



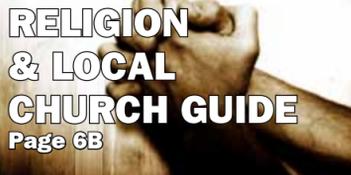
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Numbers point to virus letup in county

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Ding dong, the Covid's dead.

One can hope.

Orange County Judge John Gothia reported some big news Tuesday on the back of a similar announcement by Orange Mayor Larry Spears, Jr.

And Bridge City could, too.

"This is our fifth day of no new cases at all," Gothia told



Gothia

Commissioners' Court in a discussion of the coming shutdown of the six-county Southeast Texas Regional authority

formed in mid-March to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. At a city council meeting held earlier Tuesday via the GoToMeeting app, Spears pointed out that the City of

Orange had no active cases, according to the numbers posted on the Orange County Emergency Management Facebook page.

Zero. Zilch. Nada.

Bridge City also had no active cases.

Neither Orange -- the city

or the county -- is ready to go back to pre-Covid-19 "normal."

Hardly.

"This is a wonderful report we received [Monday] but this is far from over," Spears said.

"We are going to ask you to

continue to social distance, to continue to follow the guidelines as these businesses and restaurants reopen.

"This is not something to play with."

To prove it, Gothia announced the county is expecting \$2.2 million in just-

announced "Federal Covid Response" grants "fairly quickly" and told Kurt Guidry, county maintenance director, to spend it in a hurry to ward off a second wave.

Gothia said \$454,000, the

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Governor's rules allow real-time graduations

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

In a year when tradition has taken a turn upside down, Orangefield schools are still trying to decide when they'll hold high school graduation.

Truthfully, every school district is.

But in the Age of Covid-19 everything is tentative.

"We had scheduled ours for May 22, but we can't do it then. That's not in the governor's window," Shaun McAlpin, Orangefield superintendent, said.

Last Tuesday, May 5, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott issued guidelines for how high schools can hold actual in-

person graduations.

After June 1, in-person outdoors graduations are allowed. Graduates and their permitted guests will be seated using social distancing rules, so attendance will be limited by the size of the stadium.

"We're looking at the dates the weekends of June 5-6 and June 12-13," McAlpin said. "Our football stadium isn't large enough, so we're looking for a pavilion [like Ford Park], so we can have something covered in case of rain."

West Orange-Stark High School has its graduation set for June 5 at Mustang Stadium. Both Bridge City have their graduations set for June 20 at their football stadiums.

Cow Bayou offers scenic views close to home...



Since the coronavirus pandemic has forced social distancing many Orange County residents have been doing more projects around the house and spending more time in their gardens. They have also been spending more time outdoors, on the whole, getting more exercise and enjoying the fresh air, especially during one of the most beautiful springs our area has seen in years. Cow Bayou in Bridge City is a great example. It offers residents the opportunity to get out on the water and enjoys the scenic natural beauty of the bayou this time of year while still maintaining social distancing. Many locals have turned to boating for bonding with family, spending quality time with a loved one, or just enjoying the solitude away from crowds. Above: Monday afternoon a pontoon boat with two friends and their dog slowly meanders through Cow Bayou for a scenic tour of springtime on the shoreline.

Incidentally, National Safe Boating Week is May 16-22 with the goal of educating the public about the importance of safe boating practices.

RECORD PHOTO: Mark Dunn



John Montagne, Jr., left, and Walter Mullins III take their oath of service as Orange port commissioners from board attorney Scot Sheldon.

RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

Port board swears in 2 new members

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

The Orange County Navigation and Port District swore in two new board members Monday and they weren't exactly rookies.

Walter Mullins III, was a four-term port commissioner toward the end of the 20th century and John Montagne, Jr. joined the board a couple of years ago, to fill an unexpired vacancy.

Both filed to run unopposed for seats on the five-person board in May's election.

That election was postponed for many because of the Covid-19 pandemic. It was canceled for the Port because of a lack of contested races.

Mullins takes over the spot previously held by Barbara Winfree, who has retired.

Kevin Singleton was elected board president, with John Montagne as vice president and Keith Wallace, fifth-term member, secretary-treasurer.

The board, which oversees a \$2 million per year budget

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Nurse returns from Covid battlefield

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Sierra Roberts ended her final day on the job the way she began her first.

She was holding up a cell phone so a family could say their final goodbyes to a dying patient.

Roberts, a Bridge City High School grad and Registered Nurse for Beaumont's Baptist Hospital, just returned to Texas after spending 21 straight days working 12-hour shifts at New York City's Coney Island Hospital.

New York City has been the nation's No. 1 hotspot for the coronavirus and the deadly Covid-19 disease it carries.

Through Monday, May 11, New York City had seen 185,337 total reported cases and 20,056 deaths due to Covid-19.

"I made the commitment when I became a nurse to go in head-first in these kinds of situations, and I've got to stick to that commitment," she said in a telephone inter-



Sierra Roberts, a Bridge City native who is a registered nurse at Baptist Hospital Beaumont, just returned from a three-week duty at a hospital in New York City, the nation's No. 1 hot spot for the coronavirus and the deadly disease Covid-19.

view Monday.

Her commitment also included a two-week quarantine at her home after returning to Texas.

Roberts was in the Big Apple from April 14 through May 5. During her three weeks there, New York City saw as many as 8,000 new cases per day and a total of about 8,000 deaths.

"I've been a nurse for three years, two in the emergency room, and it was scary for me," Roberts said.

"When I got there, I tried to picture the worst-case scenario. What I saw far surpassed that.

"Every open unit they had in the hospital was basically an ICU [intensive care unit]. Almost every patient was vented [on a ventilator], super, super sick.

"The week before I got there was probably the worst they had. That's when people were coming in at a super-alarming rate and they were

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CORONAVIRUS IN TEXAS

Global price war, coronavirus pandemic hampering state's economy

Cassandra Pollock
The Texas Tribune

Texas Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick doubled down Tuesday on the agency's recent decision not to cut oil production and provided more detail on what discussions looked like in the weeks leading up to that high-profile vote, when the price of a barrel of oil sank into the negatives before climbing back up into the double digits.

"I think we've clearly made the right decision in my mind," Craddick said during a live interview with The Texas Tribune. "Look at where we are and what has happened just in the last couple of weeks. And it's even more important to back up a few weeks before we took the vote of what was beginning to happen within the industry — they were cutting themselves."

Craddick's comments came a week after the three-member commission, which regulates the state's oil and gas industry, decided against taking action to curb Texas oil production. The agency hasn't cut production since the 1970s. The decision not to cut production came after some of the state's oil producers appeared split about production cuts at a marathon public hearing during the coronavirus pandemic.



Texas Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick, center, attends a hearing at the Capitol. PHOTO: Bob Daemmrich for The Texas Tribune

Craddick and Railroad Commission Chairman Wayne Christian opposed cutting production; outgoing Commissioner Ryan Sitton supported it.

The push to cut production came on the heels of two major hits to the industry: an overseas oil price war that flared up between Saudi Arabia and Russia, and Texas officials' restrictions aimed at stopping the spread of the virus that halted the state's economy. That prompted oil prices to plummet to their lowest prices in decades, which sent the state, a top oil

producer in the country, financially reeling since its economy and budget are highly sensitive to oil prices.

Craddick said Tuesday that the agency had started seeing cuts within the industry before the pandemic gripped the state.

"Our April 2020 numbers reflect where we were in February — and we had already seen production cuts ... of about [300,000] to 400,000 barrels at that point," she said. "We were beginning to see cuts to begin with."

Craddick also said that she started receiving questions

about curbing oil production the day Gov. Greg Abbott declared a statewide emergency over the pandemic. Companies at that point, she said, were trying to figure out how to proceed with decreased demand and increased supply. Craddick said the questions she had about proration ranged from what the procedure would even look like, since it had not been done in roughly 50 years, to how the agency could do it correctly.

The commissioner did not mince words about how challenging the recovery

process could be.

"This is going to be painful. ... How do you get demand back up where people are comfortable driving, comfortable flying, still moving forward, and how do we continue to make sure we're doing the smart thing so business has an ability to come back? I think consistency is going to be really important," Craddick said.

She also pointed out how unemployment in the industry equates to a loss of talented workers — some of whom may never return because they need immediate paychecks. Craddick described that as a typical challenge during downturns.

"How do we maintain some talent, and where can

we keep them?" she said.

Craddick also said "it's going to be a challenge" for the agency to ensure stability in the industry as the recovery process gets underway and noted that Comptroller-Glenn Hegar's revised forecast of state finances in July would provide a better idea of where things stand from an economic standpoint and how extensive state budget cuts end up being.

"We've been through this before as an agency," she said. "We look at where non-essentials are as far as travel. We look at do we need to buy equipment, do we need to continue to hire people — it's all things like you'd run a business, that's how you run this agency."

Texas prisons to begin widespread coronavirus testing

Staff Report
For The Record

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice announced Tuesday it will begin widespread testing of state prisoners for the new coronavirus.

In a statement, the agency said it is receiving tens of thousands of new tests that

inmates will administer themselves, crediting Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas Department of Emergency Management. The new testing will start immediately, and inmates at all 104 prison units are being shown an agency video on how to administer the tests, prison spokesperson Jeremy Desel said.

The announcement came one day after the governor directed mass testing of all residents and staff at Texas nursing homes. Abbott said in a tweet Monday that the state was "working to rapidly expand our testing capacity—especially among vulnerable populations."

The coronavirus is fully entrenched in the Texas pris-

on system, with more than 2,300 inmates and employees infected at dozens of units as of Monday, according to TDCJ data. Thirty prisoners and seven TDCJ employees have presumably died from COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the virus.

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Numbers point to virus letup From Page 1

first grant, could be in the county's bank account "right now" and it should be spent on all the PPE [personal protective equipment], sanitizer, temperature gauges, and other equipment.

Guidry was giving a report on the progress of temporary sneezeguards being erected in the clerks' and tax offices ready for the county offices to reopen next week.

Gothia said that was fine, but he wanted to seek bids to quickly replace the temporary shields with permanent ones.

"We'll be looking at different things to make sure we have the supplies we need as quickly as we can, and surely in time to be ready for the next flu season."

Gothia said he'd been told Monday that the county wouldn't need to share its \$2.2 million with cities in Orange County, because they will be getting their own grants.

And there's no local matching fund payments connected to these federal monies, he said.

Gothia said that while the

six-county coalition is set to stand down and close its drive-through testing sites on Friday, May 15, Orange County would continue to monitor local trends and direct its citizens to testing sites.

He said the county was contracting with Triangle Area Network to handle testing for those who have no regular physician.

"We still want them to call the same hotline number, 1-800-550-2536," Gothia said. "The people answering will ask which county they're

from and make sure they get connected properly

"We're expecting most people needing tests will go through their local practitioners. Some doctors will only do the testing for their existing patients."

Numbers put out by the SETREO group, which are just collated from reports by one or more clinics, hospitals or health agencies in each county, are confusing.

As of Monday, May 11, releases by the City of Beaumont and Orange County emergency management

showed 198 active cases in north Jefferson County (Beaumont, Nome, China, Cheek, Hamshire and Fannett), an area with 123,000 combined population and just 14 in Orange County (population 83,400).

That's about 14 times more active cases in a population group just 1.5 times as big. Overall, north Jefferson County has tested only twice as many (2,135) as Orange County.

"Look at Hardin County [population 57,600]," Gothia said. "They're smaller than us, but their numbers [115 confirmed cases, 4 deaths compared to OC's 84 positives and 2 deaths] are higher. They've had a couple of hot spot areas and we've never had a hot spot area."

As of May 11, Orange County was still waiting on results from 92 of the 1,005 tests its residents had undergone. The northern half of Jefferson County had only 37 of its 2,135 test results pend-

ing. So numbers for Orange, both city and county, could easily go up even if no one else is tested.

"The governor has announced the state will test every nursing home in the state," Gothia said. "There will be some cases come out or that."

"We've been fortunate to not have an outbreak in our area and the numbers are going down because that's what we want to happen."

After Friday, we'll be fortunate to get any accurate accounting.

"I'm not sure who will send out numbers or provide information once shop has closed here," said a person involved with the SETREO health cooperative.

"I've not seen any of our health departments or health care facilities express an interest in working together or even separately to get that accomplished."

Sierra Roberts hero nurse From Page 1

basically dying because they didn't have enough resources."

Roberts worked for a large staffing agency that provided thousands of short-term employees to help bridge the gap between the usual supply of medical workers and the great need.

"Basically, there just weren't enough nurses," she said. "The New York City nurses were either getting sick or losing loved ones and staying home."

"One hospital only had seven staff members from the whole hospital show up. The rest of the workers were made up from agency nurses."

Roberts and her RN coworkers, at least five of them from Southeast Texas, took a leave of absence from their actual jobs to help out.

They were put up in top-rated Times Square hotels and meals and laundry were provided. But sightseeing wasn't on the agenda.

Roberts said she was delivered by bus to her hospital every morning at 6:30 a.m. and didn't leave the hospital until 8 p.m. most nights.

"I didn't have much time to think about anything. Just work, come home. Sometimes I'd eat. Sometimes I'd just be too tired."

"I'd call Mom and Nana and we'd count down the days until I got to come home. Then I'd go to sleep."

Coney Island is in Brooklyn, which had the highest fatality rate of any of NYC's five boroughs, with between 9 percent and 12.5 percent of Covid-infected individuals dying. The rate in Orange County is about 2 percent.

Conditions for Roberts and the other nurses improved the longer they were there.

"We had to reuse a lot of the protective suits and masks for a couple of days when I first got there," she recalled. "They would give us one mask and a few days later, they'd give us another one. For a while, I had to ro-



Sierra Roberts, third from left, and one of her nursing coworkers are surrounded by four of New York's Finest during their recent stay in New York City to fight Covid-19.

tate them out. I would Lysol my mask down, leave it in the sunlight and let it air out. I'd have another one to put on."

Friends back in Southeast Texas sent her care packages, including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

"A lot of PPEs came from donations," she said. "People in Southeast Texas sent me N95s [masks] and, at the end, I had one for every day."

"We had so many people [nurses] from Southeast Texas - five of us worked at either the Southeast Texas Medical Center, Baptist or St. Elizabeth. Donations came from all over Southeast Texas. They sent us cards, Lysol, PPEs, encouraging words to see us through it."

Roberts works in the cardiac catheter lab at Baptist, helping patients with emergency heart issues. She worked in the emergency room for two years before that.

"That's where I got my experience with it [death]," she said. "I know some of the nurses hadn't had that kind of critical care experience. We had to support them through it."

Many of the nurses that answered the call to NYC had ill-fitting resumes - some had only worked in drug rehab hospitals - but they adapted.

"Some of the nurses that didn't have critical care ex-

perience, they would send them to nursing homes," Roberts said. "Yes, the patients there were all sick [with Covid], but when they became critical, they sent them to hospitals."

"Not a single person was in their comfort zone. Everyone learned something new. I don't think anyone is prepared for something like that."

The Lamar University nursing grad was tested from the start of her New York adventure.

"When I first got there, I was in the ICU and I had a younger patient who had underlying condition and they knew he wasn't going to make it through the day," she recalled.

"As soon as I got on the floor and paired up with another nurse, they asked me if I could make the call so he could see his family for the last time."

"It was dreadful to hear all of them crying. That set the tone for me, how it was going

to be. I knew I'd better strap my boots on."

Some of the time, the nurses had to improvise.

"We ran out of drugs. The pharmacy couldn't keep up with these hundreds and hundreds of ventilator patients," she recalled. "We had to mix our own sedatives and paralytic drugs [used for intubation]."

"We just had to do what we had to do."

Roberts spent most of her days at the hospital working in the emergency room, where the nurses worked as a team.

"We didn't see a lot of anything not related to Covid," she said. "Basically, the whole ER was Covid patients. A lot of the ones I saw were admitted. If they could be sent home, they were."

The long days often began and ended with salutes from the people of the neighborhood. They yelled thank you and clapped to recognize the nurses.

"That was the most amazing thing I've ever seen," Roberts said. "I think it kind of got a lot of nurses through it. Everybody on the street cheering for you."

"You kind of feel like you don't deserve it, not like a hero, really. We're just doing our job. Cops are thanking you, firemen are thanking you. You want to say, 'No, thank you.'"

Roberts would like to say she's seen the last of Covid-19 but doesn't expect that to be the case.

"I personally don't think it's just going to end and be over. I do think we'll see a second wave," she said. "Who knew this would be so bad?"

Port board From Page 1

to operate the port, meets on the second Monday each month, usually at the port offices on Childers Road.

This month's meeting was held at the Orange City Council chambers to allow for social distancing for family members.

• **Gunter named to take over as constable**

Orange County Commissioners voted to accept the

resignation of Precinct 2 Constable Mark Jones, effective June 1, and named Jeremiah Gunter his replacement.

Jones did not stand for reelection and Gunter was the only candidate for the job to run in March's primaries.

Also, commissioners voted to extend the county's disaster declaration for the coronavirus pandemic.

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From The Creaux's Nest

WAITING ON BETTER DAYS

Daylight comes and the three cats and birds have been fed. One cat is not only a cat; he's a **Manx**, the only Manx kitten that survived **Hurricane Ike**. All the others didn't make it. His name is **Bobby Stagg**, but we call him the "Old Man." The **Stagg** family, our neighbors, raised him but he moved to our place a couple of years ago. He's showing his age, arthritis, etc. Anyway, for most of my life daylight would have found me at work. I would have picked up the daily papers, had a little breakfast and planned my day's work. **Instead I sit here afraid to get out in public yet.** My immune system is compromised and makes it dangerous for me. I know it's gambling with my life to mix with others during this crisis. My respiratory problems are much better but the Shingles linger. I thought after a month I would be done with that. My friend **Keith Wallace** told me a friend of his has been fighting **Shingles** for over three months. **Jack Smith** says his **Shingles** lasted over three months. I was also told this by **Quincy Procell**. **This is my first experience and I hope my last.** Other than the hurt and discomfort, it's hard to consecrate. I miss work so much that I almost gave it a try. My family and friends, who care about me, said, "Not yet." It's just not my nature to be in isolation. I worry about the newspapers and also my business friends. I hope we can all survive; business wise. Re-opening will help but it is not enough for many to make it. If we can all hold on I believe, in a couple of years, **Orange County** will start to boom. **The Chevron Phillips project will happen.** Even today they are buying up more land and pipelines. Their announcement is delayed but it will happen. **It might be a little late for some of our businesses.** Four or five years from now we will be the envy of the Gulf Coast. I believe if we can make it through December we'll be fine. **Come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.**

CONDOLENCES

REMEMBERING TOM BROOKS

Thomas T. Brooks, Sr., age 95, passed away May 9, 2020. Services will be at 2:00 p.m. at Old First Baptist Church, on IH-10, in Orange, Wednesday, May 13. Visitation will be at 1:00 p.m. We had known Tom since he moved to Bridge City in 1971. He was a WWII veteran having served in the Army and fought at the Battle of the Bulge. He retired from Gulf Oil after 36 years. He enjoyed gathering with his coffee club friends and from time to time, he and his wife Media, attended the Lunch Bunch. The couple made their home in Mauriceville. He was a former member of the Bridge City ISD Board of Trustees. Our condolences to his family and friends. May this good man rest in peace.

OUR NATIONAL NIGHTMARE

Two months ago, on March 14, the United States had **40 deaths** from **Covid-19**. Today we have **84,000 deaths** and headed towards **100,000** in late June. The management of this crisis has been disastrous. **It is a national nightmare.** The **U.S.** is only **four percent** of the world's population, yet the **U.S.** has **one fourth** of the world's death and virus cases. The **U.S.** has **330 million** people, **China** has **two billion**. Yet the **U.S.** has far more deaths. **Trump** hopes to get reelected making **China** the victim saying it over and over all the way to election. Along the way he will tie **Joe Biden** to **China**. **Trump** has again and again attempted to switch the blame away from his failed leadership. **Trump** has even accused **Obama** of a crime but refuses to say what the crime is. **Trump**, in his own trap of lies, will continue to blame everyone else. He will continue to blame others but the ball is in his court. The ball he once called a "Hokes." That two months ago he said, "We have **15 cases** in a couple of days it will be zero." Well, it ain't. A poll today shows that only 36 percent of Americans believe what **Trump** is telling them about the virus. A large number believe **Trump's** response has destroyed the economy. Others believe **Trump's** presidency will be recorded in history as **suffering and deaths**.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2010

We were disappointed in **Neighbor Cox's** result from his rain dance. It produced only one-fourth inch of rain Saturday. **Cox** admitted he had left out one step in the Indian ritual. Just forgot. Sunday, after dark, he repeated the dance and guaranteed results by Monday. **It worked.** We got nearly a half-inch. Better than nothing. It had been eight weeks since we had gotten the last half-inch. **Three local baseball teams** are still in the hunt for a state championship, all in Dist. 21-3A. All are schools within a rock's throw of each other. It is possible to be another **Cow Bayou Shoot Out** between No. 4 **Orangefield** and **Bridge City** for the right to play for the state championship. First, both teams have to take care of business. **Orangefield** will meet **West Orange-Stark** in the best two out of three. **Bridge City** must defeat **Huffman**. The **Cards** would then play **Jasper** or **Hudson**, probably **Jasper** for the right to meet **Orangefield** again. That is if the **Bobcats** defeat **WO-S** and next week beat either **Robinson** or **Mexia**.

Probably **Robinson**. If all that happens, **BC** and **OR** would meet for the right to play for state. Boy, what a crowd that game would draw. Now on the other hand, **WO-S** could be the team to advance but that would really be beating the odds. Surely one of the three **Orange County** teams will make it to the big show. **West Orange** runners repeat **State champs**. The odds are very long to be the best in Texas. It's almost impossible to win a state track championship two years in a row. It says a lot about the coaching of **Toby Forman**. He has truly been blessed to have so much talent the past two years. The **2010 Mustangs**, who ran wild at **Austin's Mike A Myers Stadium** Saturday to capture the championship, are **Trey Franks, Phillip Jones, Justin Thomas, James Hayness** and **Mark Roberts**. Congrats to those young men on their outstanding accomplishments. **You make Orange County proud.** **On Monday, May 17, Brad Frye** became the new police major at Bridge City. **Congrats Brad.** **Anabel Anderson**, age 88, accompanied by her caregiver **Betty Boyd**, attended the **Wednesday Lunch Bunch** dinner last week. The large group enjoyed having her. Many knew her, especially the Catholics like **Judges Thibodeaux, Janice** etc. **Anabel** has been one of the pillars at **St. Mary** for a very long time. Her home, across the street from the church, will someday belong to the church. **Anabel**, the only child of **Felix DeMary**, who owned **DeMary's Border Café**, on Highway 90's **Silver Strip** across from Orange. The gambling strip was like little **Las Vegas** in its heyday. **Anabel** and **Roy Dunn** are both natives of **Abbeville**. Also in attendance was our longtime county clerk **Karen Jo Vance**. She is always so interesting because she knows so many folks and can trace their roots. Newly-elected county treasurer **Christy Khoury** and JP elect **David Peck, Brandy Slaughter** from **David Self Ford** and **Shannon Pruitt**, from the juvenile probation office, are always fun to break bread with. Most always our JPs, constables, **Mayor Permenter** and other elected officials are in attendance along with other professionals, retirees and just regular folks. **The Corky Harmon's** went to Colorado, the **Glen Oliver's** went to Quebec and toured Canada, **Harry and Margie Stephens** motored to Kentucky to visit her dad and vacation. Now me, I'm planning to take off one afternoon next week and make my annual trip to **Buna, Gist** and **Evadale**. I might even make a stop at **Bugs Scuffle, Chester Holts'** old home place. **I hear through the grapevine that Sylvia Dickey Smith** will publish her fourth book in Sept., a historical novel of the Orange shipbuilding industry during WW II. "A War of her Own" promises to be another good book by the Orange-born author.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN Obituaries-2010

Richard Glenn Doggett, 64, of Orange died Tuesday, May 11. Graveside services were held Saturday, May 15. He attended Tilley Elementary, Carr Junior High, and graduated from Litcher Stark High School in 1966. He was a custodian at Litcher Stark and West Orange-Stark High Schools for over 40 years. Richard is survived by his brother Dennis; two nieces; four great-nieces; and one great-nephew. **Kaden Anthony Duval**, 21 days old, of Orange died Tuesday, May 11. Funeral services were Saturday, May 15. Kaden is survived by his parents Brittany Jones and Joshua Duval. ; grandmothers, Melissa Stevenson and Vicky Reddin; uncles, Michael Brian Deloach and Johnny Deloach; and aunts, Alaina Cook, Sunni Shute, Crysta Deloach, and Brittany Gonzales. **Florence L. "Cootie" Boudreaux**, 84, of Orange died Tuesday, May 11. Service was held Friday, May 14. She was a retired dental assistant for Dr. Couvillion in Orange for 20 years. She is survived by her husband, Paul Boudreaux; son, Lowell Boudreaux; three grandchildren.

45 Years Ago-1975

An eight-pound boy was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Bennis Bobbit**. They named him **John Joseph**. He became the first child born to a Bridge City employee since its incorporation five years ago. **Bennis** is a law enforcement officer. (Editor's note: That baby is 45 years old today. I wonder what became of the Bobbits?) **Bill Clark** and wife **Doris Ann** were special guests at the Louisiana Hayride in Shreveport. **The McLewis Lions Club** was chartered Tuesday night. **Ed Parker** was installed as first president. (Editor's note: I wonder how long that club lasted. I do know **Ed Parker** became Orange County sheriff and is now deceased.) **Bill, Barry** and **Bobbie Weisman** operate the **Midway Gulf** in Bridge City on Texas Ave. **Inez Hearn's** favorite **Aggie** story is about the **Aggie** who tried to get a piece of the rock. (Editor's note: I wish I could remember that story. Nez is gone now.) **Orange County Bass Club** were leaders at the **Toledo Bend Tourney**. Two man team fishing teams were **Preston Prince** and **Gary Glenda**, 21 lb., 13 oz.; **Virgil Wilson** and **A.F. Scotty Scott**, 18 lb., 1 oz.; **Troy Woodall** and **Harold Fuquia**, 15 lb., 7 oz.; **Willie Hayes** and **Leslie Holt**, 14 lb., 7 oz. and **Tommy Humphrey** and **Gerald Thibodeaux**, 13 lb., 14 oz. **Pete Coon** took "Big Mouth" honors with a 5 lb., 6 oz. "Bucket Mouth." (Editor's note: I don't know about those other guys but **Troy Woodall** is still fishing every chance he gets. **Troy** hasn't aged much in 45 years.) **Karen Ann Allen** and **David A. Sexton** marry on May 24, 1975.

84 Years Ago, 1949

Stark High graduates its largest class to date, 207. **Jettie Pearl Schmidt** was valedictorian, **Margaret Barret**, salutatorian. **Tiger** baseball team in three-way tie for the 11-AA championship. Players are **O'Neil Gauthier, Allen Burkart, David Broussard, George Poland, Olney Beltz, Skipper Weaver, Bobby Joe Fisk, Bill McDonald, Bubba Herring, Ken Reese, Robert Barnes, Mike Lingo, Howard Owens, Dale Lewis, Don Granger, Darrell Skidmore, L.C. Kinkham** and **Jimmie Taylor**. **Judge Sid Caillavet** addresses 14 grads at Orangefield. **Laverne Granger** was named valedictorian and **Bonnie Cotton**, salutatorian. **St. Mary** graduates its first class of seniors. The four members are **Amelia Ulm, Roberta Blankenstein** and **Ray** and **Roy Simar**.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

The run-off elections in Texas will be July 14. That is when Democrats will pick a United States senatorial candidate. Even though **Sen. John Cornyn** does not yet know who he will be running against, he has spent \$10 million

on his re-election campaign. Most Republican senators and congressmen who are facing opposition are putting some distance between themselves and **Trump**. If the predictions are right that **Trump** will lose the popular vote by **six to eight million votes**, he will take some of them down with him. **Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School** is planning graduation on a date that ties into the times. **June 20, 2020 at 8:20 p.m.** is the date the students came up with. **That's a keen idea.** **Our friend Gerald Leleux** remains in rehab after major heart surgery. We wish him continued improvement. **Our buddy Jane Dunn** will have Rotator Cuff surgery this week. Good luck with that. **Judge Derry** will be in charge of preparing meals, dish washing, clothes folding, etc. Let's see how that works out. I hope he takes good care of the tomato plants because I can always count on **Derry** for home-grown "maters." **Thanks to our buddy Van Choate**, who dropped off a big jar of **Cajun Pickled Okra**. Can't wait to dive into that treat. **A few people we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. May 13:** Our friend of many years the **Barbeque King**, native son, **J.B. Arrington**, celebrates his 95th birthday and still going strong. I have no doubt he's headed to 100. A great guy who lived through a lot of history. **May 14:** A few folks celebrating today **David Gauthier, Terry Hamilton, Madison Lyons** and **Brad Johansson.** **May 15:** Longtime retired educator **Nancy Chenella** and pretty **Deborah Ellender** celebrates today. **May 16:** Longtime friend, a guy I've known since he was in short pants, **Judge Pat Clark**, celebrates. I'm not sure but **Pat** might be the longest serving district and county judge at law. His longtime friend **Sam Frank Lucia** shares a birthday with **Pat**. They go back to their college days. **May 17:** Some lovely ladies celebrate today. Happy birthday to **Angie Breaux, Jennifer Clark** and **Nickie Judice.** **May 18:** **Wilson's** better half, **V. J. Roberts** celebrates today. She's the best thing that ever happened to the old lawman, a great lady we're proud to call friend. **May 19:** Happy birthday to **Al Judice**, what a guy. Also celebrating is **Leon Carter**, **Flo's** brother, **Mark's** dad, a good salt-of-the-earth guy. Also best wishes to **Harry Dodge** and **Mark Watts.** **Happy 65th wedding anniversary** to our friends **Coach Les Johnson** and his pretty wife **Wanda.** **I'm not buying how great testing has been. It's not true that anyone who wants a test can get one.** A person must show symptoms. Texas has 30 million citizens and only **one percent has been tested.** **Orange County** has **81,000** people, **1,000** have been tested, leaving **80,000** who have not. What's true is that if you are sick and need a test, you can get one at **TAN** and other private outlets. **The big question.** What will the **Supreme Court** do with **Trump's** tax case?

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday on **May 13** to **Calvin Granger, Michael Baker, Kate Jackson** and **Renee Price.** **May 14:** **Janis Goss, James Birdwell, Courtney Spring.** **May 15:** **Jennifer Russell, Hailey McCoun, Heather Brinson** and **Norman Gaspard.** **May 16:** **Mark Simmons, Sondra Taliaferro** and **Clay Sims.** **May 17:** **Nickie Wall, Donna McClanahan, Newly Hunt, Greg Defrates.** **May 18:** **Denis Kincade, Kim Hanks, Sydney Taylor** and **Shelley Dugan.** **May 19:** **Cheryl Stone, Dalayna Sandlin** and **Jean Duplantis.**

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

May 13: **Stevie Wonder**, 70, R&B Singer; **Stephen Colbert**, 56, TV Show Host; **Darius Rucker**, 54, Pop Singer. **May 14:** **George Lucas**, 76, Director; **Cate Blanchett**, 51, Movie Actress; **Dustin Lynch**, 35, Country Singer. **May 15:** **Emmitt Smith**, 51, Football Player; **Sarah Hadland**, 49, TV Actress; **Ray Lewis**, 45, Football Player. **May 16:** **Janet Jackson**, 54, Pop Singer; **Megan Fox**, 34, Movie Actress; **Pierce Brosnan**, 67, Movie Actor; **Tori Spelling**, 47, TV Actress. **May 17:** **Bob Saget**, 64, TV Actor; **Tony Parker**, 38, Basketball player; **Nikki Reed**, 32; Movie Actress; **Derek Hough**, 35 Dancer. **May 18:** **George Strait**, 68, Country Singer; **Reggie Jackson**, 72, Baseball Player; **Zain Imam**, 33, TV Actor. **May 19:** **Sam Smith**, 28, Pop Singer; **Grace Jones**, 72, Pop Singer; **Eleanor Tomlinson**, 28, Movie Actress; **Archie Manning**, 71, Football player.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Dartez, Comeaux and **Quibodeaux** were drinking a few beer at **Tee-Boy's Lounge** wen da conversation got around to who had da ugliest wife. Dey bet \$10 each dat dere wife was da ugliest. Dey agreed to go to each other's house.

Dey went to **Dartez's** house first. Dey agree she's ugly. Den day go to **Comeaux's** house, he call his wife to come to da living room. Dey agree dat she's ugly, her. Uglier dan **Dartez's** wife.

Dey go to **Quibodeaux's**. His wife was in the kitchen. He call out for her to come to da living room. His wife **Coltile** axe, "Do you want me to put on da sack, hanh?"

Quibodeaux say, "No, babe, I don't want to play pick-a-pook me, I jus want to win a turty dollar bet."

C'EST TOUT

This was no Indian Rain Dance

I have a tale to tell you about my 95-year-old friend, "Neighbor **Cox**." When everyone went in lockdown a month ago, **Cox** went to stay with daughter and son-in-law, **Karen** and **Keith**, in Lufkin. After three weeks in Lufkin, despite being well cared for, he just wanted to be home. I spoke with him the day after his return and he was so happy to be home. The second day he was home he did a few chores and was blowing his driveway right at dark when he stumbled and took a bad dive. He swears he wasn't doing the **Indian Rain Dance**. Anyway, he not only broke his glasses but really bruised his face but, that's not the worse. He broke a vertebra in his neck, the same as in a diving accident. He laid in the yard unable to get up when, by chance, was finally discovered by a neighbor. She called 911. After staying in hospital **Cox**, now in a neck brace, was transferred to a rehab facility for the next 12 weeks. He's bound to a wheel chair. My prayers are with my old friend but that old WWII vet is tough. Even though no one can visit him I will stay in touch by phone. Relatives will be staying at his place and will finish blowing the driveway. **Cox** was raised in Joaquin, in East Texas and for over 20 years I've kidded him about his **Indian Rain Dance** whenever we needed rain. **My time is up.** Keep praying for an end to this **Covid-19**. Take care and God bless.

Deaths & Memorials

Grace Marie (Hall) Guillot, 75, Orange

Grace Marie (Hall) Guillot was born on January 15, 1945 in Anahuac, Texas and passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 10:30 p.m.

She grew up in Anahuac and enjoyed a very happy family life with her parents and two brothers.

Grace was a 1963 graduate of Anahuac High School where she was considered popular and was voted Miss Anahuac High School, Class Favorite, Student Council Member, Class Officer and was a member of The National Honor Society. She was active in numerous student educational programs, including drama and sports. Volleyball and swimming were her favorite sports, and both were considered her best talents.

Grace had a Christian faith since childhood and was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Anahuac, Texas. Later, she transferred to the First United Methodist Church of Orange and served on the Administrative Board, participated in fund raising and taught Sunday School for beginning students.

Some of her personal distinctive traits included the possession of a pleasing personality and behavior that was considered by her family and friends to be loving, considerate, caring and she had an abundance of compassion for others. A popular trademark of hers was plenty of "hugs and kisses" for everybody, plus she always had a smile.

She attended the University of Texas for 2 years, then returned to her hometown to work for a Title, Abstract and Surveying business.

For over forty-four years, Grace was employed in the Legal Services business as a Legal Secretary and as a Certified Legal Assistant. She worked for several Attorneys in the local region and worked with the Mehaffy Weber Law Firm in Beaumont, Texas as a Certified Legal Assistant performing legal research and the preparation of legal briefs for judicial proceedings for over twenty-three years. During her legal career, she attended night school for several years at Beaumont Lamar University and earned a Degree in Paralegal studies.

Grace was an active member of the Southeast Texas Legal Assistants (SETLA) and was voted the 1994 Legal Assistant of The Year. She was also a member of the National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) and was elected a Delegate to NALA Conventions in North Dakota and Washington D.C.

After successful completion of all NALA educational courses, she earned the designation and was recognized as a Certified Legal Assistant (CLA). Grace was also a member of the Legal Assistants Division of the State Bar



of Texas and served as a District 10 Officer.

Upon retirement with the Mehaffy Weber Law Firm, Grace was recognized for her loyal, dedicated, and conscientious career effort in the Legal Business.

Grace took responsibility for managing all family matters in the extensive absences of her husband, Roland, while he was away working on technical projects throughout the United States.

Some of her enjoyments and pastimes were entertaining her family with water sports at Toledo Bend Lake, playing tennis and Bridge, touring the countryside scenery and her favorite was being a mother of her blended five children family. Grace and Roland successfully completed their "Bucket List" by vacationing to multiple locations throughout the U.S., visiting Hawaii and Alaska, enjoyed several cruises and took a trip to tour Italy in Europe.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Robert (Bob) and Myrtis Hall of Anahuac, Texas and a close aunt and uncle, Grace and Coy Brewer of Dallas, Texas. Grace also lost and infant granddaughter, Ella Makai Guillot from Meadow Vista, California and a daughter-in-law, named Cathy Guillot from Eldorado Hills, California.

Grace is survived by Roland Guillot, her dedicated and loving husband for over forty-five years. She is also survived by two brothers, Robert (Bobby) Hall and wife Judy of Anahuac, Texas and Jimmy Hall and wife Ronica (Roni) of Seabrook, Texas.

Surviving children with spouses are Stephen Guillot and companion Janine Fisher of Denver, Colorado, Kelly Guillot and companion Denise Bogovich of Shingle Springs, California, Rachael (Edwards) Mino and companion Eric Uhlman of Laramie, Wyoming, Joe Bob Edwards and wife Bonny of Houston, Texas, and Curt Guillot and wife Marlo of Meadow Vista, California.

Grace is also survived by eleven much loved grandchildren and numerous marriage and family relatives.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be conducted at the First United Methodist Church of Orange, Texas and will be postponed and announced at a later date. Officiating will be Senior Pastor Lani Rousseau and Music Minister Caroline Dennis. Grave-side burial will follow the memorial service and be conducted at Trout Creek Cemetery in Call, Texas for all family, relatives, and friends. The cemetery is located on the corner of Highway 87 and FM 1004.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the First United Methodist Church of Orange, Texas.

Donald Jeansonne, 96, Bridge City

Donald Jeansonne, 96, of Bridge City, Texas, passed away on May 10, 2020 at his home surrounded by family. Private family services will be under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Don was born in Plaqueville, Louisiana on February 28, 1924. He was the son of Adras and Carrie Jeansonne. He served in the Marine Corps in San Francisco, California and was a World War II veteran. Don married Helen Jackson on March 22, 1946. They were married for 68 years and raised four daughters. They enjoyed dancing together. He also enjoyed fishing and was an avid gardener. He is survived by daughters, Beckie Hannegan and husband Vince, Deborah Duncan and husband Robert, Gaye Jehn and husband



Bruce, and Donna Peery and husband Gary, all of Orange; six grandchildren, Julie Waldo and husband Gerry, Grant Hannegan, Kevin Price and wife Angela, Tara Mouton, Courtney Polk and fiancé Jeremy Williams, and Cydney Hill; along with 11 great-grandchildren. Don was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two sisters, and two brothers. Don worked

for 36 years at DuPont in Orange as a process operator in the Methanol and Promoter areas. He retired in 1982. The family would like to extend a special thanks to his caregivers, Barbara Bates, Jennifer Merrell, Maura Terrell, and Rachel and Karista with Hospice Plus.

Bridge City Al-Anon

Al-Anon meetings are held on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Library at St. Henry's Catholic Church Education building, lo-

cated at 475 W. Roundbunch Road, Bridge City. For more information, please contact Cindy at 409-749-9036.

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Helen Broussard, 80, Orange

Helen was born on February 7, 1940 in Beeville, Texas to Edwin and Velma Staples Kossa, and passed away at home in Manvel, Texas with her family on May 9, 2020.

She graduated from Liberty High School in 1957, married Donald Droll in 1958 and moved to Orange in 1961, where she raised her four children. Helen went on to earn her Associate and Bachelor degrees from Lamar University. She was a certified Leisure Professional, a Texas Parks and Recreation Society Professional and was listed in Who's Who in Government Service and Who's Who in the South and Southwest. She was the Lower Sabine Neches Soil & Water Conservation District State Business Woman of the Year in 1988. Helen served as the Orange County Parks Administrator from 1981 until her retirement and she truly loved her job at Claiborne West Park. Helen was also a life time member of the V.F.W.

Helen's favorite things were God, her family and community service. She was very active in all the activities of her children and grandchildren, including scouting, campfire, 4-H, PTA and various school activities. She served as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary's Catholic Church, where she was also a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, the Altar Society, the Choir of Angels and worked in the soup kitchen.

In 2001, she married Floyd Broussard, Sr. Helen was very active in her retirement, leading the Senior Exercise Program at Lamar College for many years and founding the Red Hot Flashers chapter of the Red Hats. Helen loved spending time with her family, particularly her granddaughter Sabrina whom she considered an angel from heaven. She also



enjoyed dancing, Elvis, crafting, going on cruises with Floyd and friends. Her fondest childhood memory was playing dress-up with her sister.

Helen is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Floyd Broussard, Sr., step-son Floyd Broussard, Jr. and brother Lt. Colonel Phillip Kossa.

She is survived by her children, Cheryl (Gordon) Westmoreland of Kingwood, Melinda (Sonny) Metz of Manvel, Darryl (Caron) Droll of Orange, David (Mackenzie) Droll of Conroe, Stepdaughters Susan (Ray) Broussard, Christy Broussard and Kelly Broussard, her sister Judy (Dave) Lindemulder, and her brother Raymond Kossa. She leaves behind to cherish her memory 15 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family invites you to join them in celebrating her life on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange, beginning with visitation at 1 p.m., a recitation of the rosary at 2 p.m., followed by a processional to St. Mary Catholic Cemetery for a graveside service and burial. Helen's grandchildren will serve as honorary pallbearers. For those unable to attend, the service may be viewed on Claybar Funeral Home's Facebook page.

The family would like to thank Dr. Pingali of Methodist Hospital, special friend Cathy Carpenter, and Wayland, Melanie and Rachel of A-med Hospice for their loving care of our mother during her illness.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Helen's name to the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, 912 West Cherry Avenue, Orange, Texas 77630, or to a charity of your choice.

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Why We Long for Face to Face

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True to its name, the thrill of Zoom burned out about as quickly as it took off, leaving most of us tired, exasperated, and feeling more disconnected.

The longing we feel to gather together in person is not new (it's as old as mankind), but the coronavirus has refreshed and deepened that longing for many of us. We are certainly more aware of the face-to-face needs embedded into our humanity. But the last two months didn't create that need; they have only exposed what humans, and especially Christians, have always needed.

As the very first churches were born and began spreading and multiplying, they had to say a lot of hard goodbyes (Acts 20:37-38; 2 Timothy 1:4). Not only did they not have the kind of technology we enjoy now, but the dangers of following and preaching Christ were real and severe. People were dying for believing what we believe (Acts 7:58; 12:1-3). So goodbye was a serious, painful word. The social distance they experienced was all the more tangible, difficult, and sometimes permanent — at least until death reunited them.

So when the apostles say, over and over again, "I long to see you," we know their longing was deep and acute. Now, two months into a coronavirus quarantine, we feel more of what they might have felt for one another.

'I Would Rather Not Zoom'

The apostle John wrote to a church he loved and knew well, "Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete" (2 John

12). Writing can say an awful lot (this is an apostle speaking, in the very word of God). But even in the inspired, inerrant, infallible, sufficient writings of Scripture, there is a longing for more than writing. For more than words.

John and the other apostles likely learned this dynamic directly from Jesus. At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus "went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons" (Mark 3:13-15). Even the God-man longs for with-ness — not just shared theology or even shared mission, but shared space and shared life.

God has given embodied flesh and blood an irreplaceable power and potency in relationships, and he has embedded a need for that kind of experience in every human, and in every church. Some things were meant to be said in the same room. Closeness matters. Love was meant to meet. When we gather together in one place, neither audio lags nor frozen videos, nor mute buttons nor push notifications, nor internet connectivity, nor any other technical hurdles or hiccups, can separate us anymore.

Smartphones and Zoom calls are extraordinary gifts, gifts the early church surely would have treasured and leveraged, but still gifts that fall short of what we (and they) have longed for. John may be saying as much when he writes, "I hope to come to you and talk face to face." So not just face to face (we can almost reproduce that today), but actually with you.

The joy of fellowship can only be so full from far away. Notice why John wants to be face to face: "so that our joy may be complete."

Social distancing means less joy. We sacrifice a fuller, deeper delight — in God and in one another — when we cannot be together. Many of us feel that shortage of joy now more than we have before.

Longing for Strength and Courage

The apostle Paul expresses the same refrain of longing throughout his letters. He says, "I long to see you" (or something like it) to the Romans, the Philippians, the Thessalonians, and Timothy. He writes to the Corinthians, "I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church" (1 Corinthians 4:17). Paul knew that the flesh-and-blood, day-in, day-out presence of Timothy would communicate Paul's ways in Christ even more than Paul's own words could.

His longing for the church in Rome, though, feels especially relevant and enlightening. Paul believes something will happen when he sees them that will not happen in the same way or at the same level through his letter (in this case, arguably the single greatest letter written in history). He writes,

I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you — that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. (Romans 1:10-12)

Paul says, "I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift." We don't know what spiritual gift he had in mind, but we do know that his presence would "strengthen" the believers in Rome, and that both Paul and

his readers would be "encouraged" in a way they could not be otherwise.

Paul uses the same two Greek words together when he writes to the Thessalonians, "We sent Timothy, our brother and God's co-worker in the gospel of Christ, to establish [strengthen] and exhort [encourage] you in your faith" (1 Thessalonians 3:2). Physical presence allows Paul and Timothy, and you and me, to strengthen and establish, encourage and exhort in ways we cannot through media, however advanced that media may be. Paul made the extraordinary effort to be with his fellow believers because he knew the extraordinary potential of being face to face. He knew the potential joy of truly being together (2 Timothy 1:4; Philippians 2:28).

So, we are right to long to see one another and to strengthen, encourage, and enjoy each other, as the church. Zoom alone is not enough. For now, like John and Paul, we use the technology we have, and continue loving one another as creatively, intentionally, persistently as we can. But God wants us to long for more, to eagerly anticipate that great reunion some Sunday, when we're truly together again.

Walk with Us

God also wants us to anticipate, all the more, the even greater and sweeter reunion to come, when Christ returns to gather all the saints from our homes and bring us to our final home.

One way God might have us lean into the loneliness and trials of isolation is not only by longing to be with one another again (we should!), but also by longing for the months, and years, and centuries when we will walk with him. When he makes all things new, rids the world of all viruses and corruption, forever removes any

stay-at-home orders, and unleashes us, without temptation or sin, on all he has made, he will not call in from afar, but he will dwell and walk with us.

The same John who preferred bodily presence to paper and ink saw the wonder of what we will experience:

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Revelation 21:3)

Could John have been any clearer? The dwelling place of God will be with us. He will dwell with us. God himself will be with us as our God. Days of social distancing are especially good for savoring promises like these, for dreaming of all the days we will

one day spend with God.

John wrote about that great hope and future from exile, while he was isolated on an island (Revelation 1:9). And yet, as alone as he was (far more than we are today), he not only took heart in the promise of heaven, but found ways to strengthen others' hope for what's to come. His isolation became the reason for someone else's perseverance. For our perseverance. How might God use us — a letter, a phone call, a text message — to do the same for someone struggling to believe?

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Start of MLB season still has Many "Ifs"



Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred.

KAZ'S KORNER JOE KAZMAR For The Record



Joe Kazmar

Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred made a last-ditch effort to save the 2020 MLB season early this week by presenting a blueprint during a conference call Monday with the league's 30 owners, according to an article that appeared in Monday's edition of the Houston Chronicle.

A return to play proposal would be given to the Players Association as early as yesterday, despite the situation still being characterized as extremely fluid, with several hurdles to overcome.

The fact that the players approve the proposal doesn't mean anything will happen until it receives the blessing from local governments and medical experts the league has been in constant consultation with.

The article stated that the plan presented to the owners on Monday is expected to contain a season of approximately 80 games that begins in early July. MLB's goal is to play as many games as possible in empty home ball parks.

Even if the July target date is approved, some form of a sec-

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Distancing: Not A Bad Alternative



Dickie Colburn

DICKIE COLBURN For The Record

While I certainly won't mention any names as they don't need some fool publishing a list of temporarily unoccupied residences, it is amazing the number of folks that are now spending more time at their lake homes than their permanent residences. They just won't come home and I don't blame them!

I know of one couple that has spent more time at their camp on T-Bend over the past two months than they did in the past ten years. Robert and Beverly Connor left home as well, but took a slightly different approach.

"Rather than leave the house vacant, when our daughter's college shut down, we suggested that she and her roommate move into our house and it has worked out for all of us," said Robert. "At least I hope so as we haven't seen the house in the last three weeks. I can only hope she is into social distancing."

I cannot recall receiving so many texts and emails concerning the fishing status on Toledo Bend as well

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The two keys to making the technique pay off are building and setting a quality pile of brush and learning how to fish it once it has attracted fish. Lamar and Lenzi Belcher took that challenge seriously and says he learns a little more every trip. "Last weekend we did nothing more than set our slip cork a foot or so shallower and it was game on." Above: Lenzi Belcher shows off their proof.

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Very seldom, if ever, will you run into anyone who doesn't like it when everything happens just right. Fishermen especially love it when they plan for a day on the water and everything from the weather to the fish ends up working in their favor. On occasion those types of trips happen and they help to erase the memory of the bad ones from the past. For many of the folks who fish with me the hope of catching just the right day is a high priority, especially the ones that travel great distances to get here. When you base an entire trip on one day the stress of having everything go just as planned is real for both the anglers and the guide because nobody wants to make that trip home disappointed.

In order to offer up the greatest opportunities for customers most guides spend off days doing some sort of scouting, either on their own or using information from other guides they fish with. The constant up to the day reports helps to keep



Chuck Uzzle

customer trips as productive as possible and also helps to eliminate bad water where valuable time can be lost during a charter. Every so often as a guide you owe it to yourself to get away from the same water you've been fishing and check out some other locations. Call it a hunch, call it a premonition, call it what you will, it's a great feeling when you find the kind of fish you are hoping to find and it spells success for your clients. In many cases the new productive water you find may even offer up an entirely new or different pattern than the one you had been fishing previously. Regardless of the pattern you found it now offers up another option that may be just what you need to be successful and also give you another option if you get limited by some other factors such as weather. Having a quality alternate plan in your hip pocket certainly puts a guide at ease and contributes to a more enjoyable day on the water for everyone.

A perfect example of this type of situation happened to me recently as I was scouting for an upcoming trip where my customers wanted to try and catch some redfish on fly tackle. The conditions here on Sabine and Calcasieu have been the same as everywhere else with really high water levels all over the place. High water in our marshes is not very conducive to sight fishing and that had me worried. Fortunately I was able to locate an area where several good schools of fish were actively schooling and giving up opportunities to be cast at. I spent enough time in the area to catch a couple of fish and then I left them to go check out a few more stretches of water before calling it a day and feeling good about having a solid plan.

The next day I met my customers and both were very excited to chase some fish they had never caught before and were just really happy to see some different sights. It's always a pleasure to have folks on my boat who are enthusiastic and willing to learn. After a short boat ride we arrived at the area where the redfish had been so cooperative and just like you



Redfish running the shorelines in schools are prime targets right now.

would hope for the plan began to unfold perfectly. Very little, if any wind, made detecting those schooling fish very easy to spot as they were

already cruising the shallow water and aggressively feeding. We could not have asked for any better situation.

I climbed up on the poling platform and began to push the boat across the big flat to get them into position to take a shot at one of the schools of redfish and it didn't take long before we were rewarded for the effort.



This pattern held up for a while and made it nice for everyone. Once a school would finally separate or leave it was just a matter of scanning the surface before finding another group of willing redfish to pursue. Around lunch time we were greeted with a light breeze that made the temperatures more than comfortable but a little less than ideal for casting a flyrod. My clients were flexible enough to pick up my spinning rods and finish out the day throwing a Marker 54 jerk Shrimp under a cork with great success. The day was first rate and the game plan had worked to perfection.

We are nearing the halfway point of the year and some of the best fishing imaginable is on the horizon, unfortunately so are the crowds. Please keep a full tank of courtesy on your boat and respect the other anglers. Also if you get the opportunity take a kid fishing. No school right now means open schedules and endless opportunities to share a day on the water with a kid and introduce them to our sport. Enjoy your time out there and be safe.

Boaters, Anglers Encouraged to Stay Clear of Coastal Waterbird Rookeries



Roseate spoonbills and other iconic coastal birds can be seen nesting in dense colonies, called rookeries, which can consist of thousands of birds and a multitude of other species on barrier islands and smaller islands in Texas bays.

**Larry Johnson
For The Record**

(AUSTIN) — With peak boating season around the corner, Texans recreating on the coast are likely to spot iconic coastal birds like brown pelicans, roseate spoonbills, black skimmers and reddish egrets nesting in dense colonies, called rookeries, which can consist of thousands of birds and a multitude of other species on barrier islands and smaller islands in Texas bays. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is encouraging Texas boaters and anglers to watch out for these nesting birds while on the coast, so they aren't disturbed during this sensitive time.

"With too many disturbances, an entire colony of thousands of birds may abandon an island and give up on breeding for the year. Over time, this can potentially lead to drastic population declines," says Trey Barron, a Diversity Biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "When approached too closely by boaters or people wading nearby, birds are frightened off their nests, leaving eggs and chicks exposed to rapidly overheat in the summer sun and allowing opportunistic predators like gulls and grackles to quickly swoop in and feed on them."

Colonial nesting waterbirds, whose nests, eggs and chicks are protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and by Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, typically nest from late February through August. The

islands in which the birds nest are often tiny, including spoil islands, and may only appear as large sandbars. This puts them at a greater risk of encountering people as recreational use by coastal anglers, boaters, birdwatchers, and wildlife photographers, among others, is highest. Of the 25 or so species considered to be colonial nesting waterbirds in Texas, over half are experiencing major population declines.

These birds, and their habitats, are valuable to Texas. Black skimmers, the species featured as the logo for the TPWD Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail signage, have experienced a severe decline, approximately 70%, since record-keeping began with

Texas waterbird surveys in 1973. Similarly, the reddish egret, a state threatened species, attracts birders from all over the world. More reddish egrets nest in Texas than almost anywhere else in the world.

"The black skimmer might be the next bobwhite, a bird which was once widespread in Texas but has disappeared from nearly 83% of its U.S. range," says Cliff Shackelford, a Nongame and Rare Species Biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Many people now miss hearing the bobwhite's sweet whistle, and soon saltwater anglers and boaters may miss the graceful waterbird that skims the surface in search of a meal."



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"The habitats that waterbirds use are the same habitats in which we, including myself, enjoy fishing, hunting and photographing wildlife," Barron said. "We just have to remember to give them their space, especially during the nesting season, and pick up after ourselves. If you're out on the water, look for the yellow signs that identify rookery islands and keep your distance. We can all enjoy the same places as long as we do it responsibly."

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Lenzi Belcher with two nice crappie from the 50 or so fish caught by her and her husband Lamar.

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as Rayburn on a daily basis. That only indicates that not only are a lot more folks fishing than ever before, but they are catching as well.

This morning I opened four texts and thirteen emails and I had nine pictures of fish. White perch have stolen the show, but the bass catching has not been bad either. Due to circumstances out of anyone's control, Gary Stelly virtually missed the spawn, but he has certainly made up for it over the past couple of weeks.

He has had an opportunity to fish more this year than ever before and his skills continue to improve, but he attributes his more consistent catching to more cooperative bass. "I can't remember the average size of the bass we are catching being this solid this soon following the spawn."

The numbers of double digit fish reported was down considerably during the spawn, but several different

patterns are now producing not only a few of those larger fish, but great numbers as well. "I am usually crappie fishing and waiting on the bream to start this time of the year," said Clayton Fears, "but I am still drifting 8 to 12 feet of water with a Carolina rig and consistently going through limits of bass most every afternoon. My son-in-law caught his first double digit fish night before last on a buzz bait."

While Stelly continues to get it done with either a square bill or Wacky worm in less than eight feet of water, lots of other anglers are taking advantage of a much deeper bite. "We have been drop-shotting a finesse worm in 20 to 24 feet of water over the past two weeks and have caught bass, wind

or no wind, every day," reported Preston Katz.

"We get no pressure because most people think we are crappie fishing over a brush pile and just ride on by," he added. "We are finding the best schools of bass

"We caught about fifty fish and she caught all but four of them."

holding on the south side of deep points and it hasn't mattered if there is grass or not."

And, while on the topic of "crappie fishing", I don't think it can get better than it is right now for the brush pile fishermen. I think the T-Bend anglers are catching a little better average fish than their Rayburn counterparts, but no one over there is complaining!

The two keys to making the technique pay off are building and setting a quality pile of brush and learning how to fish it once it has at-

tracted fish. Lamar Belcher has taken that challenge seriously lately and says he learns a little more every trip.

"Even when you see the fish on your electronics it doesn't mean you are going to catch them if you don't get everything right," said Belcher. "Last weekend we did nothing more than set our slip cork a foot or so shallower and it was game on."

At least it was game on for his wife, Lenzi. "We caught about fifty fish and she caught all but four of them, but I was taking really good care of her," he was quick to point out.

That is Lamar's version of what took place. For a more accurate account it might require speaking with the affable owner/director of Kidz World Learning Center in Bridge City. As a matter of fact, she may well be sharing her fish-catching technique with those kids today!

Kaz From Page 1B

ond spring training will be required either at the home facilities or in Florida and Arizona. Active rosters would have to be extended beyond the agreed-upon 26 players to perhaps as many as 45 or 50.

And to reduce the normal travel the plan is to regionalize scheduling which would allow teams to play exclusively against divisional opponents and against geographic counterparts in the other league.

Our Houston Astros could face teams only in the American League West Division and the National League West. The post-season playoffs would expand from 10 to 14 teams.

What to do if a player or staff member tests positive upon the season's resumption hasn't been decided

which is one of the largest roadblocks in MLB's return.

Back on March 26, an agreement between MLB and the Players Association, the league promised not to resume its season until there were no bans on mass gatherings, medical experts determined there were no health risks for players, team personnel or ballpark staff and travel restrictions were lifted in the United States and Canada.

It must be pointed out that all nonessential travel between the U.S. and Canada still is limited through May 21.

The March agreement did offer flexibility for the league and union to discuss playing to empty stadiums, which now is almost a certainty, according to the article. But this scenario could offer the

most discontent between MLB and the players union.

The players had already accepted a \$170 million lump sum advanced payment through May 31. The March agreement stated that if a 2020 season occurred, players would receive their prorated salaries.

However, the article points out that the league's plan to resume the season includes another proposed pay cut for players due to the likelihood of empty stadiums because gate receipts make up a good portion of a team's total revenue.

Last season the Astros generated \$180 million of their \$420 million total revenue from their gate receipts.

There's a good chance MLB may propose a revenue-sharing system between the league and the players, but union chief Tony Clark seemed unwilling to budge from the terms of March's

agreement, saying in a statement last month "that negotiation is over."

So, no matter what quotes we've read or heard to not worry about the money, it seems like the money situation will determine whether there's a 2020 baseball season or not!!

KWICKIES...

Hall of Fame basketball player Shaquille O'Neal thinks the NBA should call off the rest of the season so everybody can get healthy to "come back next year. Any team that wins this year, there's an asterisk. They're not going to get the respect."

New England Patriots' owner Robert Kraft is auctioning off his Super Bowl ring to All in Challenge. He high bidder also will get a visit from Kraft.

Longtime Three Rivers College head basketball

coach Gene Bass is retiring at age 85. Bass is the winningest collegiate coach with 1,300 victories.

NFL coach and former All-Pro Herman Edwards would like the NCAA to have a season this fall but warns, "If it's not safe for students to return to school then it certainly is not safe for the football players, either."

ESPN announced last weekend that Joe Tessitore and Booger McFarland are out as the network's "Monday Night Football" announcement team with the replacements likely to be filled internally. Steve Levy is most likely to replace Tessitore on play-by-play while Dan Orlovsky, Louis Riddick and Brian Griese the top candidates for the analyst job.

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Logan Smith informed Major League Baseball to take his name off the list of college players eligible for the upcoming draft after it was announced there will be only five rounds. A few days later it was announced at West Point that he was named Army's Most Valuable Player for the abbreviated 2020 season. "Logan Smith, one of the best true leaders we have had in our program, is our team's MVP this year. I don't know what we would have done without him on the mound. He is one of the most improved players I have ever coached. Logan has overcome adversity and come out better on the other side every time," Head Coach Jim Foster said in his announcement. Logan will receive his commission virtually May 23 and finished his final exams today.

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Orangefield ISD has started Kindergarten Round-Up and parents/Guardians must have digital copies of the following documents to complete the registration.

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

All documents will be verified with the original copies prior to the 2020-2021 school year. Orangefield ISD has wifi available in the elementary parking lot for parents to sit in their car and complete the forms on a personal device or phone if internet access is needed.

A help document is available on the Orangefield ISD website listed under the parents tab which includes the link and directions. Any questions regarding Kindergarten Round-Up can be directed to parentportal@orangefieldisd.net.

LCM Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup

Kindergarten and Prekindergarten student roundup was adjusted to fit the COVID-19 guidelines for both the Little Cypress and Mauriceville Elementary Schools this year. Questions should be addressed to the campus the child will attend in the fall. Little Cypress Elementary's phone number is 409-886-2838 and Mauriceville Elementary's is 409-745-1615.

Bridge City Historical Society scholarship

The Bridge City Historical Society is pleased to announce they will be awarding a

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

OC Beekeepers Info

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

Bridge City Al-Anon

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

Orange Al-Anon

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

Dementia Care Givers' Support

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

Ministerial Alliance relocates

The BC/OF Ministerial Alliance will be open as a drive thru to handout food to those in need on Monday and Wednesday from 9am to noon. Our temporary location at Fellowship Baptist in Bridge City located at 1965 Miller Dr. (Off 408) in Bridge City. For more information please contact our office at 409-735-8296.

House Democrats unveil \$3T virus bill, warns inaction costs more

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi unveiled a more than \$3 trillion coronavirus aid package Tuesday, a sweeping effort with \$1 trillion for states and cities, "hazard pay" for essential workers and a new round of cash payments to individuals., the Associated Press reports.

According to AP, the House is expected to vote on the package as soon as Friday. But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said there is no "urgency." The Senate will wait until after Memorial Day to consider options.

"We must think big, for the people, now," Pelosi said from the speaker's office at the Capitol.

"Not acting is the most expensive course," she said.

Lines drawn, the latest pandemic response from Congress will test the House and Senate — and President Donald Trump — as

Washington navigates the extraordinary crisis with the nation's health and economic security at stake, according to AP.

The Democrats' Heroes Act is built around nearly \$1 trillion for states, cities and tribal governments to avert layoffs, focused chiefly on \$375 billion for smaller suburban and rural municipalities largely left out of earlier bills.

The bill will offer a fresh round of \$1,200 direct cash aid to individuals, increased to up to \$6,000 per household, and launches a \$175 billion housing assistance fund to help pay rents and mortgages. There is \$75 billion more for virus testing, according to AP.

It would continue, through January, the \$600-per-week boost to unemployment benefits. It adds a 15% increase for food stamps.

There's \$200 billion in "hazard pay" for essential workers on the front lines of the crisis.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **ELIZABETH ANN KIBBE, a/k/a ELIZABETH KIBBE**, Deceased, were issued on **May 5, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18727**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Martha Kibbe Garrett**.

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: **Stephen C. Howard Attorney at Law**
903 W. Green Avenue
Orange, Texas 77630

DATED the 5th day of May, 2020.

Stephen Howard
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Attorney for:
Martha Kibbe Garrett
State Bar No.:10079400
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **DON O. COVINGTON**, Deceased, were issued on **May 6, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18728**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, Probate Division to: **Russell S. Covington**.

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
Orange, TX 77631-0279

Dated the 12th day of May, 2020.

George B. Barron
George B. Barron
Attorney for Executor
State Bar No.: 01817500
P.O. Box 279
Orange, TX 77631-0279

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **ROBBY BREVELL, SR.**, Deceased, were issued on **April 27, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18694**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Robby Paul Brevell, Jr.**

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

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

DATED the 6th day of May, 2020.

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 - Language family, includes Turkic and Mongolian
 - Indian spice mix, pl.
 - Bachelor's last words
 - Baby Ruth component
 - One of the Earnharts
 - She goes by Lo?
 - Actors' grp.
 - Mister in Madrid
 - Colossal
 - With no effort
 - American cuckoo
 - Leave hastily, two words
 - Commissioned officer of the lowest rank
 - "____, drink, and be merry"
 - Omaha
 - Baby whale
 - It's a wall to a civilian
 - Hands, to #12 Down
 - Check out
 - Cambodian money
 - Welcoming sign
 - Went down slippery slope
 - Date of Allied landing
 - Opposite of stern
 - For ____ a jolly good."
 - Dried-up
- DOWN
- Grammy category
 - Div'a's solo
 - Unload
 - Saffron-flavored rice dish
 - Evil one
 - Wears
 - Porcini mushrooms
 - Aquarium scum
 - Uncouth one
 - Address abbreviation
 - Spanish dictator, 1939-1975
 - Throwing weapon
 - Ice, dark, and middle, e.g.
 - Pittsburgh Steelers' ____ Field
 - Dojo turf
 - Was sick
 - Parkinson's disease drug
 - African antelope, pl.
 - Gaspar, Balthazar and Melchior
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 - European finch
 - "Excellent in all we do" org.
 - None left when on E
 - ____ formation, or on diagonal
 - Make synchronous
 - Credit card payment alternative, acr.
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Good Day Everyone. I hope this week finds you happy and healthy. I am excited as I watch our great state begin to open again as we can feel somewhat normal again.

The best way to water your tomatoes is to measure about 6 inches down beside the plant. If the soil is dry, then water. Water is best applied to your whole garden, equal to 1 inch of rain per application. You can also spot water as needed.

Periods of extended drought can cause the delay of fruit growth and maturity. A sudden increase of moisture after a dry spell can cause the maturing fruit to split due to rapid intake of water. Try to keep your garden moist to keep this from happening.

May 13, 14, 19
 This is a good time for root crops such as radishes and onions.

May 13
 Best time to prepare your seed beds

May 15
 Clean ground and kill pest. Cultivate

May 16, 17
 Best of all days to plant, irrigate, cultivate.

May 18, 19
 Good time to weed.

Recipes of the Week

Corn Chip Meatloaf

1 1/2 lbs lean ground meat
 2 eggs
 2 Tbsp milk
 1/2 c Taco sauce
 Salt ,pepper to taste
 1 c corn chips
 1 small onion, minced
 1 4 oz. Green Chili's , drained
 1 C. Salsa

Combine all ingredients, except salsa, in a large bowl. Mix well. Place in a loaf pan. Bake 350 degrees in a preheated oven for 25 to 30 minutes
 Cover with salsa and continue cooking until meatloaf is done.

Sweet Potato Pie

1 lb sweet potatoes
 cooked , drained and mashed
 1/2 c butter, softened
 1 c sugar
 2 eggs, slightly beaten
 1/2 c evaporated milk
 1/2 tsp cinnamon
 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
 1 tsp vanilla extract
 1 9 inch unbaked pie shell

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl add mashed potatoes and butter. Mix well. Add sugar, eggs, milk, vanilla and spices. Mix well until smooth. Pour into unbaked pie crust and bake for 1 hour or until middle is set. Allow to cool.



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Remodeling for the Future

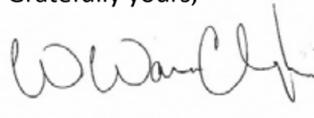
We have temporarily closed our Bridge City Funeral Home as contractors begin the transformation. We anticipate completion of construction this fall. The renovation will increase the size of the lobby, coffee lounge and restrooms.

Walls will be moved, ceilings replaced, and new doors, flooring and light fixtures installed. Additionally, there will be a new climate-control system, a pitched roof, an enlarged front porch and new furnishings.

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

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