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## Virus doesn't care about lockdown fatigue

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Whether you call it a second wave or prefer to refer to "hot spots," Southeast Texas is seeing the biggest rise in COVID-19 cases reported since early May, when Texas began reopening businesses shut down to slow the spread of the new coronavirus.

The last weekly numbers released on the Orange County Emergency Management website Friday, June 12 show an increase of 10 confirmed cases in the county – from 99 to 109 – from the previous report, issued on

Wednesday, June 3.

The number of active cases in the county jumped from 3 to 14.

In the last week, both West Orange-Stark and Orangefield have suspended their summer athletic conditioning workouts because a player tested positive for COVID-19 or had been in contact with someone who tested positive.

Bridge City canceled its June 12 senior prom because "a large number of our students" have been exposed to those infected with the respiratory disease, said Tim Woolley, principal of Bridge

City High School.

"We've been made aware of several confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our community," Woolley, wrote in a Facebook post June 11, "and a large number of our students who have been exposed with

reason to believe some of them are exhibiting symptoms."

He said the cancellation was done "in an effort to ensure graduation occurs June 20."

Both Bridge City and Little

Cypress-Mauriceville have outdoor graduation ceremonies set for Saturday, June 20. West Orange-Stark and Orangefield High Schools held theirs June 5-6.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott took to the airwaves Monday

to say that 20-something Texans are catching coronavirus in greater numbers and he called them out for taking COVID-19 too lightly and for not taking safety precau-

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## 'Liberal Ladies' OK with chiefs' 'force' answers

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

After Houston native George Floyd died May 25 with a Minneapolis policeman kneeling on his neck, a lot of people had to wonder if their local law enforcers employed similar "use of force" techniques.

A group of Orange women took it upon themselves to find out from Orange Police Chief Lane Martin and Orange County Sheriff Keith Merritt.

The women liked what they heard.

Both Martin and Merritt said no.

"Sheriff Merritt said they do not train on the neck re-

straint used in the murder of George Floyd, nothing near the neck or head. They don't use chokeholds," said Marsi Patronella-Ackerman, who spoke to the sheriff over the phone.

"Chief Martin said the City of Orange [police] don't train on prone [lying flat] restraints, and the City of Orange evaluates each "use of force" by each police officer, regardless of how much force they used."

Patronella-Ackerman and friends Kelli Patin and Debrah Bednair are staunch Democrats living in one of Texas' reddest pro-Republican counties; each is a pre-

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## East Roundbunch Swing Bridge nearing completion...



The freshly painted and newly rehabbed East Roundbunch Swing Bridge spanning Cow Bayou in Bridge City out toward Chemical Row. The bridge has been closed since state inspectors ruled it unsafe in March 2017. The projected 18 month rehabilitation of the bridge was delayed following Tropical Storm Harvey. A spokesperson for Texas Department of Transportation said the bridge and the road, a well-used shortcut from Bridge City to Chemical Row, should be open this July.

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## Thon, Orange Lions plant trees for the future

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

The Orange Lions Club is throwing some future shade and tasty treats around the eastern side of Orange County.

A tree-planting drive, led by club member Ralph Thon and drawing physical support from Orange and Bridge City Lions as well as Master Gardeners, and fiscal support from several area businesses, has been a first-year success.

The planting of 180 pecan trees and 105 Arctic Frost satsuma trees around county parks, churches and schools was completed under the direction of Thon, 75, and first-year retiree John Backer.

A Canadian native who retired from Orange Shipbuilding, Thon kicked off the project by donating \$5,000.

Walmart donated \$1,800 and International Paper gave \$1,000. Home Depot gave four pallets of cypress mulch.

"We put out a notice for whoever we could get to help



Ralph Thon of the Orange Lions Club shows off some of the green pecans growing on a pecan tree in his Bridge City backyard. Thon led a Lions project that donated and planted 180 pecan trees and 105 Satsuma plants at parks, churches and schools in East Orange County.

RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

and that worked out well," Thon said.

"Backer and I were out there every day, and Chris Kovatch [Orange Lions past

president] was a lot of help, too. There were some other retired Lions during the week, too.

"The Orange Master Gar-

deners put as much labor in on our pecan trees as our [Lions Club] guys did. They

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Debrah Bednair, left, Kelli Patin and Marsi Patronella-Ackerman, civic activists in Orange, pose with a statue of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas.



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**CORONAVIRUS IN TEXAS**

# Texas' big-city mayors ask Gov. Greg Abbott for power to impose face mask rules

Valeria Olivares  
The Texas Tribune

The mayors of nine of Texas' biggest cities urged Gov. Greg Abbott in a letter Tuesday to grant them the "authority to set rules and regulations" mandating face masks during the coronavirus pandemic.

As COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to climb in Texas, an executive order from Abbott bans local governments from imposing fines or criminal penalties on people who don't wear masks in public. When the order went into effect, orders from counties and cities requiring masks became toothless. The mayors wrote that many people in their cities continue to refuse to wear face masks and that "a one-size-fits-all approach is not the best option" when it comes to regulating the is-

sue. The letter is signed by Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg, Austin Mayor Steve Adler, Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson, Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price, El Paso Mayor Dee Margo, Arlington Mayor Jeff Williams, Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere and Grand Prairie Mayor Ron Jensen.

The letter asks Abbott to consider allowing each city's local officials to decide whether to require the use of a face covering in order to prevent the spread of the virus.

On Tuesday, the state reported a record-breaking total of 2,518 patients hospitalized with the virus. The seven-day average of new cases has also reached new heights in recent days.

"We think you would agree that a healthy economy starts

with healthy people," the letter states. "If you do not have plans to mandate face coverings statewide, we ask that you restore the ability for local authorities to enforce the wearing of face coverings in public venues where physical distancing cannot be practiced."

Abbott has continued to encourage Texans to wear masks, but in a press conference Tuesday balked again at the idea of imposing penalties on people who don't.

"I make clear on a daily basis around the entire state of Texas that wearing a mask is very important, and local officials send that message," he said. "Putting people in jail, however, is the wrong approach for this thing."

He said local officials wanting to slow the spread of the virus have other tools at their disposal. For example, while they can't impose fines

related to masks, they can fine businesses or individuals for violating rules on gatherings, he said.

Abbott was responding to a question at the press conference about calls from Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins for new mask requirements. Abbott said Jenkins "seems to be taking a somewhat two-faced approach as it concerns his pleas for enforcement. He needs to avail himself of the tools that are available to him for enforcement."

Afterward, Jenkins said in a statement that Abbott's staff had recently asked him whether he had "any idea" what is causing the increase in positive cases. Jenkins said he answered, "Increased activity and human contact. Loosening of masking and social distancing. Both brought about by the Governor's decisions to accelerate

opening and limit our local ability to enforce recommendations from Governor or medical experts."

"I'm simply asking the Governor to lead on the masking requirement the medical experts say is the single most important thing we can do right now to prevent spread or allow local governments to lead on this important issue," Jenkins wrote.

In the meantime, restaurants, stores and other businesses are making their own decisions about whether to require masks. The supermarket chain H-E-B recently ended its requirement that customers wear masks with-

in its stores, causing more than 25,000 to sign a petition demanding that it reinstate the precaution. An H-E-B spokesperson called the petition "well-intentioned," but said the situation is complicated.

"Without any guidance or rules from the local government like we had a couple of weeks ago, there is nothing to enforce," the spokesperson, Dya Campos, told KSAT. "We would have to call [the police] for every conflict and use illegal trespass. It's very difficult to deny entry. We request all customers wear masks and encourage it with messaging."

## Coronavirus has killed more than 2,000 people in Texas, but real death toll believed higher

Emma Platoff  
The Texas Tribune

By the state's official count, the coronavirus pandemic has now killed 2,029 people in Texas, a toll experts agree is an undercount. It is now routine to add two or three dozen deaths to the tally every afternoon. And each day, more Texans are catching the virus that might kill them.

The state's focus is not on preventing all deaths at all costs, but on reopening gradually enough that hospitals do not become overwhelmed. The question is not how much death can we bear, but how many deaths can our system manage?

Tragedy has not been spread evenly around the country. Connecticut, a state with one-eighth of Texas' population, is mourning twice as many known fatalities.

Nor has death been distributed evenly across the state. Most Texans died where most Texans live, state data show. The highest death tolls have been recorded in Dallas and Houston, with other big cities grieving high totals, too. And dozens have died in the Panhandle, where spread has been tied to meat-packing plants.

Even the grim milestone reached this week is an understatement, experts say. Provisional death counts

from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that Texas saw 1,749 more deaths than usual from March 15 to May 9 of this year — but reported just 1,049 deaths linked to the coronavirus during the same time.

Who are they? The state health department has collected only limited data about them, reporting demographic information for just 664 lost Texans. The limited picture shows they were overwhelmingly elderly — 72% over 65 — and the majority were male, 55%, with gender unknown for 4%. At least two died before celebrating their 20th birthdays. It is difficult to definitively

discern whether the state follows nationwide trends that see people of color, and particularly black Americans, disproportionately affected by the virus because of the state's limited efforts to collect that information. The state reports an unknown race for 18% of those who died of the new virus. Of those for whom race and ethnicity were reported, 12.8% were black and 25.8% were Hispanic, compared with 12% and 40% of the state as a whole. Nearly half of Texas' known fatalities were residents of nursing homes or assisted living facilities, which have proved hotspots for the virus.

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cinct chairman for the county Democratic Party.

And they're no strangers to Orange civic leaders.

“We call ourselves ‘The Crazy Liberal Ladies of Orange,’” Patronella-Ackerman said. “We're just a group of three women activists who bug the hell out of our government officials.”

For the recent assignment, they were joined by Patin's friend, Jessica McCord.

Bednair and Patronella-Ackerman arranged a meeting with Martin while Patin and McCord met with Merritt. Each discussion last about an hour, according to the women.

The women admitted to

being very pleased – and a little surprised – how welcoming the chief and sheriff were.

“We called Sheriff Merritt and he was very open to speak to us. We made an appointment the next day,” Patin said, “and talked about some of our concerns.”

“It was an eye-opening meeting. It wasn't confrontational at all.

“You never know, being a left-leaning activist, how they'll take you. He [Merritt] was great.

“Of course, he's leaving. So, we'll go back and ask the new guy.”

Merritt announced his retirement, effective at the end

of June. Lane Mooney, the sheriff elect, will be sworn in five months early at midnight, July 1.

Martin, who as police chief, is hired, not elected, to his job, impressed Bednair.

“We talked about the restraint training that Orange officers get. He [Martin] was pretty upfront with us,” Bednair said.

“I thought it turned out pretty well.”

Patronella-Ackerman agreed.

“As far as the Orange Police Department goes, any time we've needed anything, they've been agreeable,” she said. “Though I always think there's room to improve on

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tions, such as wearing masks when they go out.

A spokesman said the governor was acting on information from county judges and health departments around the state that said people in the 20-29 age group were having higher numbers of infections than in the past few months.

“We've had a little hot spot in the county,” is how Orange County Judge John Gothia explained the local jump in the numbers. “It started with some of the young folks in that [20-29] age group, just normal stuff.

“It's not like it's a surprise with everybody out and about. It only takes one person to be infected and then you've got a lot of young people who are infected.”

Younger people infected with COVID-19 tend to have milder symptoms or none at all. People with no symptoms – asymptomatic – can still spread the virus through close contact with others.

“Right now, 99 percent of the young people who get it will be fine,” Gothia said. “The problem is they're getting it and spreading it to people who are not going to be fine.

“It's going to happen. The only way for it not to happen is for them not to go anywhere.”

The numbers published, so far, do not reflect a significant increase in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases among Orange County's 30-and-under residents.

According to the reports published by the county on its Emergency Management Facebook page, a total of 14 individuals in the 30-and-under range had tested positive for COVID as of May 1.

The latest report posted, June 12, shows 16 positives in the 30-and-under range, an increase of 2 cases in six weeks' time while the overall numbers have gone up with 32 confirmed cases since May 1.

Perhaps the numbers on the next county COVID report will show the type of increases among young people to which the governor and county judge referred.

In late March, Orange county joined Jefferson County and six other area counties to form a Southeast Texas Regional group to work together to obtain COVID testing and protection gear. The group issued a report five days a week, sometimes seven, but that group disbanded and issued its last group report May 20.

Since then, Orange County announced it would be issuing one report a week, on Thursdays. It has issued three reports since, on Thursday, May 28, Wednesday, June 3 and Friday, June 12.

Because most testing now is being done by private doctors and clinics, which, by law, only have to report positive tests, Gothia said no one is collecting the number of tests being conducted each week.

A total of 1,187 Orange County residents were reported tested, about 1.5 percent of the county population, when the regional group issued its last report May 20.

Beaumont statistics, published daily on that city's website Emergency Management page, have shown that those 30-and-under make up a steadily larger percentage of the city's confirmed cases, rising from 23 percent May 1 to 26 percent on June 15.

Statewide, members of the Dallas Cowboys and Houston Texans have reportedly tested positive for COVID, including Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott.

Bigger news, though, is the spike in new cases. The state topped 2,000 daily cases for the first time last week, then repeated it twice in three days with June 10 setting a one-day record of 2,500 new cases.

Jefferson County hospitals reported the most COVID-19 patients being treated in its intensive care units since April and Texas hospitals saw a 20-percent surge in COVID-19 patients, with 2,500 currently hospitalized across the state.

Texas has topped 89,000 confirmed cases since February, with nearly 2,000 deaths. Globally, the virus has

everything. I'd like to see some more detailed training on how to handle protest marches.”

Patin said the day she and McCord spoke to Merritt was June 5, one day before a planned peace march and demonstration in Vidor that drew 100 marchers and a dozen armed counter-demonstrators.

“He [Merritt] actually got a call about it when we were there in his office from [Vidor Police] Chief Carroll, and Sheriff Merritt talked to us about it,” Patin said. “He

had a plan for it. He had it written out.”

June 6 was a tense but peaceful afternoon in Vidor and Merritt earned much praise for his leadership there at Commissioners Court June 9.

Back to June 5. “He got out the procedure manual and read directly from it,” Patin recalled the visit with Merritt. “He told us they had a seven-step ‘use of force’ continuum.

“The first step was to try to talk the person down. The last step in the continuum is

“deadly force.”

The women say the major change they'd like locally out of the push for policing reform after Floyd's death is the establishment of a citizen's advisory board.

“What we've seen lately shows it's important for the law enforcers and the community to know one another,” Patin said.

“We want a community action committee. They do it in a lot bigger cities. Why can't we do it here?”

## Trees for the future From Page 1

were a tremendous help.”

The Master Gardeners worked with Thon and agriculture agents from Texas and Louisiana to pick the best pecan trees. They ended up going to Texas Pecan Nursery near Tyler for those trees.

The satsumas, which are a type of mandarin oranges, were purchased from Becnel & Sons Citrus Nursery in Orange.

The Arctic Frost variety, which Thon said was patented by Becnel, was named a Texas Superstar plant by the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center because it is so hardy in cold weather.

“This tree is hardy down to 10 degrees and will change the industry in the United States, because of its cold-

hardiness,” Thon said. “They claim that after three years in the ground, it'll never freeze.”

The satsuma trees will grow fruit in their second or third years.

“I've got one tree in my backyard that's 5 years old and it's making a bushel,” Thon said.

The pecan trees, which can grow as tall as 60 feet high with a 40-foot umbrella, will start producing pecan crops after a half-dozen years.

“By year 15, they should produce 100 pounds of pecans per tree,” he said.

The trees were planted at the Bridge City police station, library and water tower, Orange's Lions Den Park, Navy Park, Sunset Park and Northway Park, West Or-

ange City Hall, Pinehurst parks and city hall, Claiborne West Park and Vidor's Veterans Park.

Schools that were home to the tree-planting were Orangefield Elementary, Mauriceville Elementary, Mauriceville Middle, Little Cypress Elementary, Little Cypress Intermediate and Little Cypress Junior High.

Tree-planting was conducted at the following churches and gathering places: St. Helens in Orangefield, North Orange Baptist Church, Faith United Methodist Church, Cowboy Church, Field of Plenty, North Orange Learning Center, Madison Masonic Lodge, Orange First Baptist Church, Orange Anointing Church.

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## From The Creaux's Nest

### HONOR DAD ON FATHER'S DAY

If you are fortunate enough to still have your dad, Sunday is the day to show your appreciation. If you have lost or don't have a dad, contact some old guy, show your respect and honor him with a call or card. I'll miss **Neighbor Cox** this **Father's Day**. I always contacted him or brought him something just to let him know I respected him. There are many older guys, longtime dads, who I truly respect. I never once had the opportunity to celebrate **Father's Day** with my own dad. That's just one of the things I was denied being a kid of divorced parents. I know today there are many youngsters who find themselves in a home with an absent dad. Growing up life is hard without the guidance and helping hand of a caring father. I respect those who view fatherhood as an obligation and stay involved in their children's lives. **I have not one ounce of respect for those fathers who ignore their obligation.** They don't realize the hurt their child feels or just don't care. Many kids this Sunday won't celebrate with their father and very few people will give that even one thought. I can't compliment enough those dads who may be separated from their children but stay in their lives and look after their well being. For the most part dad's are great and loved and respected. I view **Father's Day**, in many cases, as much about the forgotten children as it is celebrating **Dad's Day**. **God bless those great fathers.** If you don't have a father of your own, adopt someone else's who has made an impression in your life. That's what I'm doing.\*\*\*\*I have to move on. **Please come along, I promise t won't do you no harm.**

### WHAT HAS CORNYN RUNNING SCARED

I received a phone call on Thursday that I didn't answer. The message said it was **Senator John Cornyn**. He said, "Sorry I missed you, I'll call you again Friday at 6 p.m." I answered the call on Friday. It was a **Cornyn Town Hall**. I listened for over 30 minutes. I was surprised that he didn't once praise the **Trump Administration**. He mostly talked about his record. I was also surprised, since he doesn't know yet who his opponent will be, that he attacked the woman candidate, **Mary "MJ" Hegar**, who is in a democratic runoff with **Royce West**. He apparently believes she will be the nominee. I also noticed that **Cornyn** is putting some distance between himself and **Trump**. He wasn't on **Air Force One** when **Trump** landed in Texas. **Gov. Abbott** was the only statewide law maker to greet **Trump** at the airport. **Trump** came to Texas to talk about law enforcement yet he didn't invite the top law enforcement representatives in Dallas, the District Attorney, Sheriff and Police Chief, who are all Black. **Trump** is down in a hole and he keeps digging. The affair was just another photo-op. **Cornyn** is not the only republican candidate putting distance between **Trump**. It is amazing that **Sen. Cornyn** is spending so many millions of dollars, not knowing who he will run against. His pollsters see something that is troubling. I'm sure **Biden** leading **Trump** in Texas is a factor but **Cornyn** also must find weakness in his campaign. I've noticed that **Cornyn**, the number two ranking senator, has also avoided photo-ops with leader **Mitch McConnell**. He previously was always standing at **Mitch's** right shoulder. **Mitch** is in a race of his own in Kentucky. Democrats just need to flip four net seats to take over the senate. There is a possibility of a 50-50 tie, with the vice-president breaking the tie. If **Biden** is elected, **Mitch** is out. Four senators who are retiring figure in the mix. Democrats have a good shot of picking up **Maine, Iowa, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia** and some strong candidates like **Lindsay Graham** in South Carolina and **Cornyn** in Texas, are no longer shoe-ins just because they are from red states. Texas will turn purple in November and is only four years away from being a bright blue state.

### HIGH COURT RULES FOR LGBTQ WORKERS

Monday, June 15, the **Supreme Court** made an historic ruling. A 6-3 divided Court further advanced the cause of **LGBTQ** rights ruling that a landmark civil rights law barring sex discrimination in the workplace applies to **gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning** workers. The decision was written by **Associate Justice Neil Gorsuch**, **President Trump's** first nominee to the court. **Gorsuch** wrote, "An employer who fires an individual for being homosexual or transgender fires that person for traits or actions it would not have questioned in members of a different sex," **Congress** adopted broad language making it illegal for an employer to rely on an employee's sex when deciding to fire that employee.

### ORANGE COUNTY BLESSED

After watching all the problems around the country, I've had a lot of time to think. I now realize how fortunate we are in **Orange County**. Our cities all have good police departments, with good chiefs. We have a good county government with a new sheriff, **Lane Mooney**, taking over in July. We have one of the best commissioners court's ever. **County Judge John Gothia** hit the road running, he's hands on and dedicated. He's supported by commissioners **Johnny Trahan, Theresa Beauchamp, Kirk Roccaforte and Robert Viator**. The county is blessed with a great group of elected officials. I am really impressed with the judgeships from justice of the peace to district judges. In the county courts we are well served by **Judge Troy Johnson**, who should never have an opponent. He is praised by

everyone who deals with him. **Mandy White Rogers** does a good job in the other court-at-law. Come January, **Judge Rex Peveto** will join **District Judge Courtney Arkeem** and **Judge Steve Parkhurst**, after **Judge Dennis Powell** retires. **Judge Powell's** leaving, after **Judge Buddy Hahn**, is a loss of a lot of experience but I'm fully confident that **Steve and Rex** will make good records of their own. It's hard to believe **Courtney** is now the senior judge. **Phillip Welch** said, showing his pride, "I taught her at Orangefield." **District County Attorney John Kimbrough** has stayed long enough to be the granddad of the **Orange County Justice System**. I'm glad he chose to stay one more term. His experience is priceless. I'm proud of all those who serve us throughout the county, cities and also on our school boards. I feel fortunate to be a citizen of Orange County for all these many years. We are all blessed living here. **If you don't think so, turn on the TV.**

### GARTH BROOKS' NOVEL IDEA

**Friends in low places?** Nope. **Garth Brooks** wants his friends at the drive-in. On Tuesday, the reigning **CMA Entertainer of the Year**, announced plans for a one-night drive-in concert event on June 27. **Brooks** and his band will broadcast the performance to an estimated 300 outdoor theaters in North America. Tickets to the rain-or-shine event will cost **\$100 per car**.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2010

Best wishes to our friend **Pat Pate** who will undergo back surgery at Methodist in Houston. The three-part procedure will start Monday of next week, with the second and third procedures following on Thursday and Friday. **H.D.** will be with her much of the time but will be going back and forth from his law office. **Pat** should be in the hospital two or three weeks. \*\*\*\*We had a great visit from **Brunner Addition** native and former **Orange City Manager Jack Huffman**. When **Jack** was manager in Orange, he promoted the deal with **Mrs. Nelda Stark** to build 16th Street and connect Park Avenue with Interstate 10. Today 16th is the business mainstream of Orange. He went on to be the city manager at Irving for 20 years from 1973-93. He led the cause to get the **Cowboys** and during that period, **Cowboy Stadium** was built. **Huffman** has had and enjoyed a very fortunate life. \*\*\*\* Congrats to **Orangefield High** students who participated in the **Texas State Band Solo and Ensemble** contest. Sophomore **Daryl Broussard** received an "Excellent" rating in voice competition. Junior, **Brian Kelly**, performed on the piano and received a "Superior" rating. **Alex Gibson**, junior, received a "Superior" rating on the piano and cello. "Way to go guys."\*\*\*\***Harriet's** husband, **Commissioner David Dubose**, was surprised with a birthday welcome at Monday's commissioners' meeting marking his 60th. **David**, be ready for a few more aches and pains and in different places. Each year adds a few. \*\*\*\*Other special birthdays, **Grady Johnson's** little boy, **Ken Johnson**, celebrates this week. \*\*\***Tobby The Clown's** little princess, **Kathy Marsh**, marks another year. A few years ago **Dewayne** kidnapped her and made her his bride. Happy birthday **Miss Kathy**. \*\*\***Sherby Dixon** is getting older but still has a beautiful wife. That's a lot to be thankful for. \*\*\*Speaking of beauty, **Claudine Hogan** celebrates this week, as does **Barbara Mulholland**. \*\*\***Jody Raymer** notches another year down the marker of life. Best wishes to all. \*\*\*\*Our friend **Patsy Peck**, owner of **Traverse**, is in New York on one of her group tours. The next trip will be to Boston. **Karen Jo Vance** and other folks tell us **Patsy** puts together great trips. \*\*\*\* Congrats to **Little Cypress-Mauriceville** on making their first ever trip to the seven-on-seven state tournament in College Station, July 9\*\*\*\*The **Wednesday Lunch Bunch** at **Tuffy's** last week drew a full house to celebrate the birthday of **Wilson "King" Dunn**, age 92. Two of his sons, **Derry** and **Danny**, and their wives and **King's** great grandson were in attendance.\*\*\*\***Roy** and **Mark Dunn** were honored Monday by the **Bridge City School Board**. They were presented a nice plaque for **The Penny Record's** contribution to the school and community. **BCISD** has a great bunch of folks on their board, **Lon Hubbard, Kirk Ellender, Thad Hill, Mark Anderson, Jerry McInnis, Rebecca Rutledge and Tom Orozco**. \*\*\*\*Our guy, soldier **Jason Menard**, is back in Iraq on his third tour of duty.\*\*\*\*Attorney **Lynwood Sanders** is up and going strong after his little flare up. We understand he was working on his tractor over the weekend. (Editor's note: **Lynwood** passed away a few years ago.) \*\*\*\*Our friend **Daniel Jacobs** is taking chemo treatments that make him awfully sick at times but he remains optimistic. It's all the roll of the dice.\*\*\*\* Our friend **Jessie Domingue** came in from his job on a Gulf oil platform to drop off a loaf of **Robbie's** French bread, homemade in **Abbeville**. He is headed back out to the **Gulf**. \*\*\*\* My buddy **Margie Stephens**, who lately has been in the hospital for kidney stones, says the doctor told her that to prevent stones – drink lemonade. I eat a grapefruit before breakfast for the same reason. The acid helps prevent kidney stones. I also like lemonade so for a change I might switch. \*\*\*\***Ms. Pearl Burgess**, a twin, has written a poem about twins.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 40 Years Ago-1980

Congrats to **Shirley** and **Joey Walker** on the birth of their first child. The newcomer was named **Keely Lynn**, who came into their lives last week, June 14. She weighed in at 9 pounds, 9 ounces. (Editor's note: It doesn't seem possible to me that **Shirley** has a 40-year-old daughter. We have known this nice gal since she was just a child herself. Today **Shirley** still remains "Girl Friday" at the **Houseman Co.**)\*\*\*\***New York Yankee Yogi Berra** walked into a pizza parlor last week and ordered a small pizza for one. When the waitress asked if he wanted it cut in four or eight pieces, **Yogi** replied, "Better make it four, I don't think I can eat eight."\*\*\*\***Roger Staubach** will receive \$10,000 per game to be a **CBS** analyst next football season. Only **Merlin Olsen** and **Don Meredith** will earn slightly more. (Editor's note: That would be peanuts today, traveling money.)\*\*\*\*Orange native **Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown** returned for a homecoming concert at the **Lutcher Theater** June 19. (Editor's note: **Gatemouth** died several years ago and is buried in Orange. He was famous around the world.)\*\*\*\*On June 30, the lovely **Barbara Mulholland** celebrates another birthday. (Editor's note: **Barbara** passed away a few years ago.)\*\*\*\***Gerald "Red" Bird** in the hospital after a boating accident. \*\*\*\***Carl W. Rollins** elected **Worshipful Master of the Bridge City Lodge, 1345 AF and AM**. \*\*\*\***Bridge City High School** varsity cheerleaders return from camp in Nacogdoches. They include **Gina**

**Goodyear, Kellie Little, Lori Wagner, Adam Hollier, Angi Boudreaux, Theresa Benoit, Tina Sigler and Tammy Emerson**.\*\*\*\*Two young ladies becoming teenagers are **Vanessa McCurry**, June 27 and **Ann Lieby**, June 29. (Editor's note: Now that's hard to believe little **Ann** is now going to be 53.)\*\*\*\*Some of the **CB** handles making the roads, 10-4. **Rod Burner, Silver Wings, Tugboat Mama, Running Bee, Matt Dillon, Falling Angel, Blue Runner, Salt Shaker, Red Man and Tug Boat Daddy**.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

By **Robert DeNiro** on **The Last Word** with **Lawrence O'Donnell**. "No one could have imagined it would be this bad under **Trump**. Many people knew it wouldn't be good, but no one, no one, could have ever imagined it would be this bad."

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

A few folks we know celebrating their special day in the next few days. **June 17:** A Gemini buddy and good friend **Alice Cole Heartsfield** celebrates a birthday today. Best wishes.\*\*\*Also celebrating is **Delmi Roy and Andrew Riedel**.\*\*\*\***June 18:** Pretty, long legged **Brandy Slaughter** celebrates. \*\*\***Brenda** and **Bubba Lund** celebrate their 16<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. That boy had a handful to handle.\*\*\*\***June 19:** **Christie Kasko** and **Taylor Landry** celebrate today.\*\*\*\***June 20:** Summer begins today. One hot gal, **Karen Stevens** celebrates a birthday. Also **Keith Kay** has a birthday.\*\*\*\***June 21:** Today is **Father's Day** and also **Mark's** son-in-law, **Dr. Clay Greeson's**, birthday. I don't know how much time to celebrate he will have. He and **Amber's** three-year-old **Luke** is home under 14-day quarantine after being exposed to Covid-19 at day care and they are expecting their third boy on June 26. This is a birthday **Clay** will long remember.\*\*\* Also having a birthday this week is former commissioner **David Dubose, Shelly Arceneaux** and **Dustin Hartsfield**. Best wishes. Happy 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary to longtime friend **Donna Riley** and husband **David**.\*\*\*\***June 22:** **Kaitlyn Pelaez** and **Charlene Braus** celebrate today. **June 23:** **Ken Johnson**, one of **Grady's** boys, is a year older today. Also sharing a birthday is **Sissy Braus** and **Jaden Trahan**. Happy birthday to all. Please see complete list.

### BREAUX BIRTHDAYS June 17 to June 23

Celebrating on June 17 are **Justin Johnson, Belinda Welch**.\*\*\*\*June 18: **Janice Rabin Nancy Haworth** and **Mary Stewart**.\*\*\*\*June 19: **Wyetta Carter, Chelsie Moerbe** and **Cortnie Moerbe**.\*\*\*\*June 20: **Debbie Johanson, Loretta Beck** and **Lynda Phillips**.\*\*\*\*June 21: **Wesley Darbonne, Melanie Broussard, and Tyler Bailey**.\*\*\*\*June 22: **Caitlin Wells Phyllis Nimitz** and **Gean Hammett**.\*\*\*\*June 23: **Mary Foreman, Laurie Louvier, Roberta Overstreet, Betty Merchant** and **Jeania Craus**.

### CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

June 17: **Barry Manilow** 77, Singer; **Arthur Darvill** 38, Actor; **Newt Gingrich** 77, Politician.\*\*\*\*June 18: **Blake Shelton** 44, Country Singer; **Paul McCartney** 78, Rock Singer; **Isabella Rossellini** 68, Actress; **David Guintoli** 40, TV Actor.\*\*\*\*June 19: **Paula Abdul** 58, Pop singer; **Dirk Nowitzki** 42, Basketball Player; **Hugh Dancy** 45, Actor.\*\*\*\*June 20: **Nicole Kidman** 53, Actress; **Lionel Richie** 71, R&B Singer; **John Goodman** 68, Actor.\*\*\*\*June 21: **Chris Pratt** 41, Actor; **Prince William** 38, Prince; **Juliette Lewis** 47, Actress.\*\*\*\*June 22: **Meryl Streep** 71, Actress; **Carson Daly** 47, TV Show Host; **Kurt Warner** 49, Football Player.\*\*\*\*June 23: **Mary Jackson** 64, TV Show Host; **Jason Mraz** 42, Pop Singer; **Duffy** 36, Soul Singer.

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Sixty-two year old **Clovis Badeaux** went to doctor **Gaspard** for a check up. Doc him is amazed at the great physical condition **Clovis** is in. "How you stay in such good shape?" **Doc** axe.

"Well, I'm a Cajun fisherman, all my life I work hard. Before day light I'm out and down da bayou."

**Doc** say, "I'm sure dat helps. Dere's got to be more to it. How old was you papa when he died?"

"Who said my papa's dead?"

Amazed, **Doc Gaspard** say, "Your dad's still alive? How old is he?"

**Badeaux** answer, "Well, he's 82 and he's a Cajun fisherman too. He's out fishing today."

**Doc** him says, "Dats great but I'm sure dere is more to it den dat. How old was his dad wen he died him?"

**Badeaux** says, "Who said my grandpa's dead?"

Stunned, **Doc** axe, "You mean your papa is 82 and your grandpa is still living?" "Incredible, how old is he?"

"He's 99-years-old," answer **Badeaux**.

**Doc** is frustrated him so he axe, "So I guess he's a Cajun fisherman who's out fishing today?"

"No," answer **Badeaux**, "He couldn't go today cause he's getting married for da fort time."

**Doc Gaspard** is close to losing it. He says, "Getting married. Why would a 99 years old guy want to get married?"

**Badeaux** look rite at da doc and said, "Who say he wanted to?"

### C'EST TOUT FRYE-- NEW PRECINCT 3 CONSTABLE

**Brad Frye** becomes Constable of Pct. 3. He is excited about his new position. **Brad**, from Orangefield, knows the precinct very well. Due to the resignation of **Mark Philpott, Frye** was sworn in six months earlier than he had planned. Some projects he was working on will have to be set aside for now. As a citizen of Bridge City, I see **Brad** leaving the police force as a big loss to the city force. Few police officers ever had the knowledge he has about the city's criminal element and the character of the city. He was a driving force in the field. He and **Chief Paul Davis** supervised a dedicated force but it was **Brad**, in the field, who trained the young officers and demanded discipline. **Chief Davis** and **Brad** have worked together over many years. **Davis** has a big hole to fill. We wish **Constable Frye** much success in his new endeavor. After 30 years in law enforcement, I'm sure he will make good choices for his deputies. For the first time, he will be his own boss.\*\*\*\*My time is up. Remember to honor those **Dads**. **Take care, stay safe and God bless.**

# Deaths & Memorials

## Karen Messer Meaux, 69, Bridge City

Karen Messer Meaux, 69, of Bridge City, passed away on June 9, 2020, in Bridge City.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 15, 2020, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be Father Ernie Karol. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Born in Port Arthur, Texas, on October 5, 1950, she was the daughter of Shannon Messer and Thelma (Plummer) Messer. Karen was a member of St. Henry Catholic Church. Karen was a diligent worker, starting her career at the Chamber of Commerce and then as Office Manager for Dr. Mark Messer for at least 30 years. Karen was a talented cook and enjoyed traveling, and spending time on the beaches in Florida. She adored being surrounded by her family and was an amazing Mimi to her grandchildren. Karen's light touched everyone she came into contact with and will leave behind her beloved family with fond memories of her unforgettable life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Shannon and Thelma Messer; and niece, Shan Zirlott.



She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Ellic J. Meaux; children, Tracy Meaux-Hargrave and husband Brad of Bridge City, and Shannon J. Meaux and fiancée Ileana of Port Arthur; grandchildren, Jacob Hargrave, Jordan Hargrave, Jillian Hargrave, Janae Hargrave, Justyn Hargrave, Zoe Meaux, Ethan Meaux, and Courtney Meaux; siblings, Sharon Boling of Bridge City, Dr. Mark Messer and wife Becky of Bridge City, Thelma Deloach and husband Doug of Orange, Judy Schrupf and husband Jackson of Sulphur, Louisiana, and Becky Picard and husband Paul of Orange; along with special friends, Scharlette & Don White of Bridge City.

Serving as pallbearers will be Marlon Messer, Jeremy Messer, Austin Williams, Travis Williams, Jimmy Picard, and Wesley Self.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) or Tunnel to Towers at [www.tunnel2towers.org](http://www.tunnel2towers.org).

## Harold Gary Wharton, 81, Bridge City

Harold Gary Wharton, 81, of Bridge City, passed away on Thursday, June 11, 2020. Gary as he was best known, was born on August 21, 1938 to his parents Mildred Violet (Warren) Wharton and Harold William Wharton in Gering, NE. An only child, Gary grew up in a farming family. It was clear from a young age that Gary was destined to have a career outside of the family farm; his drive to educate himself and have a career he could be passionate about was something that could be seen his entire life. Gary was a proud graduate of South Dakota School of Mines and had a successful career in civil engineering. Gary was a very hard worker, a trait he instilled in his children, and was devoted to his work and career—always pushing for the next milestone. When not working, Gary loved to take on projects that might have been better suited to professionals for other people...but for



Gary it was a challenge he readily accepted. Gary was endlessly supportive of his daughter and stepson, and a positive force in both of their lives. Gary will be missed for his brilliant effect on the world by all those who knew him.

Left to cherish his memory and continue his legacy of excellence is his daughter, Heather Kissam and fiancé Donnie Newman of Lumberton; his step-son, Shane McWhorter and wife Karla of Oklahoma City, OK; and his grandchildren: Drew McWhorter and Brixey McWhorter. Preceding Gary in death are his parents, Mildred Violet (Warren) Wharton and Harold William Whorton.

To honor Gary's life the family had a time of visitation on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at Lumberton Family Funeral Home, 766 S. Main St., Lumberton, TX 77657. Cremation services have been entrusted to Lumberton Family Funeral Home.

## Mary "Lynne" Greenwell, 69, Orange

Mary "Lynne" Greenwell, 69, of Orange, passed away on June 10, 2020, at her home. Born in Orange, Texas on January 29, 1951, she was the daughter of Dennis "Ace" Amodeo and Betty Jo (Shoemaker) Amodeo. Lynne was a graduate of Kelley High School. She worked as a nursing assistant for Greenacres in Bridge City, where she was able to lovingly care for her patients and treat them as her own family. Lynne was an excellent nurturer and caregiver throughout her life, and loved to spend time with her uncle. She had a big heart and a kind soul which made knowing her an absolute pleasure. Lynne was full of love and life and will be



missed dearly by all those who she came to know and love. She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Leslie Smith; and her mother, Betty Jo Amodeo. She is survived by her loving husband of almost 30 years, Jack Greenwell; her father Dennis "Ace" Amodeo; stepchildren, Jack Greenwell, Jr. of Temple, and Lisa Greenwell of Mauriceville; grandchildren, Tyler Richard, Roland Guidry, Cailen Savignano, Justin Morcam, and Ashley Green; nephews, Calvin Turner and Tim Amodeo; nieces, Summers Greenwell, Oriana Amodeo, Keeligh Amodeo, and Amy Turner; and uncle, James Donnaud.

## Happy Heavenly 50th Wedding Anniversary Harvey Glen Sterling 5-15-1970

### The Journey Starts

Well it's time to go  
I will depart without a great show  
My life has been great with much to bestow  
The times were great where many did grow

The thoughts I will leave is for many to see  
A family so grand there is not many who can be  
I will depart from those whose love will never leave me  
We will meet again in a place where all will be free

But now is my time to pass  
To leave a family many will never surpass  
To travel to a kingdom that will hold an eternity  
I go freely to such a place of lasting serenity

A move to a place where God's kingdom will ever last  
A place where I will be on an eternal vigil to ever beware  
Ever vigilant for that faithful snare  
To protect any member from a lair of which I will not share

Release me to a place as I have lived a life that will guide me to such a retreat  
The sadness will retreat but remember me as one a stranger I did not meet  
A thought was always there to never turn from a need I might perceive  
Only to be ready help with any need



## Kiwanis Club names Leadership Scholarship Award winners

### Staff Report For The Record

The Kiwanis Club of Orange, Texas established the Q.B. Culpepper Leadership Award in honor of Mr. Culpepper, a founder of the Kiwanis Club of Orange, Texas. He was Superintendent of the Mauriceville School District from 1931 until 1940. After going into business for himself, he spent hundreds of hours working to establish Key Clubs at both Little Cypress-Mauriceville and West Orange-Stark high schools.

Ben Culpepper, son of Q.B., was a longtime member and leader of the Kiwanis Club of Orange. Ben was also active in the Texas/Oklahoma District of the Kiwanis organization. He worked for years to support Key Clubs at both West Orange-Stark and Little Cypress-Mauriceville high schools and had four children go through the West Orange-Cove School District.

The Q.B. Culpepper Leadership Award is annually given to an LCM senior and the Ben



Kiasia Wilson



Amber Lester

Culpepper Leadership Award is given to a WOS senior. Each of these awards carry a \$1,000 scholarship.

The scholarships are awarded to current senior Key Club members at their respective high schools who:

- Exhibit leadership
- Practice involvement in school
- Serve others in the community
- Display positive character traits
- Has proven to be a conscientious student

This year's Ben Culpepper Leadership Award went to WOS senior Kiasia Wilson, who plans to study nursing after graduation. Amber Lester, who received the Q.B. Culpepper Leadership Award plans to study veterinary medicine.

The Kiwanis Club of Orange, Texas is very proud of these two and other seniors in Orange County who have made it through a rough year and persevered to pursue their goals.

## FBC to celebrate 80th anniversary July 12

### Staff Report For The Record

First Baptist Church, Bridge City, invites the community to join in celebrating the 80th anniversary of the church.

The celebration will begin with a Night of Worship (N.O.W.) on Saturday, July 11th, at 6 p.m. This will be a time of praising the Lord through songs. Then on Sunday, July 12th, we will continue to celebrate through Bible study at 9:15 a.m. and through testimonies and songs from former and current members, as well as the sharing of God's Word by current pastor Keith Royal at 10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church has a rich heritage in the Bridge City community. In 1940, twenty-eight charter members organized a Baptist church in the community of Prairie View. Though worshippers had met for services in the area since 1877, the community had lacked an organized church. When Central

Baptist Church, Port Arthur, led a Vacation Bible School for the community, interest in forming a church led local residents to organize.

J.B. Perry was the first pastor for the congregation, which was known as Blandale Baptist Church. Churches in Orange and Port Arthur helped through donations and service. When Prairie View changed its name to Bridge City, Blandale Baptist Church became Bridge City Baptist Church in 1943 and then First Baptist Church in 1948.

The church has had 12 pastors and has been active in the community serving families in financial need and during storms. Focus on missions led to the establishment of Second Baptist Church and Liberty Baptist Church. First Baptist continues to serve as a spiritual and social leader for Bridge City, a community with which it is inextricably connected.

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## You Are Not That Special

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I had a professor in seminary who had a knack for humbling first-year students. He enjoyed showing them they weren't special, no matter what their Sunday school teachers and home churches had told them. In fact, this professor was so effective at humbling new seminarians, he developed a reputation for it.

He was provocative and polarizing. He had his detractors around campus, and beyond. To some, he seemed cocky and headstrong. But others loved him dearly. Not because he walked the fine line between arrogance and purposeful provocation, but because they themselves had been wonderfully awakened.

First they had been humbled by his jabs, and it hurt. It was disorienting. But as much as it smarted at first, they came to humble themselves and receive the uncomfortable truth. The professor's shocking words proved to be the wounds of a friend. He was right. They weren't that special — not in the ways that seminary students (and most humans) tend to think they are.

## You Are (Not) Special

For many of us, one of the earliest messages we heard, the constant refrain of children's books, the chorus of our parents (and especially grandparents), and likely even the message we heard in Sunday school, was essentially you are special.

There's an element of truth in it, of course. You are indeed special — as human, and especially as redeemed — in ways that redound to the glory of God. In relation to the animal kingdom, God made our human race special, in his own image. Even the angels marvel at the grace we've received in Christ (1 Peter 1:12). And in Christ, no doubt, you are special to God — through being

chosen before the foundation of the world, and then particularly redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ two millennia before you were born. And then you are three times special by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus died for his friends (John 15:13), his sheep (John 10:14–15), his bride (Ephesians 5:25). He loved the church with his special love and gave himself up for her. "God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ" (Ephesians 2:4–5). In Christ, you are not just loved but greatly so.

And on the human level, children are indeed special to their own parents and grandparents. We grant that. It's in God's good design.

Also, it's worth acknowledging that a group of self-doubting humans and saints have a difficult time believing they are special in ways that really matter. They've been so beaten down by life in this world — or perhaps they've simply found low self-esteem to be a convenient excuse for coddling sin. To be human, and alive, is amazing. To be called a child of the living God by being joined to his Son, by faith alone, is scandalous. Chosen by God before you even did anything good or bad! What wondrous love is this?

But oh, how prone we can be, like first-year seminarians, to let such specialness go to our heads — to transpose it into ways that serve the flesh rather than the Spirit.

## Not That Special

When sinners contemplate their own specialness, we don't typically think about our relation to animals or angels, or what it means to be in Christ, or our particular specialness to family and friends. Rather, we often think we're special compared to others — because of

our qualities. Our gifts. Our achievements. Our abilities. Bells that ring to our own glory.

This is where we need to hear a clear, and sometimes forceful, voice say, in love, You are not that special. You are not an exception to the basic laws and ordinances of human society, and as a Christian, you are not an exception to the ordinary means and patterns of the Christian life. You are not a cut above the rank-and-file in the world, and especially in the church. You are not exceptional in the ways you like to tell yourself in silence. You are not special in the sense that ordinary, everyday, normal Christianity is no longer essential to you because of your qualities. You are not that special. You don't have a special path to heaven or a special route through the toils and snares of this world.

Just consider Jesus. He is indeed the Father's special Son. If anyone could plead special privilege, it would be the divine Son. And yet. And yet! He did not cling to his equality with God as a self-serving privilege or ask to be excused from the mission. He did not request a pass from poverty, suffering, or even torture. He became "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6–8).

Do we claim to be his disciples, yet presume ourselves to be greater than our Master?

## Inconvenient Specialness

How might we discern whether we are appropriating specialness in the right places and ways? One test would be whether we tell ourselves we're special in ways that are easy and convenient for the flesh. Do I presume I'll get my way because I'm special? Should others follow my lead, without my earning their trust, because I'm special?

Another way at it might be this: Do I love the specialness of humanity, and being Christ's, only when it applies to me, but not when it applies to those I

find most difficult to endure?

Which gets at what may be one of the greatest indicators of humility: how we view the church. Not the big, universal, capital-C Church — the one that is often much easier to love. But your church. The local church where God has placed you. The people God has picked to appear, and reappear, and reappear again, in your real-life story. Those faces. That church. With all the warts and frustrations and inconveniences you're increasingly aware of.

When you ponder the flesh-and-blood Christians you know, and worship with weekly, and share the Table with, do you think of yourself as special in distinction to them? Or are you special with them?

## Really Belong to His Body

Local churches are wonderfully humbling collectives. And one of the chief ways God roughs up our souls, and keeps them in shape, and prepares them to welcome his humbling hand when it descends — and often brings the very conflicts that are his humbling work — is through really belonging to a particular, imperfect local body of fellow believers. Really belong. Really join. As a fellow sheep. (Pastors too. Humble ones think of themselves first and foremost as sheep, not shepherds. They rejoice not that the demons are subject to them in great acts of ministry, but that their names are written in heaven, Luke 10:20.)

Among other blessings, one gift that the messy, often difficult life of the local church offers us, if we will let it, is the regular reminder that we're not that special, not in whatever twisted ways we like to tell ourselves. We are indeed special to God with these people, but not in comparison with them.

And what the down-to-earth life of the local church reminds us is how good it can be to be normal, and to remember, for

our good, that no Christian is exempt from normal Christianity: from repentance, from trust in Christ alone for forgiveness, from the moment-by-moment help of his Spirit, from saturating our lives in the word of God, from daily availing ourselves of his ear in prayer, and from genuinely belonging to his body in a local church.

— you plural. Jesus loved the church and gave himself up for her. He laid down his life for this sheep. Through faith in Jesus, we are joined to him, and not alone. And in him we also are joined to his people, his bride, his flock. He has loved us (plural) with his special, electing, and effective love.

We glory in this specialness, and die to sin's temptation to think of ourselves as special in ways that swell our hearts with conceit.

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# Earl Thomas III: 'Giving Back To The Community'

Staff Report  
For The Record

Orange County football great and Baltimore Raven Earl Thomas III was back home on Saturday to host a drive-thru or picnic-style lunch giveaway for his hometown community.

Nearly 1,000 meals were distributed to Orange residents during the 'Earl Thomas III Giving Back to the Community' event held at a staging area next to Lisa's Hair 'Tique Salon on 10th Street. Those in attendance were urged to respected social distancing and most wore masks as recommended to attend the event amid the current Covid-19 outbreak.

Young and old alike turned out to visit the NFL star who gave out autographed footballs, t-shirts and other memorabilia, often posing with youngsters for photographs. The Thomas family all chipped in greeting guests as Seth Thomas, Earl's brother, carried packaged meals out to a long line of lunchtime patrons. The local residents in attendance had plenty of choices in menu items from boiled crawfish, grilled delights and snow cones to food donations from local restaurants.

"We're very thankful to everyone who helped out and attended the community event," said Debbie Thomas, organizer and mother of the Earl Thomas III. "Giving back to the community who has been so good to us is what this is all about."



Debbie Thoas looks on as Earl Thomas III visits with and gives an autographed football to Ryan Nickerson and Ahndree Breau. RECORD PHOTOS: Mark Dunn



The NFL football star Earl Thomas III visits with his grandmother Dora Thomas Hawthorne during the 'Giving Back to the Community' event on Saturday.



The brother and sister team of Mickie Toler and Mackolous Toler do the grilling and prepare plate lunches delivered to local residents.



Seth Thomas gathers meals and carries them out to waiting lunchtime patrons of the Earl Thomas III 'Giving Back to the Community' event on Saturday. Here he brings out donations from Chic Fila in Orange.

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# Giving Back To The Community From Page 1B



Earl Thomas III poses for a photo with Dyrilin Dove during the community-wide free lunch event on Saturday. **RECORD PHOTOS: Mark Dunn**



Earl Thomas III 'Giving Back to the Community' event's little helpers Asia, Kaleigh, Skylar, Madison and Journey. **Courtesy Photo.**



Taking a break in the shade during the Saturday afternoon heat are Earl Thomas III and Charles Guillory. **PHOTO: Mark Dunn**

Earl Thomas III, a 2007 graduate of West Orange-Stark and former All-State Mustang football player, began his professional football career in 2010 after being drafted in the first round by the Seattle Seahawks while still a defensive back for University of Texas Longhorns.

During his time with the Seahawks, Thomas was a core member of the "Legion of Boom" defense that brought down the Denver Broncos 43-8 to win Super Bowl XLVIII in 2014. Thomas and the Seahawks would return to the Super Bowl again in 2015 but fell to the New England Patriots 28-24.

In 2019 Thomas signed a four year contract with the Baltimore Ravens and has become a seven-time Pro Bowler and five-time All-Pro selection during his 10 years in the NFL.

The Earl Thomas III "Giving Back To The Community" event included the help of many local businesses. They are Earl V's Snowcones, Dominos Pizza, Taco Bell, Chic Fila, The Hut, Dairy Queen, Chilis, Bluebird Restaurant, Casa Ole, Big Chad's, Bams Meals, and Mickie Toler and Mackolous Toler and Xavier King Sr. also donated meals.

# Clock running out on fate of MLB season

**KAZ'S KORNER**  
**Joe Kazmar**  
**For The Record**

It doesn't matter what the decision about starting the 2020 Major League Baseball season looks like, most fans and probably many players and coaches won't consider it a legitimate season due to the shortened number of games, the empty stadiums and the continued hassle about the money.

The owners and the union both agreed players would receive full prorated salaries for the number of games that could be played.

And with empty stadiums, the money story won't be as shiny for the owners, although they will receive the agreed-upon broadcast fees.

The two sides have been squabbling for nearly two months since the coronavirus delayed the start of the 2020 season on March 26 with the players agreeing to salaries prorated according to the eventual length of the season, according to Monday's edition of the Houston Chronicle.

Exactly two months later on May 26 the owners proposed an 82-game schedule with an expanded 14-team playoff field and asked the players to take an additional pay cut. The higher a player's salary, the greater the percentage of his reduction.

Five days later the players countered with a 114-game season and insisted on prorated salaries. Any player

with COVID-19 concerns would have the right not to play the entire season.

On June 8 the owners came back with a plan that consisted of a 76-game schedule that would pay the players 75 percent of their prorated salaries. That would drop to 50 percent in the event the post-season, which would include 16 teams in this latest offer, were not played.

The next day players responded with a proposal calling for 89 games at full prorated salaries and a post-season consisting of 16 teams. They also proposed a joint \$5 million contribution to aid minor leagues and charitable organizations focusing on social justice issues and a flat fee of \$50 million if the post-season were canceled.

The owners on June 12 insisted that the season not extend beyond October because of fears of a second COVID-19 wave and countered with a 72-game season that would guarantee players 70 percent of their prorated salaries, increasing it to 80 percent if the post-season takes place.

Unwilling to budge from receiving the full prorated salaries they agreed to in March, players, aware that same agreement gives Commissioner Rob Manfred the power to unilaterally authorize a 2020 season that likely would consist of 48-54 games and the usual 10 teams in the playoffs.

Ironically, this occurred

the same day it was revealed MLB and Turner Sports agreed on a \$1 billion contract for future postseason broadcast rights.

The agreement between the owners and the players still leaves plenty of questions unanswered as a new MLB agreement between the union and the owners is set to be hammered out in 2021.

**KWICKIES...**

Shadeur Sanders, who happens to be the son of Hall of famer Deion Sanders, had a workout with Tom Brady last week and picked up some pointers at his quarterback position. The young Sanders enters his senior year of high school with Alabama. LSU and Penn State already contacting the talented quarterback, according to ESPN's "First Take" show Monday morning.

Daniel Berger birdied the 72nd hole Sunday in last weekend's first PGA Tour tournament in three months and beat Collin Morikawa, who missed a three-foot putt on the first playoff hole in the Charles Schwab Challenge. It was the third victory for Berger, who ironically won every tourney during this week.

Texas A&M athletic director Ross Bjork disagrees with Texas Gov. Greg Abbott when he told athletic directors of the state's largest schools to expect 50 % capacity at their respective football stadiums this fall.

Bjork optimistically envisions a full Kyle Field for every game during the 2020 season. Perhaps he has a formula for COVID-19 vaccine up his sleeve.

All Ohio State football players will be asked to sign a virus-risk waiver which the school will not share the cumulative testing information publicly.

It's hard to believe that All-Pro quarterback Cam Newton still does not have a job, probably due to the fact his health is not good enough for him to be a starting quarterback. I think he got blasted too many times while putting his head down and taking on those 250-pound linebackers instead of merely running out of bounds.

**JUST BETWEEN US...**

I thought the days of bragging about my grandson Lt. Logan Smith's baseball accomplishments were over now that he was commissioned last month and graduated from West Point Saturday, receiving a personal salute from President Donald Trump. However, at Thursday's Superintendent's Award Convocation, hosted by the school's superintendent Lt. Gen. Darrell Wil-

liams, one of the awards handed out was for the Outstanding Baseball Player's Performance of the Year that went to Logan for his dazzling one-hit shutout of 15th-ranked Duke in the season's opening game on Feb. 14. Lo-

gan outpitched the Blue Devils' ace Bryce Jarvis, who incidentally was the 18th player taken in the first round of the recent Major League Baseball draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks.

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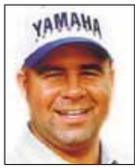
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# Sabine and Calcasieu both are making up for lost time

**Outdoors Weekly  
Capt. Chuck Uzzle  
For The Record**



helped out this situation, the marshes are months ahead of schedule on the amount of grasses present and baitfish production. During one scouting trip I could not help but marvel as I watched clouds of small baitfish and small shrimp scurry among the lush grass. Needle fish as



Sabine Lake anglers are taking advantage of the great conditions right now. RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle

past week thanks to some drop dead gorgeous weather. Anglers from across the river have started seeing some really good trout show up on main lake reefs in the open water. There have been several good trout caught including a couple in the 7 to 8 pound class. Unlike earlier in the year when school trout were the norm it appears the better fish, over 3 pounds, are becoming much more common than they have been in recent memory.

Sabine Lake anglers who have been pinned to the shorelines due to high winds are discovering hungry trout and reds as far up as the north end of the lake on occasion. Water clarity and bait have not been an issue; one local angler told me "I could see shell on the bottom in nearly 5 feet of water in some places". I couldn't agree more as I verified that statement last week while fishing the south end of the lake near the Causeway. The water was

gorgeous on the incoming tide change and the fish were right there as well on the big reef.

Since we have had a break in the winds there have been plenty of anglers take advantage of the jetty fishing, the results have been good there as well. Big redfish and drum are still crushing crab and mullet, the speckled trout are also showing in good numbers. I have even gotten reports of some other species that usually show up later like Spanish mackerel and triple tail. If that doesn't get your attention you may need to check your pulse, these fish will put on a show if you are fortunate enough to get into a hungry a bunch.

The upcoming summer looks extremely promising and the conditions should do nothing but reinforce the potential. With much more predictable weather on the horizon all anglers should be really looking forward to their next trip on the water.

**Both Sabine Lake and Calcasieu have become a little more angler friendly in the past week thanks to some drop dead gorgeous weather.**

were impressive to say the least. The main bodies of the lakes as well as the surrounding marshes are full of life, the early season shad populations and shrimp numbers are enough to give even the most skeptical angler cause to smile.

There is no doubt that the mild winter we had really

long as your arm are thick in the bayous along with a very healthy population of mullet and crabs. The stage is set for some excellent fishing and perhaps some better quality fish than we have seen in a couple of years.

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# Fishing "shootouts" help local anglers improve skills, more fun

**Fishing  
Capt. Dickie Colburn  
For The Record**



two or three days a week and they are a very good resource for anyone that wants to catch more

While it seems as though some anglers consistently catch fish every time they go fishing.....in reality it just doesn't work that way. More especially, when you are talking about bass fishing!

A recreational saltwater fishermen just looking for a bite that isn't species specific has a much better chance of catching something. The fact that when all else fails he can turn to live or frozen bait as an option greatly enhances his chances of some level of success.

I mention this only after having visited with an avid young bass fisherman while waiting for a recent Sabine River Shootout to conclude. "I am not ready to try and compete with those guys," he said, "but I fish on the river

bass."

He did mention something about their choice of lures and different techniques, but the real value was using them as a barometer as to what was going on at the time. "If you have some idea what to do before you even launch, you are going to catch more fish," he pointed out.

"I didn't know how good some of these guys were until the Shootouts started and the same teams were winning every time. If you can read you know who they are so I paid more attention to the places I would occasionally see them fishing. They don't fish one little tiny spot, but they will choose certain

areas depending on the weather and tides."

"If I can't make a weigh-in and I see who won on Facebook, I have already eliminated a lot of water. I never fish on tournament day and I don't beat their spots to death when they're not fishing, but I know what kind of water to look for."

"I initially thought the Vaughans were going to win every tournament because I was fishing some of the same water and they were catching big numbers of nice fish when I couldn't even get a bite. I knew there were bigger bass than I was catching in one pond and I eventually caught my first seven pounder after switching to a lure that I would have never tried. I won't tell you what they were fishing with, but no one else was using it at the time!"

"I have since changed my mind about who will win each week," he

concluded. "They have at least seven teams that you just can't bet against, but I only know where three or four of them spend a lot of their fishing time."

"They don't have to worry about looking over their shoulder, but I consider them a great resource for anyone trying to catch larger bass more consistently. They have really shortened the learning curve for me!"

I don't know why, but last week's tournament drew only 32 teams. Someone must have known something as the weights they posted were off a little as well. Cade Black and Chad Linder didn't mind the smaller field as they won first place with an 8.39 pound bag and big bass

money as well with a 3.64 pound fish.

Chase and Chance Stone finished second less than two ounces off the pace. Kevin and Steven Vaughan finished third and Bronson Kemp won the Kids Division with a solid 2.70 pound bass.

I don't recall ever having paid closer attention to the weekly standings in the CCA S.T.A.R. tournament and it has already proven to be very interesting. Of all of the folks currently leading a category, I still don't believe anyone is in better shape than Michael Fesco with his 8 lb. 2 oz. gaff-top. Curtis Widener's 6lb. 5 oz. flounder is leading the Star-teen Division and could prove very difficult to run down as well. No less than

three individuals are tied for first with 5lb. 4 oz. flounder in the adult division!

I think it is safe to say at this point that the Larson kids of Danbury are on some very solid trout as well. Lillie is leading with a 7lb. 14 oz. trout and Andrew and William are holding down second and third place. Andrew is only four ounces off the pace!

Only one tagged redfish has been caught and certified thus far, but another one was caught by a fisherman that hadn't entered the event. I feel certain he is disappointed, but he did release the fish to give some other angler a shot at a truck and boat combination!

## Survey finds young men having less sex

Sexual activity among young American men has declined sharply since 2000, with nearly a third reporting no sex with a partner in the prior year, according to a survey study published on Friday that suggests social media and electronic gaming might be filling the void.

The trend is concerning as sexual relationships are important for well-being and health, researchers note.

The survey found that

from 2000 to 2018, nearly one in three US men aged 18 to 24 reported no sexual activity in the past year. Lack of sexual activity, or sexual inactivity, was also on the rise among men and women aged 25 to 34 years during the survey period, the report in the journal JAMA Network Open found.

Possible reasons for the decline in sexual frequency may also include stress of juggling work and intimate

relationships, as well as the prevalence of other forms of solo entertainment.

"There are now many more choices of things to do in the late evening than there once were and fewer opportunities to initiate sexual activity if both partners are engrossed in social media, electronic gaming, or binge watching," Jean Twenge, from the department of psychology in San Diego State University said.

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Second Baptist Church and Liberty Baptist Church. First Baptist continues to serve as a spiritual and social leader for Bridge City, a community with which it is inextricably connected.

### BC Little League board election June 18

Bridge City Little League will hold elections for the board of directors June 18th 2020 from 6p-8p in the boardroom at the ballpark. Anyone interested can contact a current board member or there will be a sign up sheet in the display case on the side of the concession stand.

### BC/OF Ministerial Alliance relocates

The Bridge City / Orangefield Ministerial Alliance has moved to their temporary location until the new building is complete. Our temporary location at Fellowship Baptist in Bridge City located at 1965 Miller Dr. (Off 408) in Bridge City. The hours of operation are Monday & Wednesday from 9am-12pm. For more information please contact our office at 409-735-8296.

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### Orange County Beekeepers Info

The Orange County Beekeepers Group works with the Orange County Ag Agent to expand beekeeping opportunity in Orange. We also strive to aid and assist fellow beekeepers, any new beekeepers and the general public. 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 QueenBee Supply in Orange or Brian Muldrow 713-377-0356, owner of Muldrow Bee Farm.

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## TPWD Announces Funding For Streamside Landowners

### Staff Report For The Record

AUSTIN – The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is looking to expand public access to fishing and paddling on Texas rivers through leased access agreements with streamside landowners. Private streamside properties are essential to achieving this goal, and TPWD is requesting applications from landowners for the River Access and Conservation Areas program.

"Texas has over 40,000 miles of free-flowing rivers and creeks, and with 95% of the land held in private ownership, it can be a real challenge finding safe legal access to these waters," said John Botros, TPWD River Access Coordinator. "We are really excited about this opportunity to create more private-public partnerships

while expanding public access to the exceptional fishing and paddling resources that Texas rivers and creeks provide."

The objective for TPWD is to establish lease agreements with landowners, resulting in increased river access for both anglers and paddlers. Since 2012, 24 public river access leases have been established with cooperating landowners. These agreements for access area use enabled or enhanced paddling and river fishing on more than 211 miles of 10 different rivers across Texas. Find out more information and review descriptions of all the outstanding river access areas supported through the leased access program by visiting the TPWD River Fishing page.

River Access and Conservation Areas are funded by a combination of sources in-

cluding donations from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, sales of the Texas Rivers Conservation License Plate, and grant awards through the U.S. Farm Bill and Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

For more information or to submit an application, please see the River Access Request for Applications on the TPWD Grants Page. Landowners interested in partnering with TPWD in this effort can gain additional valuable insight into the program by checking out this fact sheet that answers some of the more frequently asked questions.

Landowners are encouraged to apply at any time, however, to receive preference for 2021 funding cycle, applications should be received by September 30, 2020.

## Giant Salvinia Discovered on Bringle Lake

AUSTIN – The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) confirmed the presence of giant salvinia on Bringle Lake in Texarkana after being alerted to a potential infestation of the invasive species.

Giant salvinia, a highly invasive, free-floating aquatic fern that can double in size in less than a week under ideal growing conditions, is one of the major threats to aquatic ecosystems in Texas. The invasive plant produces thick mats making fishing, boating, swimming, and other water recreation nearly impossible. While giant salvinia is currently not limiting angling or boating access in Texas public waters, there is still a chance of plants hitchhiking from one lake to another on a boat, trailer, or other equipment.

"Managing the Bringle Lake giant salvinia infestation will be challenging as the plant has spread throughout much of the lake and is mixed with numerous aquatic plant species. We should be able to gain control of this infestation this summer, but eradication is likely impossible," said John Findeisen, TP-

WD's Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Team Leader in Brookeland.

Use of giant salvinia weevils at Bringle Lake is not a control option, as the weevils will not survive the colder, winter temperatures in that part of the state. This leaves the heavy lifting for control to herbicides and mechanical removal. TPWD is looking to conduct the first herbicide treatment at the end of June 2020, focusing on mats of giant salvinia.

"Our goal is to gain control of the salvinia on Bringle Lake as quickly as possible," Findeisen said. "Controlling giant salvinia when mixed with other aquatic plants can be complicated, especially when those other species comprise the majority of the aquatic habitat. In order to protect non-target, aquatic plants, we will have to limit herbicide use in these areas and rely on other management techniques such as physical removal."

Anglers and boaters recreating on any of the 21 lakes infested with common or giant salvinia should be particularly vigilant about taking preventive actions since both

species spread easily and grow rapidly. "We need lake users to thoroughly clean, drain, and dry their boats and equipment before leaving the boat ramp to prevent new infestations at other East Texas lakes," added Findeisen.

All anglers, boaters, and lake-front property owners should learn to identify both common and giant salvinia as well as other invasive species that occur in Texas waters. The transport of aquatic invasive species can result in legal trouble for boaters. Transporting prohibited invasive species in Texas is illegal and punishable with a fine of up to \$500 per violation. Boaters are also required to drain all water from their boat and onboard receptacles, including bait buckets, before leaving or approaching a body of fresh water. For more information on how to properly clean, drain and dry boats and equipment, visit the TPWD YouTube channel for a short instructional video. To learn more about common and giant salvinia visit [tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/stop-invasives/](http://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/stop-invasives/).

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c/o: **James R. Dunaway**  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 100  
Orange, TX  
77631-0100

Dated the 8th day of June, 2020.

*James R. Dunaway*  
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Attorney for:  
Yvonne Stelly Kennedy  
State Bar No.: 06208000  
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- 1 lb ground beef, browned
- 1 15oz can ranch style beans
- 1 can Cream of Celery soup
- 1 can Ro-tel tomatoes
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- Extra cheese, grated

Preheat oven 350. Spray a large casserole dish with Pam. Line dish with tortillas. Layer, meat, onions, beans and cheese. Cover with tortillas. Pour soup over and spread. Pour Ro-tel over and sprin9 with remaining cheese.

Bake 40-45 minutes until bubbly.

**Cornbread Salad**

- 2 pkg Jiffy cornbread mix
- Prepare per directions on box
- 1 red onion
- 1 bell pepper

- 5-6 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 lb bacon, cooked and crumbled
- Cherry tomatoes, halved
- Mayo to taste
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a large bowl, crumble cooked cornbread. Add all other ingredients and mix well.



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