many people won't accept the COVID surge that is right now spreading like wildfire throughout the country. The **Thanksgiving** spike is expected to arrive later this week. The **Christmas Holiday** will again grow the surge to new heights. A vaccine is coming but most **Americans** will not receive vaccinations until late March or April if they are still alive by then, over 500,000 people are expected to die by April. Millions of citizens will contact the virus, but many will die of other causes related to the virus, such as heart disease, etc. Many others will be long haulers, with adverse side affects. It's so frustrating that people don't care about their fellow citizens, won't wear a mask or take proper measures to help prevent the spread of the virus because it just isn't macho. Here at home many of our people are getting sick. Thank God so far we have been spared many deaths but 50 deaths are still way too many. More people have been affected locally than has been reported. At this time, **Gary Stelly** is still in a Houston hospital battling **Coronavirus**. As of Tuesday morning **Gary** felt he has turned the corner but still doesn't have enough breath to make a whistle. He and his wife, **Angie**, both became sick at the same time. I understand despite fighting other medical problems, she has fared better than **Gary**. Our prayers go out to this fine couple who have given so much of themselves to the betterment of our community. **Harry Corbert**, who was hospitalized and experienced a blackout period, is now out and recovering. **Lion Tamer Randall Morris** was rushed to hospital Sunday night. His sister had died a few days earlier from the virus. **Our friends Al and Michelle Justice** are weathering the illness at home. **Many businesses** have sick employees. **Tax Assessor Karen Fisher** is operating with a skeleton crew in her Orange tax office. I've also heard that some people are suffering side affects of kidney problems and have been put on dialysis. **Our longtime friend Ted Townes** is in Mid-Jefferson hospital with heart problems. I don't know if its virus related. Many others are getting sick everyday. It's not anything to clown around with. **God speed** for a complete recovery to our friends and all our neighbors affected. **I promise to move on. Come along, I promise it won't do you no home.**

CONDOLENCES

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Mayor Dan Mohon**, age 80, who served as mayor in both Orange and Pinehurst. Dan retired from Dupont 23 years ago. **Tommy Gunn**, Pinehurst City Attorney, said, "Dan definitely improved the quality of life for all of us in Orange County. Personally for me, Dan was one of the finest, kindest and most honorable men I've ever known. He was a thoughtful person and always remembered me during peach season, with a bag from his place in the hill country. He will be missed by everyone who ever dealt with him. Our condolences to his wife **Manon** and family. Funeral services are being handled by **Claybar Funeral Home** in Orange. Visitation will be held Thursday, Dec. 10th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, December 12, 2020 at their family cemetery in Hye, Texas. **Funeral services** are set for 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020, at Trinity Baptist Church in Orange.

TRUMP'S CASH COW

Most people are not aware that only one political candidate gets to keep the money left in the coffers when he leaves office. That's how presidential candidate **Ron Paul**, with multiple runs, has become a multimillionaire. **Rick Santorum** has been living on the \$4 million he had left after his run. **Trump** has taken the money gimmick to new heights. He knows he's lost to **Biden**, but he's using his false claims to raise money for future court battles. So far, he's taken in **\$210 million**. As long as he keeps the fight alive he can keep cashing in. That's why he got upset with **A.G. Bill Barr** saying it was over, **Biden won**. **Trump** saw that as hurting or slowing donations. In the small print, he gets to keep **60 percent** of funds raised for his own use. **Trump** claims to be an expert on winning. His actual area of expertise is how to profit from losing, even if it means assault on our democracy. After an almost comically inept career in business that saw multiple bankrupt cases being filed, **Trump** again is losing by losing an election. He is turning unreality in reality, in a bid to rewrite the script. In the coming months, **Trump** could use money from his new PAC, called **Save America**, to travel the country and stage rallies, which can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. He could promote candidates who were loyal to him and make donations to their campaigns. And, if he wanted to, he could place his family members and former administration officials on payroll, and continue to host lavish events at his properties without tripping up campaign finance law. In the end though, there is a word for people who lose elections. It is the same for people who repeatedly fail at business. **We call those people losers.**

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2010

Don Meredith, age 72, died December 6, in Santa Fe, N.M. from a brain hemorrhage. He also had emphysema. The Vernon, Texas native played college ball at SMU and I was fortunate enough to have watched him play. He was the first **Dallas Cowboy** quarterback from 1960 to 1968. He threw for over 17,000 yards and 111 touchdowns. He played in the **Ice Bowl** in the 1967 championship game against Green Bay in -13 degree temperatures. He lost the game 21-17 with a **Bart Starr** quarterback sneak. At age 31, on top of his game, he told **Coach Tom Landry** to shove it and was gone. He reappeared in 1970, at the start of **Monday Night Football** on ABC. He first appeared with **Keith Jackson**, then **Frank Gifford**, who replaced **Jackson**, and **Howard Cosell**. He made **Willie Nelson's** song "Turn Out the Lights" famous. He left announcing and went on to television and movies. He played **Sgt. Foley** of "Police Story," and several television movies, including **Banjo Hackett** and **Roamin' Free** in 1976. His film credits include "Express to Terror" in 1979, **Wyatt Earp: "Return to Tombstone"** in 1994. He recorded songs such as "Travelin' Man" and "Them That Ain't Got It Can't Lose." Then there was the Monday night the Oilers were losing 34-0 to Oakland, the cameras caught an angry fan flashing the obscene finger. **Meredith** seriously said, without batting an eye, "He thinks they're number one in the nation." What a guy he was. I'm glad he was in my generation. **Monday Night Football**, with **Don, Howard** and **Frank** was so popular it knocked the "I Love Lucy" show off Monday nights. **Auburn** and **Oregon** meet in the BCS championship game to be played Jan. 10 at **Glendale, Ariz.** The **Sugar Bowl**, Jan. 4, pits **Arkansas** against **Ohio**. In the **Orange Bowl**, on Jan. 3, **Virginia Tech** faces **Stanford**. In the **Alamo Bowl**, Dec. 29, **Oklahoma State** will face **Arizona**. On **New Year's Day** the following bowls will be held. **Fiesta Bowl**, **Oklahoma** vs. **Connecticut**; **Rose Bowl**, **TCU** vs. **Wisconsin**; **Ticket City Bowl**, played in the old **Cotton Bowl**, **Texas Tech** vs. **Northwestern**. The big game in these parts will be the **Cotton Bowl** with **Texas A&M** and **LSU**, to be played Jan. 7. The **Texas Bowl**, **Baylor** vs. **Illinois**, on Dec. 19; The **Holiday Bowl**, Dec. 30, **Nebraska** vs. **Washington**. There's more but that's enough. **They're** going to put the little pot in the big one on Thursday, Dec. 16, for retiring **Judge Joe Parkhurst**, **Justice of the Peace**, Pct. 1. After 12 years, **Judge Parkhurst** is retiring from his county post. The **Judge** says, "Serving as a Justice of the Peace has been an exciting and demanding trip. He is thankful to the citizens for allowing him the opportunity to serve as their judge. It has been a very gratifying experience." **Judge David Peck** will assume the judgeship on Jan. 1, 2011. **Tom DeLay**, who was convicted of money laundering, a felony, was due to be sentenced on December 20. He has asked for the judge, not a jury, to sentence him Jan. 10 instead. **He could get probation to life.** I don't believe he will serve any jail time but if he does, it won't be for long. The bigger crime was what they did with the money to the rural people of Texas with mid-term redistricting. **Fish and shellfish**, now more often served at meals, **could help older people protect their eyesight** longer. According to a new research published last week, eating more seafood, rich in omega-3 fatty acids such as oysters, crabs, sardines, tuna, lake trout and salmon is very helpful. **A few special people** celebrating their special day this week. The oldest, longtime friend, **Sid Callivet, Jr.** will reach age 81. I remember when his dad, **Judge Sid** was much younger than **Sid Jr.** is today. We thought the judge was so old didn't we **Sid?** **Lucy Hanks**, the first lady of **Starks, Louisiana**, celebrates another one and she's still a fox. **Our longtime buddy Doug Harrington** will be celebrating another one. I recall his birthdays in years past, even surprised him once. The big parties are gone, now it's just a quite day marking a year older. (Editor's note: **Doug** has since passed away.) **Attorney Tommy Gunn**, West Orange Valedictorian, the pride of **Baylor Law School**, successful attorney and chairman of the board of **Sabine Savings Bank**, is another year older this week. Did I mention he's **Mary Lou's** little boy? **Danny Blacksher** is also getting older. Not the young stud he was just a few years back. **David Claybar** has a birthday coming up. I never know which one of the **David's**. One should be a senior and the other a junior. I believe its senior's birthday. **We were** sorry to learn that **State Rep. Mike Hamilton** recently returned to the restaurant business in Beaumont and in January the **Legislature** is scheduled to face a tough redistricting battle. Those two things are enough to give anyone heart problems. We wish him the best.

22 Years Ago-2010

The **Record Newspapers "All Orange County Football Team of 1998"** was selected. **Beaux Deville**, of Orangefield, was selected as "Player of the Year." Orangefield's **Randy Theriot**, selected "Coach of the Year." His team's 8-4 season put them in the playoffs for the first time in a decade. Orangefield was picked to finish last in the district. **Deville** gained 2,101 rushing on 273 carries for 7.69-yard average and 25 touchdowns. **Gaylord Allen**, West Orange-Stark's was "Defensive MVP." He anchored the state's number one defense as linebacker. The rest of the players picked from the five county teams are **Derrick Thibodeaux**, **WO-S**, **Dathan Juneau**, **B.C.**, **Ray Farias**, **OF**, **Jeremy Stolfa**, **B.C.**, **Billy Ford**, **LC-M**, **Richard Morris**, **WO-S**, **Jared Williams**, **B.C.**, **Todd Marbrough**, **WO-S**, **Robert Cormier**, **OF**, **Charles Crochet**, **WO-S**, **Kevin Norwood**, **B.C.**, **Kenneth Bryan**, **Vidor**, **Kelton Taylor**, **WO-S**, **Jeremy Buckley**, **B.C.**, **Vito Agerton**, **OF**, **Johnny Montagne**, **B.C.**, **Paul Burman**, **LC-M**, **Charlie Higgingbotham**, **B.C.**, **Bo Shafer**, **OF**, **Gerald Robinson**, **WO-S**, **Raun Bryant**, (kicker) **B.C.**, **Herbert Winston**, **LC-M**, **Jason Menard**, **B.C.**, **Tyler Thibodeaux**, **WO-S**, **Jermaine Feathers**, **WO-S**, **Paul Thomas**, **W.O.-S**, **B.J. Bishop**, **OF** and **Darren Denbow**, **Vidor**. **Coach R.C. Slocum's** "Never Quit" Aggies beat a great Kansas team 36-33. **Moon Mulligan** is recorded in the historical music book as an East Texas pioneer songwriter/singer, best known for his honky-tonk piano. The old piano sits quietly in a room in Vidor, the pedals are broken, and some keys are missing. It is stamped in back 1897. **Moon** played with **Gov. Jimmie Davis** and accompanied him when **Davis** was elected governor of Louisiana. **Some of Moon's** hits included, "I'll Sail My Ship Alone," "Mona Lisa," "Goodnight Irene," "You Don't Have to be a Baby to Cry," "Southern Hospitality" and "Cherokee Boogie." (Editor's Note: I wonder if that old piano is still in Vidor. It should be in the **Gulf Coast Museum in Port Arthur**. **Some folks** having birthdays. **Lucy Hanks**, **Vernon Davis**, **David Claybar**, **Fay Speer**, **Bobby Talbert**, **Donnie Stanton**, **Leah Hubbard**, **Judy Young** and **Cindy**

Briggs. **Newly elected state senator David Bernsen** is preparing to take his seat in January. **The Montagne's** recently moved into the new **Economy Insulation** office building at Roundbunch and Stewart in Bridge City. **Little Jimmy Skadowski** is home from **Texas Children's Hospital**, learning to live with diabetes. (Editor's note: **Jimmy** is **Pattie Hanks'** 30 year old now.) They live in Las Vegas. **Jim** fights diabetes everyday but has really improved over the years. **Darrell Lee Trahan** turned 18 on Dec. 3. **Karissa Rene' "Reesy" Kordish**, turns three on Dec. 11 and **Grace Dumesnil** celebrates Dec. 7.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

I'm constantly amazed at the speed of life. On December 14, five years will have gone by since **Shirley Roccaforte** passed away, the day before her birthday. What a gal. If you ever knew her you will never forget her. **Dec. 11** is the Jewish holiday of **Hanukkah**, a day of rededication. We extend best wishes to our **Jewish** friends, **Joel Steirman** and his family and also to **Richard** and **Arlene Turkel** and their family. **Early Christmas** present arrives via **FedEx** bringing 50 pound box of paper-shell pecans from **Wanda** and **Coach Les Johnson**. The pecans were in a sack that was created by **Wanda**. My partner fell in love with the sack. Thanks to those longtime friends for their annual supply of pecans. I'll spend my days shelling. **I** also received my first Christmas card. It came from our friend **Senator Robert Nichols**. He always sends a Texas scene card. This year's card is from artist **Craig Routh's** collection. **Craig**, a Denham Springs, Louisiana resident, started his career at age 17. He and wife **Leslie** own their own art studio and **Craig** has exhibited in many of the finest art events in the country, including **Walt Disney World's "Festival of the Masters"**. Many of his watercolor art pieces are included in private and corporate collections throughout the U.S. and other countries. Thanks **Senator** for the caramel recipe and thanks for your service and friendship. **Our friend Phillip Welch** scored a big jar of honey at **Bo Handley's** for us. It's the best. **Phillip** and his family went to Estes Park, Colorado over Thanksgiving holidays. Their young son got to play in six inches of snow for four days. By the way, I just heard **Phillip** will be sworn in as a new member of the Appraisal District in January. **Phillip** is a great choice for any assignment. **I** got a call from our friend **Robert Ramirez** and really enjoyed visiting with him. He sold his Waterwood home and had moved to the country. He sold off his cattle and plans to restock in the spring. **I've** been out of the loop and was surprised to learned that **Patsy** and **David Peck** had split the blanket. **David** is living with friends in Starks. I believe **Patsy** is still booking trips. I wish the best for both. **My buddy, "T-Ray" Joshua Sehon** turns 24 on Dec. 10. If you haven't seen him around lately it is because he is living in Nesbit, MS. By the way, his dad **George Sehon** turns 63 on Dec. 12. A year closer to he and **Janelle's** retiring to the lake. **A West Texas friend** tells me that even cowboys will soon be extinct. Ranchers are replacing range riders and cowboys with drones. **Thanks to Dr. Chris Penning** I'm feeling much better. **Penning** is a real optimist about the new **COVID** vaccine. I miss work but mostly I miss my friends at the **Lunch Bunch**. Some of the world's finest folks. Hopefully this spring we can all get together again. I said I would report on a **political Election Day predicting system** but our computers were down and the technician didn't show up until late Tuesday, making me late of deadline.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Natives celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **Keri Michutka**, **David Claybar**, **Lucy Hanks**, **Berry McKenzie**, **Bobby Couthran**, **Elissa Kern**, **Sharon Johnson**, **Michelle Watson**, **Bonnie Hopperton**, **Sean Ureta**, **David Claybar**, **Cindy Briggs**, **Kerri Piccone**, **Kent Sarver**, **Kristing Cortez**, **Cody Caples**, **Tara Fountain**, **Zackery Anderson**, **Joel Fruge**, **Scott Derouen**, **Daniel Bates**, **Melissa Poydence**, **Melinda Swares**, **Kristy Kidwell**, **Dennis Lee**, **Keri Michutka**, **Kandy Sartin**, **Danny Blacksher**, **Danny Prosperie**, **Linda Easley**, **Jeff Harrington**, **Ken Pittman**, **Maac Hughes**, **Alex Harner**, **Brent Burris** and **Dale Armand**.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Leo Desormeaux and "Teney" Leblanc were sitting around at da trailer park, drinking beer one evening after getting off work at da crawfish processing plant at Breaux Bridge. **Leo** said he was looking forwards to going deer hunting next weekend.

Da two mens downed a couple of 12 packs wen "Teneg" said, "Leo, while you are deer hunting you, if I walk over to you trailer and me and your **Clotile** made woopee and in nine months she had a baby her would dat make us kin, hanh?"

Leo him, crooked his head sideways, scratched his head, took anutter drink, tinkering real hard about da question. Den finally he said, "Well me, I don't rightly no bout da kin, but it would make us even."

"THE DONALD" WENT DOWN TO GEORGIA

President Donald Trump held a rally in Valdosta, GA., Saturday. I believe that's where longtime **Leader** reporter **Bob Axleson** was from and where he is laid to rest. I'm sure **Bearden** and many others will remember the "Post Script" guy. Anyway, between 3,000 and 4,000 attended, jammed together, without a mask in the bunch. In a few days watch how **Trump** helped **COVID** spike in the area. By the way, **Rudy Giuliani** has become the latest to get the virus and be hospitalized. I believe he is the 50th in the **Trump** gang, plus, like **Trump**, **Rudy** has been contributing to making people sick around the county. **Trump** was in Georgia to help promote **Republican** senators in the Jan. 5, runoff election. He gave them six minutes and spent over one hour on himself and his failed attempt to overturn **Biden's** win. He never once mentioned **COVID** deaths. **Trump** continues to pressure governors and secretaries of state to help him steal the election from the voters.

C'EST TOUT

We have been receiving some very positive response for our publications **The Penny Record** and **The County Record** and I thank you for that. I also appreciate your loyal readership for all these many years. Take care of yourself, your family and especially shield your elderly folks as much as possible. **Things will get worse in the short run** but someday we will come out on the other side. I'm optimistic about our future leadership and the road ahead. **God bless.**



Mauriceville Elementary teacher wins Horace Mann's 2020 "You Are Awesome" Sweepstakes

Ms. Candice Shafer, Fine Arts teacher at Mauriceville Elementary received \$486.67 to fully fund her DonorsChoose project during Horace Mann's You Are Awesome Sweepstakes. DonorsChoose provides a way for teachers to post classroom project requests, allowing donors to identify and choose projects to support.

According to Shafer, "My students and I are excited to receive the generous donation from Horace Mann! Our painting racks will benefit our classroom by organizing paintings and projects as well as keeping them stored safely! Thank you, Horace Mann!" "Horace Mann is always looking for more ways to support educators, and here at the Lumberton office we're excited to help the educators of Southeast Texas however we can." – Quinton Mayer, local HM agent. Horace Mann, through the You Are Awesome Sweepstakes, recently awarded \$10,000 in DonorsChoose funding to educators nationwide. Winners were randomly drawn during the promotion period and will receive full funding for their designated DonorsChoose project, up to a maximum of \$500 per winner.

Photo from left: LCMCISD Superintendent Stacey Brister, Horace Mann local agent Quentin Mayer, Candice Shafer, Horace Mann consultant Jake Williamson and MVE Principal Carie Broussard.

Orangefield Speech/Debate team competes at Salado



The Orangefield High School Speech/Debate team attended the Salado High School virtual practice meet on December 5. Contestants competed in Varsity and Novice Extemporaneous Speaking and Varsity Cross Examination Debate.

Pictured from left to right: Leroy Bergeron, Kimber Carpenter, Bryce Moore, Brayden Burgess, Aiden Taylor.



The 2020-2021 contest "Peace Through Service" has provided an important reminder to the world that, through service, we can give and receive so much—joy, kindness, hope and PEACE. This year, young people had the opportunity to express their visions of peace through the lens of service. The Orange Lion's Club sponsored the contest for all 11, 12, and 13-year-old students interested in participating from all the Orange County schools.

The St. Mary School Winners are 3rd place-Tristan Tran, 2nd Place-Elizabeth Khatt, and 1st place-Allie Broussard. PHOTO (Left to Right) Kacey Burnitt, Trisatan Tran, Allie Broussard, Elizabeth Khatt, Principal Katie Sanders and Stump Weatherford.

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OHS Uprising sorts toys for Ministerial Alliance

Members of the OHS Uprising went to help the Bridge City/Orangefield Ministerial Alliance sort toys during Toy Week. These toys will be handed out to around 450 kids in our area this year. These toys have been donated to the Ministerial Alliance by the generous people of our community. These Christmas presents will be given to those children whose parents may be facing tough economic times that many face during a normal year, but even more so now because of the pandemic and the economic shutdown.

Pictured by the tree are: Cody Strause, Olivia Grant, Coree Guerra, Asia Tran, Jalynn Alfaro, Samantha Vahsholtz, and sponsor Sally Rost. (Not pictured in the tree picture is Joli Ponfick but she is in the first photo.)

ORANGE COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Christmas season is in full swing

Pastor Charles Empey
Columnist
For The Record



Pastor Charles Empey

The season produces images of red, white, green, every color of light, family and church, and of course, gifts. Then there is the December dessert table that begins early and stretches far beyond Christmas Day...cookies and candy, pie, and did I say cookies and candy? Then there is cake, and did I mention cookies and candy?

We won't forget to mention all the great holiday meals that will be served around that dessert. Although, as a kid, don't you remember sitting down at the table to eat and before the first bowl was passed to you, you asked, "What's for dessert?" That used to drive Mom crazy. Christmas just is not a weight watcher's time of the year, is it? America is so blessed. I know there are people in America who are hungry year-round, but yet when you look around, you can see that God has given America great abundance.

Let's look at some of those images of Christmas time.

Look at the color of red that is so prominent during this time of year. 2000 years ago, that Babe born in a manger in Bethlehem grew up and went to the cross of Calvary, severely beaten on the way to that cross and then nailed to and continued to bleed for the washing away of sin to all who will believe on Him as their Lord and Savior. He died and was buried and rose again from death and the grave three days later and calls for the world to come unto Him and believe on Him as their Lord and Savior.

Then we see the color white, if not in real snow, artificial snow every where in the deco-

rating. This reminds me of what Jesus' blood does for me. It has washed me white as snow before the Father in heaven where one day we will be presented to Him in white robes of righteousness, Jesus' righteousness.

Then there is the color green everywhere in the decorations, especially the tree. It represents the fact that Jesus came to raise the believer's soul to a life more abundant than we could ever imagine...ETERNAL LIFE (Romans 6:23).

And how about those lights that light up the night every night through the neighborhood, downtown and through the country side? Light dispels darkness every time. John reminds us that it is Jesus who lights every man, that is, He gives us life to start with at conception and then removes the darkness of sin from our soul the day we are saved, making us His spiritual and eternal lights of the world...cities on a hill top.

Then there is the family. Joining Jesus in the center piece of the year is the family. This is one of, along with Jesus, the main focus of this time of year.

It is He who created man and woman that would be God's origin of what a true family is to look like. It begins with a man and a woman and then comes the children, that Bible family. The earthly family is the picture of the more perfect family of heaven that Jesus was born to gather unto the Father.

How about those gifts? The giving of gifts is to be an unselfish act toward each other in remembrance of the greatest Gift ever given, that is, the Father giving His only begotten Son, Jesus, to us as our sacrifice for sin. Then within that gift comes the gift of eternal life.

The holiday tables are furnished with great abundance, reminding us that this is what Jesus offers all who will come unto Him. Oh, it may not be tons of food on the table, but He wants us who have received Him to know there is a table spread in heaven before His throne awaiting all who will have received Him in faith to the forgiveness of their sin and the saving of their soul. He tells us that that table will be a heavenly feast.

Will you receive God's Gift, Jesus, not just those gifts under the tree that will rust and rot away with time. Don't receive those material gifts all your life and never receive the Gift of God that brings to you the gift of eternal life. It will bring you

the greatest Christmas you will ever have and will ever remember. Receive Christ as you Savior today.

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

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Blake Roberts and his brother Dave are seen with their winnings during the Upper Coast Kayak Association final event of their One Fish Wonder Series.

Roberts brothers win final Kayak event

CAPT. DICKIE COLBURN
For The Record

The Upper Coast Kayak Association hosted the final event of their One Fish Wonder Series out of The Salt Club on Pleasure Island and the winner came as no surprise to the rest of the field. Each competitor is allowed to weigh in only one redfish and once again, Blaze Roberts made his way to the scales with that coveted fish!



Dickie Colburn

A single redfish can actually win one of seven different prizes at each event, but the largest red eventually earns the biggest payday. An angler earns the Angler of the Year title with the heaviest total weight of his best three tournaments.

Roberts' winning 9.62-pound fish enabled him to not only win the AOY award, but also win \$3000 worth of prizes that included a new Hobie Compass Kayak, a 45 quart Yeti on wheels, an H&H rod and Lews reel combo and custom marine art by Florida artist Anastasia Musick.

Finishing less than a half pound off the pace was Blaze's brother, Dave. Dave is best known in this area and across the Texas Gulf Coast for his monthly Kayak Chronicles column in the popular Texas Saltwater Fishing Magazine. He obviously fishes as well as he writes!

The tournament field continued to grow this year in spite of the Pandemic and monthly hurricanes. The group averaged 34 fishermen per event. Tournament directors, Brent

COLBURN Page 2B

It was a weird weekend of football

KAZ'S KORER
JOE KAZMAR
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

Here it is December with Christmas less than three weeks away and the football post-season only a month away.

Most of the scheduled college games are between arch-rivals with most of them being meaningless as far as having a bearing on conference championships and bowl games.

But this is 2020, the year of strange happenings both on the field and off. The coronavirus pandemic has been dictating most of what goes on, like avoiding crowds and wearing masks.

As far as football is concerned—both college and the National Football League—it's been very difficult just making up a season without having too many postponements and cancellations.

The NFL has been rotating games around and playing them on bye weeks just to keep it as normal as possible. Many collegiate contests have been cancelled, with some teams merely playing a non-scheduled team that was available that weekend.

This first weekend in December was certainly a doozy with several upsets both in college and the NFL and also some situations and plays that were



Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson was brilliant against the Colts.

completely bizarre.

One game between two undefeated teams was put together 48 hours before it was played. No. 18 Coastal Carolina was originally scheduled to play the big rivalry game Saturday between the 9-0 Chanticleers (yep, that's their nickname) and No. 25 Liberty but worked out the logistics for No. 8-ranked BYU to fly 2,300 miles from Utah to South Carolina for this match-up.

The Cougars, who had a 50-pound per linemen weight advantage, either didn't take the Chanticleers seriously

or were worn out from the plane ride, but they were matched touchdown-for-touchdown until the fourth period when the home team scored and went ahead 22-17.

The gritty defense once again stopped BYU, despite having NFL-bound Zach Wilson quarterbacking the fourth-highest scoring offense in the country, while the Chanticleer's offense took most of the remaining four minutes off the clock. BYU had one last chance for the victory and fell

KAZ'S KORNER Page 3B

Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast . . .

State Quarterfinal High School Playoff Games This Week

★ Area Playoff Games of Interest to Southeast Texas—

Carthage (12-0) over Wimberley (11-3), Gilmer (13-1) over Graham (11-1), Llano (13-0) over Hallettsville (12-2), Waskom (12-2) over Franklin (11-2), Mart (13-0) over Falls City (11-2), Argyle (13-0) over Canyon (12-1), Lindale (12-2) over Austin LBJ (9-2), Shiner (12-0) over Timpson (14-0), over Beckville (10-3), Refugio (11-0) over Shiner (12-

0). Class 6A and Class 5A Bi-district Games—Beaumont West Brook over Pasadena Memorial, Manvel over Port Arthur Memorial, Barbers Hill over Galena Park, Beaumont United over Goose Creek Memorial, Crosby over Willowridge, Nederland over Sterling, Longview over Lufkin.

★ COLLEGE---

Florida Atlantic over Southern Mississippi and Georgia Tech over Pittsburgh (both Thursday); Arizona State over Arizona, Colorado over Utah,

North Texas over UTEP and Marshall over Charlotte (all Friday); Iowa over Wisconsin, Indiana over Purdue, Ohio State over Michigan, Penn State over Michigan State, Maryland over Rutgers, Appalachian State over Georgia Southern, Ball State over Western Michigan, Miami, O. over Bowling Green, Buffalo over Akron, Eastern Michigan over Northern Illinois, Kent State over Ohio, Toledo over Central Michigan, Florida over LSU, Miami over North Carolina, Virginia Tech

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Game Warden Field Notes . . .

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) law enforcement reports.

Lost and Found

Two Angelina County game wardens responded to a call about a lost hunter in Angelina National Forest. Upon arrival at the scene, the wardens found out the man had been missing for several hours and was a diabetic. Temperatures were dropping because of an approaching cold front so the wardens called UAV operators from TPWD's Wildlife Division and a Tyler County game warden, and a TPWD K-9 handler for assistance as part of a joint operation with U.S. Forest Service rangers, Jasper County EMS, a Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter and fire department volunteers. After searching for several hours, the wardens received a GPS coordinate of the missing man and they were able to locate him in the woods. He was in a pre-hypothermic state when he was found and was treated by EMS.

When Will You Learn?

Two Polk County game wardens were on night patrol with their deer decoy "Corby" when Corby caught someone's eye. A truck passed the decoy, slowed to a stop, then quickly reversed and the headlights were positioned onto the decoy. After a brief pause, the sound of a small caliber rifle shot was heard from the vehicle. The wardens approached the subject and they were apprehended without incident. A .22 caliber rifle was found in the back seat of the truck with a spent casing still in the ejection port of the rifle. The subject also admitted to being charged for spotlighting on a public roadway near the same area a few weeks prior to this incident by a different Polk County game warden. The subject was charged with hunting white-tailed deer at night, hunting white-

tailed deer using artificial light and multiple Class C citations and warnings. Cases pending..

Liar Liar Deer on Fire

An Upshur County game warden received a call about two deer carcasses dumped along a shared fence line with a neighbor. The caller said the two carcasses had not been quartered and only some of the meat had been taken off of the two deer. The warden called for additional back up from another warden and when they arrived at the property, the two deer were no longer on the fence line. The wardens interviewed the property owner, but he denied knowledge of the two deer. After a quick investigation, it was determined that a nine-point buck was harvested that morning by his juvenile son. When asked about the carcass, the landowner said they had taken the carcass to a creek a mile away to dispose of it. When questioned about the second deer, the landowner continued to deny claims of there being another deer. After further questioning, the landowner confessed to not harvesting all of the meat from the nine-point buck that morning and showed the wardens to a burn pile on the property where they found the wasted buck with its two front shoulders intact and on fire. The landowner continued to deny there had been another deer until one of the wardens found a partially quartered doe hidden in the high brush. The landowner then confessed. Multiple cases pending.

If I Could Turn Back Time

Henderson County game wardens were conducting an inspection on a local processor when they came across a license that did not have an archery endorsement. During the inspection, wardens found out the deer was harvested the same day the license was pur-

chased, but the license was bought by the hunter later in the evening. The wardens visited the hunter and learned that the deer was harvested under the license of another individual. After further questioning, it was discovered that the hunter asked his wife to go buy a hunting license the same day he harvested the deer so that he could use her tag to harvest another buck. After denying the incident, the wardens were able to use cell phone photos with consent from the couple to put together a timeline proving the deer was harvested by the hunter before the license was purchased by his wife. To further the false claims that his wife had harvested the deer, he had her pose for photos with the deer, which wardens found on the phone. Cases pending.



Oh Deer

A Lavaca County game warden was on patrol when they heard a rifle shot come from an area where they had previously seen deer hunting violations. When they went to investigate, the warden saw a man drive out of the brush, head home, pick up his wife and then return to the woods. An hour later, the wife returned to the house with the head and meat of a white-tailed buck. The warden approached the wife, who then lead the warden to where she was meeting her husband in the

woods. The man was surprised when his wife showed up with the game warden to their hidden cleaning rack. Citation was issued for taking a white-tailed deer in closed season and civil restitution was filed. Case pending.

Crossbow Drive-by

Two Trinity County game wardens received a call from the local sheriff's office about a hunter who had just shot a buck in a yard from a vehicle. The landowner thought a rifle was used and was able to write down the license plate number and get a good description of the vehicle. The wardens and sheriff's office called a local constable who lives in the same neighborhood for some back up. The constable was able to find the vehicle quickly while the wardens traveled to the scene. After a brief interview upon their arrival, the hunter admitted to shooting the buck out of his vehicle with a crossbow from the public roadway. Wardens filed multiple charges for hunting from the public roadway and hunting during closed season. Cases pending.

Drunk and on the Hunt

A Cass County game warden was on patrol when they saw a vehicle stop twice near a large pasture and stick what they thought was a rifle out of the window. While following the vehicle to confirm what they had seen, the subject was driving erratically on the county road. When the vehicle stopped again, the warden conducted a traffic stop. The warden then approached the vehicle and saw an AR-15 rifle in the passenger's seat. The weapon was secured, and the driver was checked for warrants. The warden noticed the thermal scope was still on, so they asked the driver about hunting and told him that they had seen him stick the rifle out of the window. The driver then admitted to hunting the field for hog and admitted to being intoxicated. The driver was arrested and charged with hunting without landowner consent and hunting non-game from a motor vehicle.

Colburn From Page 1B

Louviere and Nathan McIntosh presented the Salt Club a check for \$1575 in support of the Club's help throughout the year. They especially thanked Max Smith and Steve Smith for their help at every tournament.

Kayaking is a unique way to fish skinny water while accessing areas not available to larger boats. The benefits are numerous when exploring smaller bodies of water, but I can attest to the fact that it is much more enjoyable if both shoulders are in working order!

My only experience in fishing from a kayak was enjoyable only while fishing in one direction. Many years ago, several college team mates were using kayaks to access their duck blinds when the season closed and invited me to bass fish while

they picked up decoys, etc.

It was a small bass virtually every cast as I slowly drifted with a light wind which minimized any problems associated with only one functional shoulder. By the time I reached the opposite end of the massive marsh, however, the north wind was howling and paddling against it was no longer a viable option.

For the next three hours I pulled the small kayak across flooded grass and knee-deep mud. When I finally got back to the camp my buddies were sitting around the fire eating teal gumbo and potato salad. Ever since, I have not fished out of another kayak, kept a closer eye on the weather and chosen my friends more carefully!

The recent dab of cooler water has apparently improved the deep-water spoon bite on Toledo Bend. Actual-

ly every pattern has improved when the wind allows, but spooning has been very consistent at depths of 25 to 32 feet.

Jay Alvarez and Guy Tomlinson caught yellow bass, white bass, largemouths up to three pounds, catfish and a few nice white perch jigging hammered nickel spoons in the Indian Creek area three days in a row. "I like a chrome wobble spoon, but it can't hang with the thinner spoon right now," reported Alvarez. "Every species preferred that spoon."

"I hate cleaning them," added Tomlinson, "but my family just loves to eat those yellow bass. A small pile of those filets guarantee my next trip!"

It is certainly not for everyone, but wading the shallows on the north and east side of Sabine Lake continues

to improve. We have caught most of our trout on a Soft-dine XL and a Skitterwalk, but I talked with three different anglers last week that are finally catching both trout and reds on pink and day glow Corkies.

A big trout is still in the three to five pound range, but I will fish for those kind of trout all day. That is a tremendous upgrade over what we have seen for the past two years.

When the conditions are right and it has been perfect all week, boaters are taking advantage of gulls and terns ridding out both trout and reds in the mid-lake area. Four inch plastics fished under a cork have been a really good choice. Chicken on a chain and candy corn have been two of the hotter colors!

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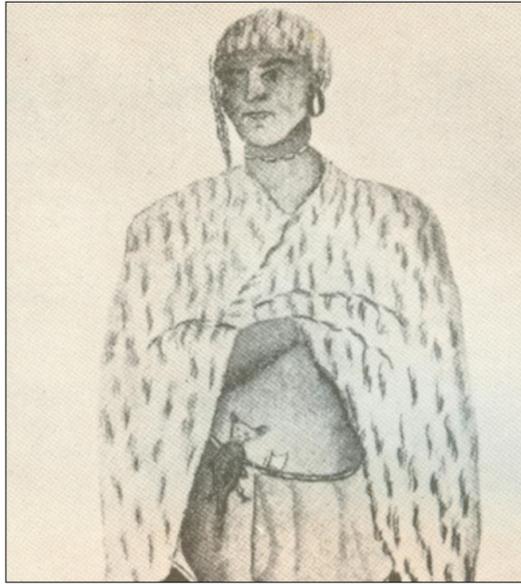
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Director T.A.S.A.
For The Record

In discussing the Indians of the Southern portion of the United States it is strange that some of the first Indians to meet the Euro-Americans are barely mentioned in the context of Indian history.

This Indian group was known as the Atakapa Indians of Texas and Louisiana. The Atakpa Indians were a loose federation of Indians on the coastal shores of Texas, and Louisiana, from the San Jacinto River, of Texas to Vermilion Bay, of Louisiana. Evidence has now shown that the Atakpa Proper extended to Navasota Texas across to Huntsville, Texas and Lufkin, Texas. The line of penetration continued in Louisiana to Merryville,

Louisiana, to Derider, Louisiana. Leesville, Louisiana, across to Opelousa Louisiana and down to Vermillion, Bay Louisiana.

The Atakapa Proper, was made up of the following Indian groups, known as the Atakapa, Bedias, Akokisa, Patiri, Opelussa, Deadose and possibly some contingents of tribes that were falling from the pages of history. Tribes that have been associated with the linguistic stock of Atakapa also include (Agdoza, Dozza, Igodosa, Jacdoas, Judosa and Yacdozza) Indians. However history does not clarify if these are tribes or the names of Chiefs of those tribes within the Atakapa Proper that became assimilated into other dominant Atakapa tribes. These tribes while having different names were of the same lin-



An Attakapas, by Alexandre De Batz, 1735

guistic stock and adapted trade between the local areas of their habitation. It is for this reason they are grouped in the similarity of their cultural, and linguistic mannerisms that

place them together. Due to the lack of historical records we must make assumptions on some accounts where clarification is not readily available. Only the Atakapa really know.

Little study has been conducted on these tribal groups who were thought to be just above cave man stature, and savage as savages come. Studies which have been conducted by various anthropology groups of the State of Texas and the State of Louisiana have continued to shed new light on the Atakapa Indians as a whole. Archaeological branches and

County Historical Societies are piecing together the remnants of bones, pottery, arrow points, and dwelling places to provide a clearer picture of those who came before us.

To lay more burden upon their culture as a whole, they were tagged with the continual practice of cannibalism among their groups when the Choctaw established them as "man eaters", a name they have carried as a stigma until this day. Anyone who has studied the culture of Indians knows this was a practice by many tribal groups in Louisiana and Texas as well as other parts of North American Indians. While early history of the Atakapas site this practice it seems to have been abolished

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Kaz's Korner From Page 1

one-yard short of the game-winning touchdown as time expired.

The Chanticleers were rewarded by moving up from No. 18 to No. 11 in this week's AP College Football Poll while BYU dropped from No. 8 to No. 14.

Another shocker occurred much closer to home as the mediocre Rice Owls traveled to Huntington, West Va. to take on the undefeated and No. 21-ranked Marshall Thundering Herd and completely stymied them defensively with five interceptions including a pick-six for a 21-0 shutout victory in a C-USA clash. It was the first win by a Texas team at Marshall in 14 tries.

It marked the first time Rice defeated a ranked team since the 27-14 win over No. 21 BYU on Nov. 11, 1997 (30 games) according to Sunday's edition of the Houston Chronicle.

It marked the first time the Owls defeated a ranked team on the road since the 20-7 win at No. 8 Baylor on Oct. 12, 1991 (32 games).

It was the first shutout

over a ranked team since the 7-0 win over No. 16 Texas on Oct. 22, 1960 and the first shutout on the road since defeating No. 18 Florida 10-0 on Oct. 8, 1960.

This was the first time Marshall had been shut out at Edwards Stadium, was the Owls first shutout since blanking UNLV 38-0 on Sept. 2, 1995 and Rice's first shutout of a conference opponent since the 27-0 win over Baylor on Dec. 1973. The loss knocked Marshall out of this week's poll.

The NFL had a couple of strange finishes, too, with our Houston Texans' bid for an upset over the Indianapolis Colts thwarted with 1:28 left in the game by a bad snap that resulted in a recovery by the Colts who hung on for the 26-20 win.

Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson was brilliant in the entire game and drove his team from their own 20 to the Colts 2-yard line for a first-and-goal. It looked like a sure bet Houston would score until All-Pro center Nick Martin's shotgun snap was low and to Watson's left.

"Probably 99 times out of 100 Watson would have reached down, calmly caught the ball and handed it to running back David Johnson for what would have been a touchdown," Monday's Chronicle stated. But that's what happens to a team that had a lousy first half of the season.

The York Jets had a great chance to post their first victory of the season as they led the Las Vegas Raiders 28-24 with five seconds left in the game and quarterback Raiders' Derek Carr facing a fourth-down situation.

Carr lofted a pass that was snatched by rookie Henry Ruggs III for the game-winning touchdown and leaving the hapless Jets still winless after the gut-wrenching 31-28 loss to the Raiders.

And former Texas Longhorn Colt McCoy, a third-round pick by the Cleveland Browns in the 2010 draft, led the once-hapless New York Giants to a 17-10 upset over the Seahawks in Seattle Sunday.

McCoy, playing on his fourth NFL team, made some key plays and avoided critical mistakes in leading the Giants to their fourth-straight victory. It was McCoy's first victory since Oct. 27, 2014 when he led Washington past the Dallas Cowboys.

KWICKIES...

The top seven places remained intact in this week's Associated Press College Football Poll with top-ranked Alabama still leading No. 2 Notre Dame by less than 100 points followed by No. 3 Ohio State, No. 4 Clemson, No. 5 Texas A&M, No. 6 Florida and No. 7 Cincinnati. Indiana came up two slots to No. 8. Miami remained at No. 9 and Iowa State jumped two places to No. 10. Once-beaten Louisiana-Lafayette moved up three notches to No. 17 and the Texas Longhorns rejoined the poll at No. 23.

Kansas City Chiefs' Travis Kelce became the first tight end in NFL history to post five straight 1,000-yard seasons. He hauled in eight passes for 136 yards including a 20-yard pass from Patrick Mahomes in the Chiefs' 22-16 victory over the Denver Broncos.

All football team activities have been temporarily halted at the University of Texas after three players and two staff members tested positive for the coronavirus Sunday after getting home from a 69-31 win at Kansas State. Those five who tested positive will be retested early this week "at which time a determination and plan for potential return to activities will be made" the statement revealed.

New Orleans Saints Taysom Hill, who's subbing at quarterback for injured Drew Brees, is the second player in

NFL history with two-plus rushing touchdowns in each of his two career starts at quarterback.

The Philadelphia Eagles have trailed by double digits in nine of his team's 12 games this season. And Sunday marked the 10th straight game quarterback Carson Wentz has been sacked at least three times.

JUST BETWEEN US...

The Orange area lost one

of its most prominent citizens Sunday when Dan Mohon passed away at his home in Orange. Dan never met a stranger and was involved in many civic organizations including being mayor of both Orange and Pinehurst. He was one of the founders of Trinity Baptist Church and gave much of his time and love to the congregation. He and his wife Manon were good friends of wife Susan and I and will be greatly missed.

Kaz's Fearless Forecast

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over Virginia, Nebraska over Minnesota, Northwestern over Illinois, Fresno State over New Mexico, BYU over San Diego State, Army over Navy, USC over UCLA, Oregon over Washington, California over Washington State, Rice over UAB (Upset Special), Louisville over Wake Forest, Florida State over Duke, Oklahoma over West Virginia, Coastal Carolina over Troy, Cincinnati over Tulsa, Stanford over Oregon State, Texas over Kansas, Texas A&M over Ole Miss, Houston over Memphis, Boise State over Wyoming, Oklahoma State over Baylor, TCU over Louisiana Tech, Colorado State over Utah State, Hawaii over UNLV, Auburn over Mississippi State.

★ PRO PICKS---

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

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Waterfowl road trips now more common than ever

OUTDOORS CAPT. CHUCK UZZLE For The Record

For months the faithful waited in anticipation for opening day and in what seems to be the blink of an eye the 2020-21 duck season is just about gone. With a few weeks to go before the end many water fowl hunters have resorted to road trips to get that last little fix in before the party ends.

For many hunters the coast has been the destination, especially the Rockport and Port O' Conner areas since they have been covered up with ducks for most of the season. The stories about rafts of redheads that black the sky are more than most hunters can stand, especially hunters who have had slow years. Don't discount the re-



Chuck Uzzle

ports because they are true, the ducks along the coast are thick and are absolutely amazing to watch. The opportunity to hunt ducks in a different type environment is always a welcome change of pace and sheer numbers of birds down there right now is worth the trip. Perhaps the biggest draw is the fact you can hunt so much public water and have success doing it. With a little bit of effort a resourceful hunter can make a great trip down there and not break the budget. It's far more acceptable down along the coast to hunt ducks in the open water along the bays than it is anywhere else

so just about any hunter who can put together a blind can set up on some prime real estate. Plenty of ducks and places to hunt equal a good time for any water fowl hunter.

Another popular venue for the water fowl hunter is the Katy prairie and Eagle Lake areas as well as the surrounding El Campo and Garwood. These towns are smack in the middle of some prime agriculture and are just absolute magnets for ducks and geese. Rice is the key to this part of the world and when you have food and water the ducks and geese won't be far behind. This season has been strange for many hunters in that area due to the fact the snow geese have acted funny all season, typical patterns have gone out the window and

made it tough to get consistent results. The one thing that has remained the same is that if you get weather like fog or good low clouds and a stiff south wind you can really work the birds over. Duck hunters on the other hand have had great success as it seemed like the green winged teal just won't leave and the pintails are plentiful. Many hunters are reporting limits of ducks along with a handful of geese being the norm.

Last but certainly not least on the water fowl hunters road trip list is the panhandle, places like Amarillo, Dumas, and Knox City are all hot spots that you may or may not know about. Easily the biggest draw for hunters to this area is the opportunity to shoot Canada geese. The panhandle area of Texas affords hunters the best shot

at taking these beautiful birds in big numbers. With miles and miles of open agricultural country to choose from the geese in that area have a steady diet and little hunting pressure which translates into some great shooting opportunities for anyone who makes the trip.

Also what many folks don't know or maybe don't hear about is the fact that the snow geese up there receive even less hunting pressure than the Canada geese do. Once the snows reach the

panhandle they get a chance to rest because very few if anyone hunts them until the special conservation starts at the end of regular duck season. The panhandle is probably one of the best places you can go during the special season simply because the snow geese have not been hunted and are much easier to decoy. If you are considering a late season hunt I would certainly think about this area and put it near the top of any wish list.

Winter Season Offers Opportunities for Bird Hunters

Staff Report For The Record

AUSTIN — While winter in Texas is often synonymous with spending dawn and dusk in a deer blind, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) wants to remind hunters of the various upland and migratory bird hunting seasons that are still open throughout the colder months.

Hunters can take part in several seasons for a range of species including dove, quail, duck, turkey and Sandhill Cranes. The winter months are also a good time to take part in lesser-utilized seasons, hunting for species like woodcock, rails, gallinules and chachalacas.

A few of the winter bird hunting season dates are as follows:

- Second segment of the statewide dove season;
- North Zone – Dec. 18, 2020 – Jan. 3, 2021
- Central Zone – Dec. 18, 2020 – Jan. 14, 2021
- South Zone – Dec. 18, 2020 – Jan. 23, 2021
- Quail;
- Statewide through Feb. 28, 2021
- Regular duck season



Texas wild turkeys now inhabit 223 of Texas' 254 counties and can be found in every vegetational zone within the state.

- and "Dusky" duck;
- High Plains Mallard Unit and North Zone open through Jan. 31, 2021
- South Zone – Dec. 12, 2020 – Jan. 31, 2021
- Turkey (Fall Season);
- North Zone – Open through Jan. 3, 2021
- South Zone – Open through Jan. 17, 2021
- Brooks, Kenedy, Kleberg and Willacy Counties – Open through Feb. 28, 2021
- Sandhill Cranes;
- Zone A – Open through

- Jan. 31, 2021
- Zone B – Open through Jan. 31, 2021
- Zone C – Dec. 19, 2020 – Jan. 24, 2021
- Woodcock;
- Statewide Dec. 18, 2020 – Jan. 31, 2021
- Rails, Gallinules and Moorhens;
- Open statewide through Dec. 30, 2020
- Chachalaca;
- Open through Feb. 28, 2021

Season dates for other species including pheasant,

common snipe and geese, along with bag limits and specific license requirements for each season, can be found in the TPWD Outdoor Annual. Hunters can access the Outdoor Annual online or via the Outdoor Annual app.

Texas hunters, residents and non-residents, are required to have a valid Texas hunting license and an upland game bird and/or a migratory game bird endorsement depending upon what species they plan to hunt. A Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification is required for those hunting migratory birds. Various statewide conservation projects, as well as public land hunting opportunities, are funded in part by migratory and upland game bird endorsement funds.

Those who need a place to hunt in Texas can take advantage of over 1 million acres of publicly accessible hunting land. Texas public land hunters need to have an Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit in addition to their hunting license. A map booklet of public hunting areas and information on how to purchase an APH permit can be found on the TPWD website.

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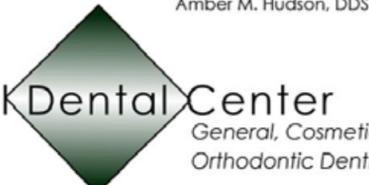
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after the arrival of Euro-Americans.

Recent research conducted by members of T.A.S.A. (Texas Archaeological Studies Association- Volunteer group of historical researchers in East Texas) have located in archives, libraries along with photographic copies of personal collections and has uncovered a startling find about the Atakapa Indians. There is now conclusive proof that the Atakapa Indians were the last of the Mound Builders in the Northern Americas.

This is attributed more to their location than the element of time. Historical accounts simply state their was no other place to build them except on the coastal waters, rivers, and bayous, of Texas, and Louisiana. Extensive research has uncovered that these mounds were built in massive proportions as Shell

Middens. Once thought to just be garbage sites.

We are now taking a closer look at these Shell Middens as deposits of historical records. Laid down in layers with each generation upon the other they are a testimony of the history of the Atakapa Tribes that once lived in the marshes of Texas and Louisiana.

Unlike the Indians of the Plains, and Northern parts of the Americas the Atakapa Indians used what was viable in their areas of living. The coastal regions are abundant in Oyster, Crab, and Clam Shell which was the main stay material of the Shell Midden Mounds.

Gumbo soil by itself easily washes away, along with the sand that abounds on the rivers, bayous and lakes of the coastal region. Either by trial and error method, or by ancestor's passage it was

found these factors mixed together and the added ingredient of Spanish Moss, would provide a life like concrete structure that could withstand the elements of time. The lime within the clamshell also helped to preserve the bones, and items carried to the burial chamber for the after life.

Like the Mounds of the Northern Indians these mounds contained human and animal bones, pottery, clay balls, and arrow and spear points. They differed only in the method of material construction. Along with these items have been found near by, carved ax head with petroglyph's writing, a stone with the head of a deer carved into it, and the famous Morgan Effigy a carved figurine that has survived the passage of time. These mounds contained these same kinds of artifact

found in mounds of other cultures Was this a practice adopted by the Atakapa or something that had been pasted down from generation to generation.

There are some who speculate this was a practice carried on by the Atakapa Indians from other cultures, while others speculate that the middens would have taken thousands of years to build and that the Atakapa Indians or their descendants would have continued burial practice in the same method

as introduced. Death to the Indian, and the proper passage of burial, were as important as life. There have now been over 35 established mound sites in the coastal areas of Louisiana and Texas that have been recorded and excavated by State Archaeologist.

The Caplen Mounds found on Bolivar Peninsula, Galveston Texas in August of 1932 This shell midden some 5-6 feet tall and some 10 feet into the ground and 45 feet across produced over 80 human re-

mains and numerous artifacts of pottery, points, drills and red balls of clay for dye. To date it is the largest recovery of human remains from a shell midden found on the Texas Coast. (1) The Shell Middens at Port Neches, Texas on the Neches River, one of the most important archaeological discoveries lost to modernization. The early settlement of Neches River area required good foundations to start the settlements.



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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: KEVIN WAYNE WHITSON., 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 twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgement may be taken against you. The petition of VICTORIA BUCHANAN and KEVIN L. BUCHANAN II, Petitioners, was filed in the County Court At 128th Judicial District Court of Orange County, Texas on August 18, 2020, against ANGELA DEAN WHITSON and KEVIN WAYNE WHITSON, numbered A200509-D and entitled "In the Interest of DIANA MARIE WHITSON, a child." The suit requests the Termination of the parental rights and granting of the adoption of a child. The date and place of birth of the child/ren who is/are subject of the suit:

Name of Child	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
DIANA MARIE WHITSON	07/17/2018	Beaumont, Texas

The court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Court at Orange, Texas, on September 30th, 2020.

Vickie Edgerly
Clerk of the District Court of Orange County, Texas
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: George B. Barron
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 279
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Dated the 2nd day of December, 2020.

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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On October 19, 2020, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI") filed an application to amend its Transmission Cost Recovery Factor ("TCRF") with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission" or "PUC"). The application was assigned PUC Docket No. 51406. The proposed TCRF is requested in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act § 36.209 and 16 TAC § 25.239. A TCRF allows a utility to recover its reasonable and necessary costs that have occurred since the end of the test year in the utility's last base rate case for transmission infrastructure improvement and changes in wholesale transmission charges to the electric utility under a tariff approved by a federal regulatory authority. In its requested amendment, ETI is seeking recovery of costs for transmission capital investments it incurred from July 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. ETI also seeks to recover approved transmission charges that are not otherwise being recovered through rates.

The proposed TCRF as amended would result in total TCRF retail revenues of approximately \$51.0 million, which is \$31.6 million in incremental annual TCRF revenue beyond ETI's currently effective TCRF. This \$31.6 million amount would be a 3.3% increase in ETI's annualized non-fuel revenue requirement as compared to revenues approved in Docket No. 48371, ETI's most recent base rate case, and a 2.1% increase in ETI's overall annualized revenue requirement including fuel costs as compared to such revenues as approved in Docket No. 48371. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice.

The Commission ALJ has established an intervention deadline of December 28, 2020 and a hearing request deadline of December 30, 2020. The effective date of the proposed rate change would be the date that a Commission order adopting the proposed TCRF is issued. ETI has requested that, if no hearing is requested, the Commission adopt an order approving the proposed TCRF at or before its currently-scheduled open meeting on February 12, 2021. All customers in ETI's Texas retail rate classes are affected by this request.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this filing may contact ETI at Entergy Texas, Inc., Attn: Customer Service—2020 TCRF Case, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call 1-866-981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application is available for inspection at the address listed above.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 51406 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon this proceeding should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. ETI has requested that the deadline be November 30, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the preferred method for you to file your request for intervention is electronically, and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention request.

Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>. Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at: http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New_PUC_Web_Filer_Presentation.pdf. Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Filer, you may email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: centralrecords@puc.texas.gov.

For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

If you are unable to file your request for intervention electronically, you may file your request for intervention by mailing a hard copy of your request to the PUC. The PUC should receive a letter from you requesting intervention by the intervention deadline. Mail the request for intervention and 10 copies of the request to:

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