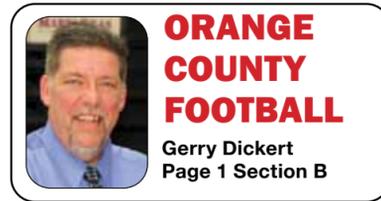




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## County eyes abatement for steel mill

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Orange County is casting its net after another big industrial expansion.

Commissioners Court members voted 4-0 last week to create a 490-acre reinvestment zone near the east bank of the Neches River and Rose City and then posted notice they will consider an abatement agreement with Optimus Steel during their Dec. 22 meeting.

Optimus, which bought the old Cargill Steel mill

from Brazil's Gerdau SA in 2018, is planning a \$40 million investment in an expansion to accommodate a new steel wire product line, according to a court filing.

The expansion will create at least 65 jobs, says the meeting posting requested by Jessica Hill, executive director of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation.

Terms of the abatement will not be revealed until the Dec. 22 meeting.

The reinvestment zone, which is required by the state before an abatement may be

granted, runs parallel from the Kansas City Southern railroad track to its north, then east to Flamingo Street and south to the Neches River.

In addition to the 30-day-plus advance posting of the discussion on that abate-

ment agreement, commissioners will hold a public hearing to discuss its abatement policy at 1 p.m. next Tuesday, Nov. 24. No specific projects will be discussed, the notice said, but the guidelines and criteria for the policy have to be re-

viewed and changed or reaffirmed every two years.

At this meeting two years ago, it was agreed by all that Orange County needed to write into the policy requirements that hold abatement recipients more accountable for doing local hiring. Then

when the motion came up before commissioners to vote on at their meeting later, no changes were made.

It was during this period, that then-County Judge Dean Crooks voiced his

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Melissa Isaacs, executive director of the Bridge City/Orangefield Ministerial Alliance, shows off what will be the front lobby of a new home for the ministry with more than three times more space than what it is replacing. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

## Season of Giving blesses county's Ministerial Alliance

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

In its third decade of operation, few Orange County social service operations have been as appreciated as the Bridge City/Orangefield Ministerial Alliance.

But 2020 has tested everyone's reserve and so the agency with a lengthy record of fulfilling unmet community needs found itself in a time of want.

The non-profit that provides food and living expense help to more than 4,000 clients has for years been the beneficiary of the Chamber of Commerce's Bridge City Christmas Parade, which donates new toys. The Ministerial Alliance then passes on to help its clients give their kids a Merry Christmas.

"The parade has definitely been a huge blessing for our children," said Melissa Isaacs, director of the Ministerial Alliance, an organization that is supported by 20 churches in the Bridge City/Orangefield area.

"I'd say it brings in half of our donations for the children. Last year, we filled up the back of two pickup trucks

with toys just from the parade."

This year, board member Scot Shaffer and the Chamber of Commerce are stepping up to fill the vacuum, by rounding up toys for the youngsters.

"The Chamber works together with the Ministerial Alliance each year," Shaffer said, "and instead of the parade this year, we're going to replace it with a 'Season of Giving.'"

Normally, participants in the annual Bridge City parade are required to bring new toys in exchange for entry of the floats and vehicles they will ride for the trip down West Roundbunch Road.

The toys are then donated to the Ministerial Alliance for Christmas presents for children whose parents are facing tough economic times, such as those who have lost jobs because of the pandemic and the economic shutdown it brought.

The Season of Giving runs through Dec. 5, Shaffer said.

"We're going to have different locations, where the

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## LSCO growth starts with demolition

The green bow tie may have tipped off onlookers that this wasn't your normal heavy machine operator about to tear into the roof over the deserted bank drive-thru teller structure in downtown Orange Tuesday morning.

And there was a twinkle in his eye when he climbed down from the big excavator after ripping the first chunk off the structure that will be cleared away to make room for a new pedestrian plaza at Lamar State College Orange.

"That was a lot of fun," Dr. Thomas Johnson told a crowd of news reporters, students and invited guests. "This is all a part of our 10-year master plan. And this is a ray of sunshine in a very dark year."

The master plan, which will be presented to the Texas State University System Board of Regents later this month, includes a new Academic Center and plaza connecting the current campus to the block of Green Avenue between 4th and 5th streets, where the former Capital One Bank Building stands.

LSCO purchased the glass building in September 2019 with appropriated funds at a fraction of its appraised value. The building has been vacant for more than a decade.

The first phase of the college's plan, which should take about six months to complete, includes removing the drive-thru teller section of the building as well as starting on the plaza section. Infrastructure work will be done as well to prepare for the new building, which will be constructed at a later date.



LSCO President Dr. Michael Johnson, third from right, and architect Dohn LaBiche, second from right, are flanked by workers from H.B. Neild & Sons Construction Tuesday morning after Johnson manned the excavator to start the demolition of the former Capital One Bank in Orange to make room for school construction. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

Johnson said that while no plans had been commissioned for the new Academic Center that it was estimated that it would cost about \$40 million, which will be sought from the state Legislature, which meets in Austin next year and every odd-numbered year to decide on Texas' biennial state budget, which includes capital projects at state colleges and universities.

A new Academic Center will replace the current one on Front Street, first built in 1908. "That building is 112 years old and has been a store, a bowling alley and now an academic center, which it was never designed for," Johnson said. "We are growing at Lamar State College Orange and everyone is excited about this. We've had an increase in enrollment and we want to provide a state-of-the-art school for our students to learn in. Our students deserve a wonderful environment for their education and we are moving one step closer to our vision for that."

Johnson, a retired Houston police officer whose second career has been education, had never driven construction equipment before Tuesday. But he learned the required steps quickly under

the supervision of H.B. Neild & Sons Construction and project management employees.

The LaBiche Architecture Group is heading up LSCO's expansion project and the City of Orange allowed the college to annex a portion of 4th Street to extend a walkway from one end of the campus to the other.

Johnson said he hopes the citizens of Orange come enjoy the campus when the project is complete.

"Our mission at Lamar State College Orange is to transform lives and the future is bright, Orange," he said.

## TPC lawsuits begin in Orange courtroom

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

The nearly year-ago explosion at the TPC Group's chemical plant in Port Neches that blew out windows, front doors, brought ceilings tumbling down in hundreds of homes and ruined Thanksgiving weekend for thousands was mostly a Jefferson County event.

But don't tell that to 128th District Court Judge Courtney Arkeen.

Her office is overseeing the hundreds of lawsuits against the owners of the 1940s rubber plant that produced more

than 900 million pounds of butadiene and raffinate each year to build automobile tires.

Nearly two dozen legal eagles from Beaumont and surroundings were socially distancing in Arkeen's courtroom in early November for the first of what will be monthly meetings with those who represent the plaintiffs or the defendants.

TPC Group is expected to be joined as a defendant by subcontractors.

"The way this works is I rule on all the pre-trial

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Judge Courtney Arkeen's 128th District Courtroom in Orange is playing host to the preliminaries for lawsuits arising from the Nov. 27, 2019 explosion of the TPC plant in Port Neches. Attorneys tell the judge they've lined up more than 2,500 plaintiffs. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers



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# 'Cancel gatherings': Texas officials raise alarm ahead of Thanksgiving

The original plan for Thanksgiving was that nothing would be different.

Eight members of Jesse Gonzales' family would come from all over North Texas for a traditional turkey dinner in his Dallas home, just like they do every year. His grandchildren would run around the house and Jesse would watch football with his son while other family members caught up and retold old stories.

Then, the family got a wake-up call.

Gonzales was hospitalized with COVID-19 in October. And six other family members also caught the virus around the same time. It was enough to remind the family about the seriousness of the still-raging coronavirus pandemic.

So this year, Thanksgiving is canceled. It's a big deal for Gonzales, who loves the fall holiday celebration even more than Christmas — which is also canceled.

"It's always been a tradition that we all come here and celebrate, but now with this deal, this put a different outlook on the situation," Gonzales said.

That's along the lines of what health experts and some local officials are advocating for as the holidays draw near, and some families across Texas make preparations to travel and gather indoors over Thanksgiving meals.

"Cancel gatherings, large and small, unless you're with your household," Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo said Tuesday. "We're in a war against this virus. This is not the time to lament that we didn't get a gathering this time around."

Eight months into the pandemic, COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are rapidly rising again in Texas and across the country. Experts say the latest surge in cases is linked to pandemic fatigue. In just eight days, the U.S. recorded 1 million new coronavirus cases, bringing the nation's total to over 11 mil-

lion. Texas exceeded a million cases Friday, according to state data.

Health experts worry that an influx in traveling and mingling over Thanksgiving and into the December holidays could exacerbate an already dangerous situation.

"The worst thing I could think of is to take people from all over the country, put them in planes and mix them up," said Dr. James McDeavitt, dean of clinical affairs at the Baylor College of Medicine. "That's almost like you designed something to spread the virus aggressively."

Already, airlines are reporting that travel is up for the holidays.

United Airlines is expecting the Thanksgiving holiday to be the busiest time since the pandemic began in March, according to a news release. The airline added over 1,400 domestic flights to accommodate the demand during the week of Thanksgiving.

Southwest Airlines plans to add up to 300 flights a day, and American Airlines plans to average over 4,000 flights a day during the upcoming holiday, about a 15% increase compared with the rest of the month.

## New traditions

Anaiya Davis said when her family gathers this Thanksgiving, there will be temperature checks at the door. Everyone attending is being asked to quarantine before the celebration. When Davis heads from her home in Austin to the Fort Worth area, she's expecting to see about 15 people in her family. Usually there are about 50 there. Davis said two family members died this year who were immunocompromised, which has put the rest of the family on high alert.

"When we lost my grandpa, it kind of made us more conscious and very afraid of the virus in general," Davis said. "Then when we lost my cousin, we jumped back into being more afraid because we

were like, we've already lost two super important people in our family. We don't want to run the risk of losing anybody else."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says small household gatherings are an "important contributor" to the rise in COVID-19 cases. The CDC advised that holidays be celebrated among the members in a household and noted that college students who live away are not considered household members.

"In-person gatherings that bring together family members or friends from different households, including college students returning home, pose varying levels of risk," the agency said.

Kate Feuille said her family is planning a small, outdoor Thanksgiving, but the situation where she lives, in El Paso, is worrisome. Cases in the area have surged and overwhelmed hospitals.

Still, she's hoping the weather is nice so the family can have a physically distanced celebration outdoors. Feuille said her family is still working out how to get her son home from college safely. This year, instead of worrying

about throwing a more grand Thanksgiving, she's planning something more scaled down.

"The idea of making this big meal to come together as a family doesn't seem that special right now," Feuille said.

## Alternative plans

Isolating completely for the holidays isn't the only option, health experts say.

"We need to celebrate after everything everyone has been through for the past year," McDeavitt said. "If we could just get enough people paying attention to the holidays and being careful, then my hope is we can keep the holidays from becoming a major super-spreader event."

McDeavitt said this holiday season, people should consider meeting virtually, celebrating only with those in their households, having carefully planned events with masks and distancing, or gathering only with those in their "bubble." In the holiday bubble, as he described it, everyone involved would need to agree to follow strict health precautions, self-quarantine if possible, get tested for the virus and avoid contact with people outside

of the bubble.

"Once you're in your bubble, everybody comes in, everybody stays, nobody leaves and you don't have neighbors over for drinks," McDeavitt said.

Being away from family and friends during the holidays can have mental health consequences.

"If you want to be totally safe, you would just hole up in your house and never see another human being," said Catherine Troisi, an infectious disease epidemiologist at UTHealth School of Public Health in Houston. "Well, that's probably not even possible, but also not real good for your mental health."

Even in normal times, the holiday season is "probably one of the most difficult times of the year for people" said Austin-based psychotherapist Grace Dowd.

"I think people are starting

to really feel the psychological implications of COVID and some of that loneliness and isolation that's being brought out," Dowd said.

Dowd said while it can be the season of joy, people can also feel lonely and be reminded of family or friends who aren't around. If someone is looking for community, they might not be able to visit family, but they could meet virtually or visit friends in their area while following precautions, Dowd said.

"I think we're going to have to get a lot more creative this year around what the holidays look like, and I think coming to terms with [how] they may not look like how they looked in the past and mentally preparing for that," Dowd said.

*Dan Rosenzweig-Ziff contributed to this report.*

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motions and get the cases ready for trial," Arkeen said. "Once a case is ready for trial, it gets sent back to the originating court in Jefferson County. They'll try those whenever they get ready."

"We are going to meet once a month to keep them rolling."

Arkeen has been tapped to oversee an MDL, multidistrict litigation, which is a special federal legal procedure designed to speed up the process of handling complex cases. Cases arising from the same incident are consolidated so the rulings will be consistent, then split back up to be heard.

"Orange has never had an MDL court before, so this is a first."

The Texas Supreme Court, seeking a nearby and neutral court close to the cases' jurisdiction, chose Arkeen.

An honor, to be sure. But a huge responsibility, too.

"It's quite time-consuming, but I'm certainly ready to

tackle the legal challenge," the judge said. "But they give you no additional staff or funding. So this is something my one coordinator [Latouia DuBois] and I, along with our District Clerk [Vickie Edgerly] are making happen."

Arkeen said there were 530 plaintiffs suing for damages when she started on the trial.

"I believe Brent Coon has another 1,000 signed up, and that Chip Ferguson has another 1,000," she said, mentioning two prominent Beaumont person injury attorneys.

"We believe we'll be adding third parties very quickly," Mark Sparks of the Ferguson Law Firm said during the monthly meeting, referring to additional lawsuit targets.

The good news is the judge didn't need another office to handle the paperwork. Orange County's District Clerk and its court run on electronic documents.

Arkeen's office keeps the master file for the cases with all the pleadings and attor-

neys can instantly find the information they need online. Each person that has a claim has an individual court file.

"This has been a lot to learn, because we've never had this before. We've been visiting with an MDL judge from Houston, Sylvia Matthews, about how to set it up. It's mainly an organization deal. You just have to get it real organized and make sure you have good processes in place on how to file things."

"It's a lot to keep up with." Arkeen's courtroom is no stranger to big cases. Her predecessor, Judge Pat Clark, tried landmark asbestos cases in Orange with total awards in the billions of dollars.

"This court also had the asbestos docket, the silicosis and the benzene," Arkeen says, talking about some huge liability cases, "and those have gone on for years."

"I would suspect this will take a couple of years to resolve all of them."

# BCISD's Lintzen sets 2021 retirement

**DAVE ROGERS**  
For The Record

Bridge City's school district is on the hunt for new leadership after this week's announcement by Superintendent Todd Lintzen that he plans to retire at the end of the current school year.

"After a great deal of thoughtful consideration I have decided to close out my 36-year career in education and retire at the end of this school year," Lintzen said in a letter he wrote to school staff and the community.

"I will make my retirement official at the [Thursday] November 19, 2020 Board meeting. It is my hope and belief that the timing of this announcement will allow the district enough time to recruit and select the best possible candidate to lead the district into the future."

Lintzen was hired by Bridge City in February of 2016 after spending eight years as superintendent at Blue Ridge, Texas, a district of 699 students on the northeastern edge of Collin County, in northeast Texas.

Lintzen retired from the Louisiana school system be-

fore accepting the Blue Ridge position. Prior to that, his background was in north Louisiana, where he worked for eight years as assistant superintendent in Shreveport, responsible for 14 schools and 8,000 students, according to a statement by then-BCISD board president Jerry McInnis when Lintzen was hired.

At Bridge City, he saw the school district grow from an enrollment of 2,887 students in 2016 to 3,104 in October of 2020 while having to deal with Hurricanes Harvey, Imelda, Laura and Delta on top of the current coronavirus pandemic.

Lintzen was hired to replace Michael King, who was earning \$125,644 a year when he quit at the end of 2015 to go into private business. Starting salary for Lintzen was \$158,000 a year and he earned \$182,854, tops for any Orange County superintendent, in the 2019-20 school year, as reported by the Texas Education Agency.

He earned \$113,557 in his final year at Blue Ridge.

"As the superintendent of the Bridge City Independent School District I have had the privilege and good fortune to

work with a progressive and supportive Board of Education, a knowledgeable, highly professional, student-centered administration team, and a dedicated collaborative group of teachers and staff who always have the best interest of students at the top of their agendas," Lintzen wrote in his Tuesday letter.

"My experience in this district has been exceptional."

"Bridge City ISD has amazing students within our school district and that's the reason we are a phenomenal school district. Our students continue to excel both in and out of the classroom. I want to finish my time here knowing this community came together during a difficult time to support on another."

"None of our success could have come without our amazing teachers, administrators and support staff. They have been working diligently to create a safe and caring environment for our students whether they are learning in person or virtually."

"I am honored to have had the opportunity to lead this district and grateful to be able to close out my career in Bridge City ISD."

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businesses ask their customers to bring new toys. For instance, we've got most of the insurance agencies in town to help us, Bill Nickum State Farm, the All-State agency, aNe Insurance and mine (Farmers Insurance. We're trying to add doctors' offices, too," Shaffer said.

Shaffer is hopeful the "Season of Giving" can conclude with an appearance by Santa Claus, a normal finale of the annual parade. Shaffer's shooting for hosting Santa at the Bridge City Community Center on Dec. 5, the normal date for the Christmas parade.

He says details are being worked out to keep it all COVID-19 safe.

"Instead of the kids coming and asking Santa for toys, we're going to ask them to bring a gift to Santa for other kids," Shaffer said.

"There's no doubt in my mind, we'll have what we need (for toys)."

That would wrap up a huge year for the Bridge City/Orangefield Alliance, which is getting a very significant makeover on its building next door to the First Baptist Church of Bridge City.

"About four and a half years ago we were outgrowing the little white house," Isaacs said, "and I told the pastors, 'I'm starting to pray for a new building. I don't know how, but if He wants us to have one, He will provide one.'"

"The people in the community, the church

community ... donations just started coming in, a huge donation. This community is so helping for people in need. This is a huge gift, to be able to help others."

Sidewalks were recently poured and all that remains is finishing out the interior of a 3,500 square-foot building that will replace the 1,000 square-foot house First Baptist donated to get the ministry started in the 1990s.

Isaacs said her organization provides food and various financial assistance with utility and rent payments to about 4,000 clients this year. Gifts are being sought for about 450 children.

Since the reno at 200 W. Roundbunch Road began in February, the Ministerial Alliance has been run out of the Fellowship Baptist Church on Farm to Market Road 408 with many of its four dozen volunteers filling food boxes to be issued Monday and Wednesday mornings (9 a.m. to noon).

Isaacs and her financial secretary oversee client intake and management of the ministry.

"The Alliance would not survive without volunteers," Isaacs said.

Those wishing to donate toys or financial gifts may contact the Ministerial Alliance by phone at 409-735-8296, through its Facebook page and donations are accepted by mail at Bridge City/Orangefield Ministerial Alliance, 285 W. Roundbunch Road, Bridge City, TX 77611.

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objection to abatement policies that he said harmed the county. With a possible \$6 billion investment by Chevron Phillips Chemical being mentioned, speaker after speaker told Crooks they disagreed with him.

In early March, 2019, Crooks posted a long treatise on social media which most saw as a threat to investment by Chevron Phillips Chemical. Within days, on March 13, 2019, Crooks resigned as county judge. He maintained he wasn't against abatement, but just wanted to make deals that benefited both sides.

In February of this year - before most people had heard of the coronavirus - County Commissioners, operating under

their third county judge in a year, John Gothia, voted to sign an abatement agreement with Chevron Phillips Chemical that offered a 10-year, 100-percent abatement of taxes.

Chevron Phillips Chemical hasn't announced a decision on if it will locate its new two-train ethylene plant in Orange County, or anywhere. The world's economy has been on a rollercoaster since the spring and no investment decision has been made by CPC.

Optimus Steel, a company formed in 2018 and affiliated with Jacksonville, Florida-based Wire Mesh Corp, purchased the Gerdau facility at about the same time.

It paid \$92.5 million for the plant and two downstream oper-

ations, one in Beaumont, according to American Metal Market, an industry news agency.

Previously, the plant was owned by Cargill Steel and purchased by Gerdau in 2004.

The expansion of the existing manufacturing space would be to accommodate a new steel wire product line, said the posting by Hill.

The steel mill is located on property adjacent to Jefferson Terminals on the Orange County side of the Port of Beaumont. Coincidentally, that company has been the recipient of two 10-year, 100-percent abatement deals with Orange County.

Both sides - Jefferson Terminals and Orange County and its EDC - have been pleased with the results of those abatements.



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## CONDOLENCES

We were sorry to hear of the death of **Timothy Dewayne Schossow**, 67, of Bridge City, who passed away November 12. Funeral services held Wednesday, November 18, at Faith United Methodist Church in Orange. The only information I've been able to obtain was that Tim died of pneumonia. He and some friends tested positive for COVID-19 a couple of months ago. Our condolences to his wife Ida and the entire family and many friends. Tim was a Christian man who gave much of himself back to his community. May this good man rest in peace.

## TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2010 The dreadful day in Dallas lives in us

If you are at least 63 years old you probably remember where you were on that dreadful day in Dallas, **Nov. 22, 1963**, when **President John F. Kennedy** was killed. The government report concluded that **Lee Harvey Oswald**, acting alone, shot and killed the president and wounded **Texas Governor John Connally**. However that report has been disputed many times. In fact, a recent article in **Playboy** features **FBI special agent Zack Shelton**, a resident of **Hardin County**, now retired and close friend of former **J.P. David Peck**. It's a long, intriguing story about **Shelton's** work fighting the **Chicago Mafia**, **"The Outfit"** and crime around the country. In 2002, he traveled from his **Texas** home to reminisce with his old **Chicago** comrades. **Shelton** told his friends he believed a small time criminal, locked up in an **Illinois** prison, may have committed the greatest crime in **Dallas**. His name is **James Files**. He once was a driver for **"The Outfit's"** most feared hit man. **Files** had told **Shelton** both he and the hit man were in **Dallas** when **JFK** was assassinated. **Files** claimed to have fired the fatal shot from behind a fence on the infamous grassy knoll. When **Shelton** told his story to his buddies, he was prepared to be laughed at but actually some of them also had their own revelations about the assassination. "There's one thing about **FBI agents**," says **Shelton**, "They're damn good investigators, they don't operate on the basis of theories. They deal in facts and the facts have never supported the **Warren Commission's** conclusion that **Lee Harvey Oswald** was the lone assassin." The evidence, **Shelton** believes, shows that organized crime orchestrated **Kennedy's** murder. **Tony Accardo** was at the helm of **"The Outfit"** for five decades. They helped elect **JFK** and his administration showed little gratitude. **Attorney General Robert Kennedy** made organized crime his signature issue. The article weaves the entire story of how **Files** got to **Texas** and etc. So you see it's been 57 years come Monday, **Nov. 22** and we still don't know. I will always remember that day when I saw grown men cry.\*\*\*\***West Orange-Stark Mustangs** move on. **Coach Hooks**, **Coach Thompson** and the gang will lead their **Mustangs** up for a big playoff duel against **Brookshire Royal**, (8-3), at **Wood Forest Stadium** Friday night at **Shenandoah**, near the **Woodlands**. The **'Stangs** played a warm-up game against **Liberty** last Friday. **WOS** came away with a 63-7 playoff win.\*\*\*\*Special folks celebrating their special day this week. Our friend **Courtney Myers**, manager of **Exxpress Mart** in **Bridge City** celebrates her special day on **Nov. 18**.\*\*\***Allen Dunn**, a great guy who will do to ride the range with, like his mom. If you don't like them you wouldn't like anyone. He celebrates on **Nov. 20**.\*\* Joining him on the same day, also a special fellow, who we don't always see eye to eye with but always respect. **Jim Pruter** turns a year older.\*\*\*Also on **Nov. 20**, **Carey Green**, formerly of **Bridge City**, will celebrate another birthday. We have not heard from **Carey** in several years but always remember his birthday.\*\*\*Because of **Dallas**, **JFK** and **Lee Harvey Oswald** on **Nov. 22**, I always remember attorney **H.D. Pate**

and **Lamar's Butch Campbell's** birthdays. We've known **Pate** since he was 25 years old and **Butch** since he was nine. Sometimes I've been on opposite sides with both but I've respected their stance and hope and believe they have respected mine.\*\*\*A birthday on the 22nd is also shared by **Jason LeLeux** and his aunt, **Mary Tate**. She had a lousy 14th birthday because everyone called about **Jason's** birth and no one wished her happy birthday. She held it against him until he turned 16. They are the son and sister of our gal **Penny**.\*\*\* Two great guys with birthdays coming up are **Lon Hubbard** and **Edgar Eschbach**. They're cool and stay above the fray.\*\*\*Other good folks we know celebrating birthdays are the ever sweet **Jackie Roberts**, pretty **Belinda Thibodeaux** and **Kenneth Hass** is getting older even if wife **Phyllis** isn't. (**Kenneth** had since passed away.)\*\*\*\*The **Dallas Cowboys** finally showed up to play beating the **Giants** 33-20. It was **Jason Garrett's** first win as head coach. **Wade Phillips** was fired on Monday and the job given to **Jerry Jones'** fair-haired boy. **Dallas** is loaded with talent. Here's hoping they turn the tables, but don't bet on it.\*\*\*\*The **Houston Texans** lost a heart breaker to **Jacksonville**, 31-24, on a last **"Hail Mary"** pass slapped by a **Texan** defender right into the hands of a **Jaguar** for the winning touchdown.\*\*\*\*Two **Orange County** youngsters, **Sean** and **Collin Gros**, are looking forward to the **Thanksgiving** Day game between the **New Orleans Saints** and **Seattle Seahawks**. The brothers will be on the 50-yard line for that game in **New Orleans**. **Sean** is a diehard **Saints** fan, while his brother **Collin** will be pulling for **Earl Thomas** and the **Seahawks**. He even predicts that **"Home Boy"** will have two picks.\*\*\*\* It's deer hunting time in **Texas**. Many of the natives have headed to the **East Texas** woods and to the hill country. **Commissioner John Dubose** headed out with two bullets; he says that's all he needs to get his limit.\*\*\*\*We understand that our buddy **Jessie Domingue** will be retiring from his oil rig job in the Gulf come January. We're glad for him but we're sure going to miss getting **Robbie's French bread** he brings us from **Abbeville**.\*\*\*\*Speaking of **Louisiana**, **Anna Belle Rost** attended her and **Roy's** 57th class reunion in **Abbeville**. **Dunn** missed it but there was a good turnout of former **Wildcats**.\*\*\*\*A couple of weeks ago, at the **St. Mary Golf Tournament**, **Judge Thibodeaux** had his balls blessed by **Father Daleo**. The good **Father** refused to lay hands on him. Ask **Judge Pat** about it.\*\*\*\*Fifty years ago **Clark Gable's** funeral services was held. He died **Nov. 16, 1960** shortly after filming **"Misfits"** with **Marilyn Monroe**. His most famous movie **"Gone with the Wind"** is still a classic today.

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN Obituaries 10 Years Ago-2010

**Dolores Shaw Kite**, age 80, of Orange, died Saturday, **Nov. 13**. A private memorial service was held. She was twice a cancer survivor at ages 33 and 66. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, **Clarence R. Kite, Jr.**; brother, **Charles "Pete" Shaw**; son, **Charles "Andy" Kite**; granddaughter, **Kim Waters**; grandson, **Chris Kite** and great-granddaughters, **Destiny Stidham** and **Marissa Waters**. Home in Orange.\*\*\*\***George Clifton Ferguson, Jr.**, 53, of Orange, died Saturday, **Nov. 6**. The cremation was under the direction of **Claybar Haven of Rest Crematory** in **Bridge City**. He worked as an operator at **Signal International**. **George** is survived by his wife, **Patty D. Ferguson**; son, **George C. "Boo" Ferguson, III**; daughters, **Gail D. Prettyman**, **Shondra L. Thorne** and **Dana M. Conley**; Four grandsons; six granddaughters.

## 22 Years Ago-1998

Banker **Fred Charles Gregory**, age 64, died Sunday, **Nov. 15**, at his residence. The **Port Arthur** native and U.S. **Army veteran** was a resident of **Bridge City** for 33 years. Survivors include his wife, **June**; daughter, **Sharon**; and son, **Michael Darin**; mother, **Pauline**; and sisters, **Barbara Broussard** and **Vickie McKenzie**. (Editor's note: What a great guy he was, It's been many years but I still think of him regularly. His wife **June** still lives in **Bridge City**.)\*\*\*\***Michael Cory St. Clergy**, 18, was arrested in connection with **Pinehurst** murder of **Ernest Alford** and the robbery of an **Orange** convenience store. **St. Clergy** confessed to both crimes. According to **Pinehurst Lt. Ronnie Barret** and D.A. investigator **K.C. Breshears** "There is no doubt we have the right person said D.A. **John Kimbrough**.\*\*\*\***Dr. David Jones**, a **Bridge City** native, comes home to heal his own. He was a four-sport athlete at **Bridge City**. His stepfather is **Coach Dan Ray Hooks**; his uncle is **Dr. Jimmy Jones** so he has been around sports and medicine all his life, the reason he chose sports medicine. He is a graduate of **Texas Tech School of Medicine** and **LSU Medical Center** in **New Orleans**. He is located in new quarters next to **Baptist Orange Hospital**. He started practice a little over a year ago. (Editor's note: **Dr. Jones**, as far as I know, is in the same location. He's one of several **Bridge City** grads who are in the medical field.)\*\*\*\*The **Orangefield Bobcats** defeated the **Hamshire-Fanette Longhorns**. The **Bobcat** defense, led by **Roy Fariah**, **Greg Williams** and **Vito Agerton** held the **Longhorns** to 94 yards on 27 tries. **Bo Daville** rushed for 226 yards on 37 totes. **Daville** gained 1,600 yards and made 19 touchdowns in regular season. **Coach Randy Theriot** and his **Bobcats** take on **Crockett** in **Conroe** as they move on in the playoffs.\*\*\*\*The **Bridge City Lady Cards** volleyball team headed to state tournament after winning class 4-A **Region III** championship. Some of **Coach Rosett Wilson's** players are **Erin Dillow**, **Sally Hill**, **April Belk**, **Jessie Johnson** and **Misty Jenkins**.\*\*\*\*The **Bridge City Christmas parade** has been postponed until **Dec. 5**.\*\*\*\***Chris Farkas**, with **The Record Newspapers**, said his goodbyes this week and left **Orange County** in his rearview mirror. **Chris** moved to **Jacksonville, Florida**.\*\*\*\***Robert Vail** and wife, **Betty**, celebrated their wedding anniversary.\*\*\*\***Betty Harmon** was added to the Board of Directors of **County National Bank**.\*\*\*\***Joe Burke** celebrates his birthday on **Nov. 22**, as does **H.D. Pate**.\*\*\*\*The **West Orange-Stark Mustangs** won 10 games in a row only to lose to the **Silsbee Tigers** in the Bi-District playoff in **Port Arthur**.

## OFFER A HELPING HAND WHEN YOU CAN

I feel for our small family businesses trying and working so hard just to survive until a turn-around comes into all of our lives. Change will come, I'm confident of that, but it will be a few months yet. Here's an example of a young, local family who can use any help you can offer them. **Earl Duhon**, wife and daughter own and operate **Dupuis Service and Tire Center**. **Earl** has fought off cancer twice and is still suffering the effects. Unable to hire all the help a full-service station needs he does much of it himself. He is

the only station in the county that gives complete full service. He'll check everything from your tires to your temperature. He'll fill the car and check the oil. His family deeply appreciates the customers. **Dupuis** often has great sales on tires also. Stop by, buy a tank of gas every now and then and help save a small, family business, the oldest business in **Bridge City** has continued in operation since **Paul Dupuis** operated in the early 1940's. **Stop by.**

## A FEW HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to **Stephany and Joshua Ball** on the birth of their son **Gabriel Aaron Ball**, born 10:25 a.m., **Nov. 9, 2020**, at **Baptist Hospital Beaumont**. Young **Gabriel** weighed in at 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19 1/4 inches high. He was welcomed by his big sister, 4-year-old **Savannah**. Over the past 50 years I've watched many youngsters arrive and grow up in **Dugas Addition**. Many went on to do great things, doctors, lawyers, professors, like the **Fukuda** brothers, **Joel Beckcom**, **Huckabay's**, **Reid's**, etc. They were always proud to say they were **Dugas Addition** kids. Congrats to the **Ball's**. They waited 21 years for their boy and 17 years for **Savanna**.\*\*\*\*A few folks we know celebrating this week. Happy birthday **Nov. 18** to **Theresa Evans**, **Aimee Huckabay** and **Jonathan Vogt**.\*\*\*\***Nov. 19**, is the birthday of our friend **Joel Steirman**, also to **Linda Klein**, **Liz Harris**, **Trina Stringer** and **Charles Cagle**.\*\*\*\***Nov. 20** finds some great folks having birthdays. Three good guys I knew in short pants, **Allen Dunn**, **Carey Green** and **Lon Hubbard** celebrate, along with our friends **Edgar Eschbach**, pretty **Sunni Ocegvera** and **Jan Briggs**.\*\*\*\***Nov. 21** finds **Penny** and **Gerald's** young'un **Jason LeLeux** celebrating.\*\*\*\***Nov. 22**, two longtime friends, legal secretary **Jackie Roberts** and **Butch Campbell** celebrate. This was also the birthday of our late friend and attorney **H.D. Pate**.\*\*\*\***Nov. 23** finds **"Mr. Lions Club"** **Randle Morris** celebrating, also **Christina Tallant** and **Haylie Belcher**.\*\*\*\***Nov. 24**, Happy Birthday to **Candace Todora**, **Steven James**, **Thomas Hutchison** and **Rodney Petty**. **Best wishes to all**.\*\*\*\*A year ago this week we lost a couple of good friends. On **Nov. 21**, **John Roy Frederick** died suddenly at his tire shop in **Mauriceville**. A day or two before he had dined with a dozen friends. He was the least likely one of the group to suddenly go away.\*\*\*On the next day, **Nov. 22**, the day **JFK** was killed in **Dallas** in 1963, we lost **Judge Joe Parkhurst**. **Joe** was a former **Bridge City** and **Sam Houston** baseball star. He was a Journalism student who studied under the former **Leon Hale**. **Joe** spent many years in education, along with his longtime friend **Judge Derry Dunn**. **Joe** went on to become Justice of the Peace, retired and spent several years as **Pinehurst City Manager**. **Judge Parkhurst** lived long enough to see one of his sons, **Steve**, become a district judge. That was his proudest moment. A year has gone by but I find it's still hard to believe these two friends are gone.

## BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating their special day this week are the following. **Allen Dunn**, **Joel Steirman**, **Randle Morris**, **Theresa Evans**, **Lyndsie Neie**, **Melanie Claybar**, **Bryan Garrett**, **Leroy Gomez**, **Mickey Smith**, **Celeste Hart**, **Kevin LeCourtere**, **Stephanie Williams**, **Meagan McGill**, **Linda Klein**, **Liz Hasrris**, **Shelly Ford**, **Trina Stringer**, **Veronica Smith**, **Cecil Allen**, **Charles Cagle**, **John Moore**, **Edgar Eschbach**, **Kevin Phillips**, **Hayden Clark**, **Jim Pruter**, **Jan Briggs**, **Rose Powell**, **Jason LeLeux**, **Adam Schisler**, **Dorothy Mathis**, **Misty Moody**, **Barbara Trahan**, **Brenda Spangle**, **Carolyn Hagen**, **J.O. McCune**, **Rodney Petty**, **Scott Mackey**, **Steven James**, **Cindy McLaughlin**, **Tomas Hutchison**, **Jeff Hollis**, **Candace Todora**, **Jessica Stark**, **Kim Hubbard**, **Debbie Hughes**.

## CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

**Nov. 18: David Ortiz** 45, Baseball Player; **Damon Wayans, Jr.** 38, Actor; **Megan Kelly** 50, News Anchor.\*\*\*\***Nov. 19: Calvin Klein** 78, Fashion Designer; **Jodie Foster** 58, Actor; **Meg Ryan** 59, Movie Actress; **Larry King** 87, TV Host.\*\*\*\***Nov. 20: Joe Biden** 78, 46th President Elect; **Josh Turner** 43, Country Singer; **Joe Walsh** 73, Rock Singer.\*\*\*\***Nov. 21: Goldie Hawn** 75, Actress; **Michael Strahan** 49, TV Host and former football player; **Troy Aikman** 54, Football Player.\*\*\*\***Nov. 22: Scarlett Johansson** 36, Actress; **Mark Ruffalo** 53, Actor; **Jamie Lee Curtis** 62, Actress; **Billy Jean King** 77, Tennis Player.\*\*\*\***Nov. 23: Miley Cyrus** 28, Pop Singer; **Robin Roberts** 60, TV Show Host; **Page Kennedy** 44, Actor.\*\*\*\***Nov. 24: Katherine Heigl** 42, Actress; **Billy Connolly** 78, Actor; **Colin Hanks** 43, Actor.

## CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

A longtime ago, da **Granger brothers** start demselves a new airline. It had only one destination, from **Orangefield** to **Lafayette**. Dey load up da four passengers and took off on dire first flight. Not long after dey took off, dey experienced motor trouble over **Lake Sabine**. **Wade** was da announcer and **Thomas** da pilot flying da plane him. **Wade** came over da loud speaker and said, **"Me, I've been informed by da pilot dat we are experiencing an emergency** us. Da motor it went out and we gonna made contact wit da water. Now I want dose dat can swim to stand on da left side and dose dat can't stand on da right side. Now, dose on da left, wen da plane make contact wit da water, jump out and swim to da shore. Now, dose of you on da right side, well **Capt. Granger** and **I would like to tank you for flying wit Cajun Airlines."**

## C'EST TOUT THE PLANE BOSS--THE PLANE

**Trump's** worse fear is when the man comes to get the keys to **Air Force One**. Like **Jim Bakker**, they will find **Donald** in a fetal position and will have to carry him off the plane. When the plane, **Air Force One**, landed and **Trump** stepped out on the platform and expanded his chest, he believed he was **"King of the Universe."** It's **"The Plane Boss!"** That is what will be the hardest for him to walk away from. It's back to his Airbus and buying his own fuel. He'll become ego fatigued when he sees **Joe** step off **Air Force One**, enough to make him throw up. He'll blame everyone but himself for the loss, even **FOX News**, who gave him millions of dollars in airtime at all his rallies, with **Air Force One** as his prop. Meanwhile people die and **Donald** is on the golf course where he has spent 427 days and attended less than 10% of the daily briefings. The only time he was in the Oval office was for photo ops and to show off his signature.\*\*\*\*That's all for this week. **Stay safe, wear mask and may God bless America.**



OHS debaters competed at the UIL Region Congress Meet on November 7, 2020. The meet was a virtual event held via Zoom this year due to UIL guidelines. Debaters include, left to right, Cody Strause, Leroy Bergeron, Bella Morgan, Natalie Romero, and Aiden Taylor. Strause, Morgan, and Romero authored legislation that was debated at the meet. Special thanks to Mrs. Bellard and Mrs. Hyatt for chaperoning the meet. PHOTO BY Misty Bellard



The Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD had a visit today from Holly Smith, CFO and Water Resources Manager with Sabine River Authority (SRA), who delivered a check for \$10,000 to be used for disaster recovery from Hurricanes Laura and Delta. According to Ms. Smith, "The Board of Directors of the Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA) has approved special funding to provide disaster recovery assistance grants to counties, municipalities, and other entities located within the Sabine River Basin that were impacted by Hurricanes Laura and Delta....In the aftermath of these storms, SRA wanted to reach out to provide assistance for some of the entities that qualify for our program and were impacted." Little Cypress-Mauriceville Chief Financial Officer Hollie Fregia accepted the check on behalf of the District. "LCM has experienced so much damage in the past several years from hurricanes and to receive assistance for recovery from these most recent storms is much needed and greatly appreciated," said Fregia.

## Obituaries & Memorials

### Roberta "Bobbi" Cecile Miller, 71, Vinton

Roberta "Bobbi" Cecile Miller was born on October 31, 1949 in Port Arthur, Texas at St Mary's Hospital. "Bobbi" passed away in Kerrville, Texas on September 11, 2020.

A memorial Celebration of Life service will be held in her honor on Saturday, November 21st at 10:00 am. The service will be held at Lamar State College Orange, Shahan Event Center, located at 410 Front St, Orange, TX.

All family, friends, and all those whose lives were touched by her are invited to attend.

She was the daughter of Amos Trice Brown, Sr. and Norma Marie Reid Brown. Bobbi is survived by her sister Shirley Partlow, brother Dan Brown and wife Becky Brown, and sister-in-law Suzie Brown, daughter Destiny Miller Force, grandchildren, Faith Force, Harmony Force, Caleb Force, Trinity Force Andres, and Elijah Chapman, great granddaughter Amelia, as well as numerous nephews, nieces, great nephews and great nieces, great great nephews and great great nieces, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her father Amos T. Brown, Sr, mother Norma Reid Brown, sister Olive Brown Odom and husband A.C Odem, sister Lavella Brown Railey and husband Donald Railey,

brother Amos T. Brown, Jr, brother Alvin Brown and wife Jean Brown, brother-in-law, Leland Partlow, her son Richard Savacool, her 2 grandchildren, Grant Force and Patience Force, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Everyone who knew Bobbi Miller always noticed her uniqueness and love for life. She was a Sociology professor at Lamar State College Orange for 25+ years. She was recognized more than once for her astounding achievements in providing though-provoking



real-life experiences for her students. Also making several appearances in local newspapers for her unorthodox teaching style which inspired her students to experience true compassion for the less fortunate in our society.

She spent her life serving Jesus Christ. Bobbi loved the Lord, and served in the High Island Baptist Church. She actively participated in several mission trips to Belize and Mexico, and was one of 3 members in a street ministry in Beaumont, Texas. She was an example of Christian faith to her family, students, colleagues, and friends. Always helping many of her students and family members gain a positive perspective toward bettering their lives. She was an eccentric who loved living life outside the lines to cultivate an awareness of the futility of stereotyping individuals. She was truly a "Happy Hippie!" Her family, friends, colleagues, and students will always remember her with love, admiration, and appreciation for the humor, kindness and love that she gave with her whole heart. She devoted herself to her children, grandchildren, and students.

Her final mission in this life was to be an anonymous "Blessing Angel". When she saw a need, she would fulfill it without anyone knowing it was her. Her mission here on earth is now completed, and she has entered into heavenly happiness, rest, and peace with Jesus.

### Santa set to visit Depot on Dec. 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

Baby Boy

**Joshua & Stephany Ball**  
are the proud parent's of a Baby Boy!

**Gabriel Aaron Ball**



**Born: 11/9/2020 @ 10:28 am**  
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### Learning Civic Duty



Bridge City Intermediate students performed their civic duty of voting in a mock election and campuswide, chose their favorite author. And the winner is....Dav Pilkey, author of Captain Underpants and Dogman series.

### BCI Elects Student Council Officers



Bridge City Intermediate School elected Student Council Officers! President, Hudson Womack; Vice President, Jacob Brawner; and Secretary, Wyatt Ernst. These 5th graders will represent our campus and have many responsibilities like raising and lowering the flags each day. Dan Brocklehurst, former BCI staff member, taught our officers about flag etiquette and how to handle the flag with respect.

### Loving 'Big Red' at Homecoming



Bridge City Intermediate students love those CARDINALS! They celebrated Homecoming with special art projects and BIG RED FLOATS!

### Christmas Season starts with November Noel



Since BCISD has an extended break in November and December, students at Bridge City Intermediate celebrated Christmas a little early with November Noel! Students participated in Christmasy activities to recognize this fun and important season!

### Kahoot! Students Compete In English Skills



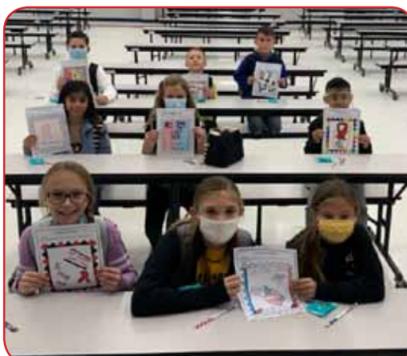
4th grade students at Bridge City Intermediate use technology to learn! One of the favorite games is Kahoot! Students competed against one another to see who could identify verbs in their English class!



### Learning Math Comes With Sweet Rewards

When students at Bridge City Intermediate do their best on a test, they are rewarded with a treat and drink of their choice! These awesome 3rd graders did a great job on their math test!

### Red Ribbon Week: Just Say 'No' To Drugs



Bridge City Intermediate students participated in Red Ribbon activities to show how they will just say NO to drugs! The week was filled with a poster contest and many dress up days!

**Get it done quickly**

**CAPT. DICKIE COLBURN**  
For The Record



Dickie Colburn

Little Cypress-Mauriceville bass clubbers, Dakota Posey and Brendon Brones, teamed up to take care of business early last Saturday. Their third-place finish on Sam Rayburn qualified them for the FLW National High School Championship tournament set for this summer on Lake Hartwell in South Carolina.

The duo finished only one three-pound bass out of first with a 13-pound 1-ounce catch. The early qualification not only takes the pressure off the youngsters for the remainder of the upcoming season, but gives them plenty of time to gather information on the lake as well.

Congratulations to not only Dakota and Brendon, but the rest of the club as well as the Bears continue to be a force to be dealt with at every tournament. Also, congratulations and a well-earned "thank you" to the adult Captains that accompany the anglers and volunteer both their time and boat!

Ten year old twins, Carol and Darrel Porter, may have been disappointed with the lack of non-stop trout catching under the birds their Uncle had promised, but they still left the lake with smiles on their faces. Blake Leger was very concerned for the better part of the morning that his birthday present was going to be little more than a lot of boat riding.

"To their credit, they hung in there," said Uncle Blake, "and I had all but given up when we saw a small school of shad on the surface just off the rocks on the south revetment wall." A good fish immediately buried Darrel's cork and his sister hooked up on her first cast as well.

"I netted both of their reds at the same time," he added, "and I was thanking Jesus while they compared their fish. Both fish were in the slot and both of twins finished the morning with their limits."

Blake said that when the fish were on the surface, they caught them on chicken on a chain Sea Shads under a cork and when the fish were down, they still caught them with chrome Traps. "I had two worn out youngsters when the bite ended!"

"By the time we got back to the north end there were terns working everywhere as promised, but we never slowed down to check them out, said Blake. Dink trout weren't going to get much respect after wrestling with reds for the better part of an hour.

The birthday party that night included redfish on the half shell as well as two chocolate pies adorned with ten candles. "The kids love their Mom's chocolate pie and so do I," added the pleased Uncle with a sigh of relief.

While local anglers continue to catch good numbers of bass and redfish in both Cow and Black's Bayou on a variety of lures, it is hard to go wrong with a three-inch Swim Bait or a quarter ounce spinner bait with a number three Colorado blade. Not only can you cover a lot of water quickly, but you can also fish different depths without changing lures.

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**Mustangs dominate Sealy, 59-8**

**GERRY DICKERT**  
For The Record



Gerry Dickert

It's down to one. The West Orange-Stark Mustangs stand alone as the Orange County representative in the 2020 high school football playoff race after dominating Sweeny this past Friday night.

The Orangefield Bobcats finished their season with a loss to Sealy.

**West Orange-Stark 59, Sweeny 8**

The West Orange-Stark Mustangs started their Class 4A, Region III bidistrict bid with a punt on their first offensive possession against Sweeny this past Friday night.

Then the Mustangs started scoring, and scoring, and scoring.

After that early lull, the Mustangs scored on every other offensive possession of the game as they rolled to a 59-8 win at Randall Reed Stadium in

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Mustang Elijah Gales galloped through the Bulldog defense 30 yards after Artavious Samuel's interception to put the first six points on the board for the Mustangs. The 'Stangs led 38-8 at the half. RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs

**Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast . . .**

Area High School Playoff Games This Week

★ WEST ORANGE-STARK (8-0) over CHINA SPRING (8-2)

7:30 p.m. Friday at Magnolia's Bulldog Stadium—The Mustangs took it to fourth-seeded Sweeny last week and merely overpowered them. Although this week's opponent is a third seed in its apparently strong district, the Cougars had a relatively easy time defeating a good Jasper team 45-19 and should give the 'Stangs all they can handle.

★ DEWEYVILLE (8-2) over CHILTON (6-4)

6 p.m. Saturday at Tomball ISD Stadium—The Pirates looked good in their bidistrict encounter over Cushing for their

first playoff victory in the school's history. Hopefully they can post their second playoff win too.

★ OTHER AREA PLAYOFF GAMES OF INTEREST TO SE TEXAS

Carthage (9-0) over Silsbee (7-3), East Chambers (10-0) over Yoakum (8-2), Columbus (9-2) over Woodville (8-2), Newton (7-2) over Omaha Pewitt (7-3), West Sabine (6-4) over Simms Bowie (7-4), Argyle (11-0) over Stephenville (6-5), Huffman (9-1) over Freeport Brazosport (4-6), Bellville (9-1) over Salado (10-1) Carthage (9-0) over Silsbee (7-3), Sealy (8-2) over Center (8-3), Navasota (7-3) over Rockport-Fulton (6-4), Hondo (10-1) over Wimberley (8-3), Giddings (8-3) over Sinton (7-3), Loreno (8-2) over Crockett (7-4), Hallettsville (8-2) over Diboll (6-4), Elysian Fields (9-2) over Hooks (6-4), Hol-

land (9-2) over Garrison (5-5), Timpson (11-0) over Jewett Leon (7-3), Normangee (10-0) over Price-Carlisle (7-4), Hearne (9-0) over Beckville (8-3), Shiner (9-0) over Freer (3-3), Refugio (9-0) over Flatonia (5-3), Mart (10-0) over Lovelady (7-4), Tenaha (8-2) over Bremond (8-3).

Regular-Season Games---Beaumont West Brook over Humble Summer Creek, Beaumont United over Baytown Lee, Port Arthur Memorial over Baytown Sterling, Barbers Hill over Nederland, Port Neches-Groves over Crosby.

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# Fearless

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Tulane (both Thursday); Louisville over Syracuse, Purdue over Minnesota, Air Force over New Mexico and Florida Atlantic over Massachusetts (all Friday); Oregon over UCLA, Penn State over Iowa, Virginia Tech over Pittsburgh, Miami over Georgia Tech, Wake Forest over Duke, Temple over East Carolina, Cincinnati over Central Florida, Georgia over Mississippi State, Coastal Carolina over Appalachian State, Clemson over Florida State, Navy over South Florida, Missouri over South Carolina, Maryland over Michigan State, Ohio State over Indiana, Liberty over North Carolina State, Michigan over Rutgers, Marshall over Charlotte, Army over Georgia Southern, USC over Utah, Colorado State over UNLV, Western Kentucky over Florida International, Rice over North Texas, Washington over Arizona, California over Oregon State, Stanford over Washington State, Fresno State over San Jose State, UTSA over Southern Mississippi, San Diego State over Nevada, Nebraska

over Illinois, SMU over Houston, LSU over Arkansas, Wisconsin over Northwestern, Alabama over Kentucky, Florida over Vanderbilt, Oklahoma over Vanderbilt, Iowa State over Kansas State, Texas A&M over Ole Miss, Georgia State over South Alabama, Texas over Kansas, Troy over Middle Tennessee State, Auburn over Tennessee, Louisiana Tech over Louisiana-Monroe, Arkansas State over Texas State, Boise State over Hawaii.

★ PRO PICKS

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



The Mustang defense led by Casen Barnes sacks the Bulldog quarterback Trace Holmes. Sweeney finished the game with only 135 yards, despite having the ball for over 35 minutes of the game.

RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs

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After taking a 38-8 lead after the first half, coaches agreed to play with a running clock through the final two quarters of play. With the Mustangs running just two offensive plays in the second half, they scored on a punt return, interception return and fumble return as the defense took a key role.

West Orange-Stark, now undefeated at 8-0, takes on China Spring in the area round this Friday. China Spring beat Jasper in bidistrict play 45-19.

WO-S opened the scoring when Elijah Gales sprinted 30 yards for the score on the first play from scrimmage on their second drive. Angel Ibarra booted the extra point for the 7-0 lead.

Jarren Terrell and Jalen Thompson connected on an aerial touchdown later in the first quarter, capping a three-play 37-yard drive for a 14-0 advantage.

That connection worked again on the next Mustangs' drive as Terrell hit Thompson on a 53-yarder in another 1-play drive that upped the WO-S lead to 21-0.

Sweeny accounted for its only score of the game with a three-play, 56-yard drive capped by an 18-yard run by Trace Holmes. The two-point conversion was good for the 21-8 difference.

That would be all the Mustangs' defense would allow as Ibarra hit a 36-yard field goal to give WO-S the 24-8 lead in the second quarter. Gales scored again on a 21-yarder and Jayson Zeigler Jr. added a 21-yard touchdown for the Mustangs' 38-8 halftime lead.

Thompson opened up the third quarter with an interception that went 25 yards for the touchdown and then Gales added a punt return TD for a 51-8 WO-S advantage.

Tyrone Brown found a loose ball to account for the Mustangs' final TD as he rumbled 65 yards for the score and



On Sweeny's first drive, senior Artavious Samuel steps in front of a Trace Holmes pass on third and 13 and returned the interception 16 yards to set up the first score of the night. RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs

the 59-8 decision.

The Mustangs finished with 297 yards of total offense while Sweeny managed 135 yards. Leading the WO-S offensive parade was Terrell at quarterback, hitting 7 of 11 attempts for 134 yards and two touchdowns. Gales had four rushes for 58 yards while Jamaal Shawk added 34 yards on four totes.

Sweeny's Xavier Woods carried the ball 12 times for 47 yards while Holmes had 29 yards on 20 carries with a TD.

## Sealy 41, Orangefield 0

The Sealy offense was too much to handle as the Orangefield Bobcats fell 41-0 in the first round of the Class 4A, Region III playoffs this past Friday night in Huffman.

The Tigers nearly tripled the Orangefield offensive output, putting together 349 yards of total offense to the Bob-

cats' 128 yards.

The Tigers, who improved to 8-2 with the win, scored their first TD on a half-back pass that went for 51 yards and a 7-0 lead. Another long pass resulted in a 14-0 lead with four minutes left in the first quarter. That lead extended to 28-0 in the second quarter as the Tigers showed they could score on the ground as well.

An 11-yard TD pass in the second quarter upped the Tigers' lead to 35-0.

While the Bobcats struggled to get hold of the Tigers in the first two quarters, they managed to limit Sealy to just one TD in the second half. It was another long pass that would give Sealy its final points, this one a 62-yarder in the third quarter.

Hunter Ashworth led the Orangefield offensive effort with 30 yards on 11 carries.

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# College football in Texas an off-field grind to play games

**KAZ'S KORNER**  
**JOE KAZMAR**  
**For The Record**

As college football's regular season heads into its final month in the Lone Star State, all but one of the 12 Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) schools have played at least six games on their respective coronavirus-abbreviated schedules. Rice didn't open its 2020 season until early October.



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Nine of the 12 have had at least one game on their revised schedules affected by their own positive COVID-19 tests or those of an opponent, according to an article appearing in Sunday's edition of The Houston Chronicle.

Last weekend alone, Texas A&M and Rice were idle because their games against Tennessee and Louisiana Tech, respectively, were postponed. Nationally, 15 games were either postponed or canceled last weekend. The Aggie's game this Saturday against Ole Miss has been rescheduled for December 19th.

Each Sunday a new set of checklists and guidelines must be negotiated by the players and staff members even before they can think about playing on any given Saturday.

"While each of the five conferences represented by the 12 Texas schools—the Big 12, American Athletic, Conference USA, Southeastern and Sun Belt—have their own weekly procedures, all are on the same approximate schedule," the article pointed out.

Baylor players and staff members must undergo nasal pharyngeal polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests every Sunday or Monday with the results received within 24 hours. A second round of PCR tests are administered



Houston Texans' Coach Romeo Crennel

on Wednesday and rapid antigen tests take place Friday with results available in a couple of hours.

"If it's a home game, we can let the visiting team know that we're good to go," said Baylor athletic director Mack Rhoades. "And if it's a road game, we're waiting to hear from the other team that it's OK to get on a bus or a plane." Texas A&M uses Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday and receives results a day later, according to the article, using PCR tests in each case.

The American Conference, which includes SMU and Houston, created the American Conference Risk Assessment Tool (ACRAT)

which computes positive cases, players in contact tracing quarantine and other factors to determine whether teams could be at risk to play.

Schools generally use Centers for Disease Control guidelines, which include 15 minutes of cumulative exposure over a 24-hour period to an infected person, as guidelines for placing a player or staff member into a two-week quarantine.

Players are restricted to their apartment or dorm room, but can participate in classes and team activities virtually.

Conferences have a minimum number of available players required for a game to take place—53 in the Big 12 and SEC—and some leagues call for seven offensive linemen, five interior defensive linemen and a quarterback to be certified as COVID-free or not quarantined for contact testing.

Many games involving the 12 FBS Texas schools have either been canceled or rescheduled this fall. Rice has had games against UTSA and Louisiana Tech canceled and the game against Southern Mississippi rescheduled for December.

Baylor has had games against Louisiana Tech and Houston canceled and a game against Oklahoma State rescheduled for Dec. 12. TCU had games against SMU and Tennessee Tech canceled, Texas A&M had Saturday's game against Tennessee rescheduled for Dec. 12 while Texas and Texas State didn't lose a game.

**KWICKIES...**For the second time during his interim status, Houston Texans' Head Coach Romeo Crennel made the wrong decision that would have at least created a tie in Sunday's game in Cleveland against the Browns. With fourth down and less than a yard for a touchdown, Crennel refused to kick a field goal to tie the game at 3-3 in the early going and went for the touchdown on a quarterback sneak. Deshaun Watson was hit by at least 11 Browns and thrown for a

loss. Houston ended up losing 10-7 on a very blustery day.

Although Tiger Woods was not in the hunt on Sunday's final round of the Masters, he took an unbelievable 10 on the Par 3 No. 12, hitting three balls into the water before finding the hole on his tenth shot. But instead of hanging his head and saying "Woe is me" Tiger proceeded to birdie five of the six remaining holes. His 76 equaled his worst score in any Masters as he finished the tourney 1-under par—19 strokes behind winner Dustin Johnson, who was helped into his Green Jacket by Tiger, last year's Masters champion.

Besides getting crushed 38-3 last week by the New Orleans Saints, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers set an NFL record by running the football only five time the entire game.

Things like that happen when you behind 31-3 at halftime.

Even though I wasn't much of a Green Bay Packer fan—when you're a kid growing up in New York State your team automatically is the NY Giants—I really liked Paul Hornung, who played everywhere in Coach Vince Lombardi's backfield. I was saddened that he died last weekend at age 84.

**JUST BETWEEN US...**The West Orange-Stark Mustangs had a bizarre start of the second half in their bi-district -playoff game against Sweeny Friday night. The 'Stangs had a punt return for a touchdown on Sweeny's first three-and-out series, a fumble on the ensuing kickoff that resulted in another touchdown and a pick-six on the next series—three touchdowns WITHOUT running a second-half offensive play in their 59-8 triumph over Sweeny. Things should be much different in Magnolia's Bulldog

Stadium Friday night against China Spring. Tickets for Friday night's area game can be purchased at the Mustangs athletic office today (Wed.) from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 and then Thursday from 9-noon only. They also can be bought at the gate Friday night.

## Sabine River Authority Donates to OISD



Sabine River Authority donated \$10,000 to Orangefield ISD for Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta recovery and restoration. Orangefield ISD appreciates the generosity of the SRA. Pictured are Orangefield ISD Superintendent, Shaun McAlpin, Sabine River Authority employee, Holly Black, and Orangefield ISD District Librarian/Grant Writer, Sunshine Copeland.

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A shallow running crank-bait continues to also work well, but it is not quite as versatile as the other two. The spinner bait has been productive, especially on red-fish, when employing a Gulp curly tail for the body. The other choice has been a four inch paddle tail like the Sea Shad in red shad, morning glory and chartreuse-flake.

Adding a little scent to the body also helps attract both redfish and an occasional flounder. Poking a few holes in the body before adding the scent will make it last a lot longer!

While very few local anglers are even talking about flounder, they are still catching some very nice fish. Steve

Wilson had two fish over four pounds fishing a jig tipped with shrimp Thursday morning. "I have caught my two fish limit every trip recently," reported Wilson, "and I quit fishing for them as soon as I catch two keepers. On most days, at least one of them has been three-pounds or larger."

Most of the local anglers I talk with agree that the two fish limit has helped, but it is even more effective when you keep only your first two keepers as Wilson does rather than culling. It is very difficult to successfully release a flounder that has been struggling in the live well or lying in the bottom of an ice chest!

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 Sealy 41 Orangefield 0  
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 Bellville 41 Hardin-Jeff 10  
 China Spring 45 Jasper 19  
 Woodville 41 Coldspring 28  
 Silsbee 50 La Marque 6  
 Lovelady 50 Evadale 12  
 East Chambers 49 Trinity 12  
 Kilgore 42 Splendora 0  
 Diboll 59 Buna 22  
 Newton 78 Harleton 6  
 Hargrave 19 Palestine 10  
 Chapel Hill 49 Livingston 37  
 West Sabine 22 H-D 6  
 Crockett 41 Anahuac 21

Elysian Flds 50 Hemphill 38  
 West Brook 40 Kingwood 28  
 PA Memorial 48 Lee 28  
 Bmt United 29 La Porte 20  
 Nederland 42 Dayton 26  
 PNG 62 Kingwood Park 35

**PLAYOFFS AREA ROUND**  
 Friday, Nov. 20  
 China Spring (8-2) vs  
 #2 WOS (8-0) at Bulldog  
 Stadium, 7:30 pm, Magnolia

Silsbee (7-3) vs #1  
 Carthage (9-0) at Homer  
 Bryce Stadium, 7:30 pm,  
 Nacogdoches

Newton (7-2) vs Pewitt (7-3)  
 at Lion Stadium, 7:30 pm,  
 Henderson

Yoakum (8-2) vs East  
 Chambers (10-0) at Waller  
 ISD Stadium,  
 7:30 pm, Waller

Columbus (9-2) vs  
 Woodville (8-2) at Merrill  
 Green Stadium,  
 7:30 pm, Bryan

**Saturday, Nov. 21**  
 Chilton (6-4) vs Deweyville  
 (8-2) at Tomball ISD  
 Stadium, 6 pm, Tomball

## Louisiana duck season opens as Texas hunters continue red hot start

### OUTDOORS WEEKLY CAPT. CHUCK UZZLE For The Record

The glow from L. E. D. lights lit up all the local boat ramps as trucks and mud boats got cranked up for an early morning run to the marsh. Local hunters who cross the Sabine River to hunt in Louisiana finally got to begin their season a week later after Texas kicked theirs off last weekend.

As expected it was a very hit and miss proposition to say the least. The current state of the marsh is very different than in normal years due to the increased levels of freshwater that seemed like it would never drain. Wet conditions have kept freshwater dependent vegetation growing wild and that has definitely altered the plans of many hunters.

Ponds and flats that have historically been magnets for ducks have seen very few birds come into the area and stay as the ultra abundant food sources have ducks spread out all over creation.

Now if you are fortunate enough to have available food sources like some local hunters then it's just a matter of time before you have birds. The reports from the Louisiana opener proved that theory out in a big way.

Hunters that were much deeper in the marsh and affected less by the saltwater and freshwater ratios had great numbers of birds and outstanding hunts. The hunters closer to the rivers and bayous struggled somewhat but did manage to take a few birds.

Teal and Gadwall made up the majority of the ducks taken for most hunters while a few were fortunate enough to take pintail, widgeon, and even a few mallards. The big surge of hunting pressure certainly changed the way the birds worked but look for that to settle down as the season continues and the

number of hunters gets back to a normal level. Texas waterfowl hunters jumped out to a fast start and continue to do well. Typically early season results hinge on agriculture like rice and as the season gets underway those birds tend to end up in the coastal marshes. This year its been about even so far as both the rice field hunters and the those in the marsh have been enjoying great success. The local refuges have had great reports as well so that's a big plus for those folks who hunt public lands. Louisiana took a big hit with hurricanes and actually closed several of their popular refuges due to navigation hazards so many hunters have been left to either find alternate places to hunt or just take advantage of some of the fall fishing that has also been very good. For now the long range forecast looks very good for local waterfowl hunters as cooler temps have provid-



Texas duck hunters are off to a hot start this season and Louisiana hunters are itching to get started.

ed a welcome change. The strong north winds associated with each front will move a few birds out of the areas but look for those numbers to build back up soon.

New birds just now entering our area plus those returning once the big north winds die down and slowly swing south and east will bolster the population. Water levels in the tidal marshes will be a concern for a few days as the tides are extremely low right now courtesy of the north winds associated with this each passing front.

Many areas that are prime habitat become expansive mud flats at this time of the year and are only accessible with a surface drive motor or long tail. When the water levels return the ducks won't be far behind. If the first few days are any indication of how the season is going to turn out then it may be time to stock up on shells because this has all the potential to be one to remember.

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This public notice is part of a public scoping process that will help identify and determine environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS, requests public participation in the scoping process, and provides information on how to participate. Due to COVID-19, MARAD and USCG are providing a virtual open house and BMOP Project information website and virtual, internet based Scoping Meetings with alternate dial-in phone number options. The USCG and MARAD will hold two virtual Public Scoping Meetings, Wednesday, December 2, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (CST) and Thursday, December 3, 2020 from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (CST). The meetings are open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to register via the website at [www.BlueMarlinOFFPAP-access.com](http://www.BlueMarlinOFFPAP-access.com) or call (833) 201-2773. Attendees may attend online or via telephone and related details will be relayed to you upon registering for the meeting. Both virtual public meetings will be identical, interested parties may register for one scoping meeting only.

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

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

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

- Jefferson County, TX: Port Arthur Public Library  
4515 9th Ave, Port Arthur, TX 77647
- Orange County, TX: Orange Public Library  
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If you have questions about the project or the meeting, you may contact Will Nabach, USCG, at [william.nabach@uscg.mil](mailto:william.nabach@uscg.mil) or Brian Lopez, Maritime Administration, at (202) 366-9761 or [brian.lopez@doh.gov](mailto:brian.lopez@doh.gov).

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## Orange County Happenings and Events

### Knights of Columbus Orange hosts Smoked Brisket, Turkey fundraiser

Knights of Columbus of Orange (Council 1680) will be selling rotisserie-smoked beef briskets and 12-14 pound turkeys for Thanksgiving Day and to freeze for Christmas. The Knights are taking orders now through November 20. Prices for Knights of Columbus smoked turkeys are \$35 each, or the Knights will cook your turkey for you at \$25.00 each. Whole smoked briskets sell for \$12 per pound.

The Knights of Columbus will cook whole smoked briskets on Friday, Nov. 20. Smoked turkeys will be cooked on Monday, Nov. 23. Deadline to place an order is 5 p.m. on Nov. 20. The beef briskets may be picked up Monday, Nov. 23 and Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. All briskets and turkeys must be picked up by Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 24, at the St. Mary's Parish Hall, 907 Cherry Ave. between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

To place your order now please contact Knights of Columbus members Felix Anderson, 330-4575 or 779-4449; C.J. Leblanc, 746-9057 or 313-3524; James Herman, 745-3131 or 746-7470; John Badaux, 344-2822. Orders may also be left at the Parish Office, 912 W. Cherry Ave., attention C.J. Leblanc. Order forms are also available at the Parish Office.

Please make payment for orders before the order deadline date to the person with whom you place your order.

### Santa at the Depot special event

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

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

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

### Daughters of the American Revolution meetings

The Daughters of the American Revolution William Diamond Chapter of Orange County meets the third Tuesday of the month at St. Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City at 1:00 p.m. Any woman who can establish a direct family line to a patriot in the American Revolution can join. The Daughters of the American Revolution promotes Patriotism, Education and Historical Preservation. We have members that help find your Patriot. For questions call Jackie Hucakbay @ 409-719-6478 or Katy Latiolais, 720-9834.

### Orangefield FFA To Sell Christmas Trees

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

### Orangefield FFA Hosts Food Drive

The Orangefield FFA Chapter

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

### Wesley UMC Fund Raiser

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

## ORANGE COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

### "Thanksgiving" should be every day

"For the Christian, every day is Thanksgiving Day." — Billy Graham

Consider the word "Thanksgiving", and invariably images of family gatherings come to mind. Such gatherings with turkey dinners, pumpkin pies, fall decorations, football, and tryptophan grogginess are all too common in American homes. This may be what Thanksgiving has become but it is not the purpose of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving the holiday was designated by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. He sat aside the fourth Thursday of November, and described the purpose of Thanksgiving as a national day of "Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

America's vision of Thanksgiving mimics our idea of the meal, which occurred between the Wampanoag tribe on Native Americans, and the Pilgrims. Following a difficult winter and a shortage of food, Squanto, who was residing with the Wampanoag, taught the Pilgrims how to farm more effectively in the new world.

The purpose of their Thanksgiving was to dedicate themselves to God. It was a day of prayer and humility, giving thanks for God's Providence. Giving thanks to God was a regular focus of the Pilgrims, as well as the Wampanoag people.

The Call To A Life of Thanksgiving

Giving thanks to God has taken place since the creation. There is a unique repetitive term that runs through much of the Old Testament:

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

Repeating such a phrase can bring joy to followers of God, through any circumstance. This quote came from 1 Chronicles 16:34 (NIV), but the exact phrase is repeated in 2 Chronicles 16:41, Psalm 106:1, Psalm 107:1, Psalm 118:1, and Psalm 136:1. Giving thanks for God's goodness and his enduring love was a theme that the Old Testament writers wanted the children of Israel to remember.

A second notable repeated phrase occurs five times in Psalm 107:

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love; And his wonderful deeds for mankind.

The Voice translation helps to bring the phrase an even more basic expression: "Erupt with thanks to the Eternal, for He is good and His loyal love lasts forever." But why does this phrase repeat throughout the Psalm?

There are several universal themes found in Psalm 107. A selection of themes is presented, and the call to action is the repeated phrase. The Psalm calls to those who drift through the deserts of life, the homeless and hungry, the weak, and the weary. It calls to prisoners who are captive behind bars for years on end. It speaks to the laborers, and those who find they have stumbled under the heavy burdens of life. It offers hope to those who have been blind to the ways of God, and become lost in sin through selfishness and rebellion. Psalm 107 challenges those who are distressed

and burdened with illness. It reaches out to the travelers at sea, who discover first hand the power that God built into the winds and the waves. To those who are living in foreign lands, it calls for a new approach to life. No matter the circumstance we find ourselves in, God is able to save us, and turn the desert we are living in to a lush garden of life.

This promise causes us to sing his praises once again:

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

When people are dying through persecution, suffering and feeling broken-hearted, God brings forth his judgment on the persecutors, raising up the outcast and multiplying their blessings. How does this happen? For whom were the promises meant? They were meant for all who understand and keep the purpose of Thanksgiving fresh in their mind.

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 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer: Rite II (Wednesday)  
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 200 W. Roundbunch  
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 www.fbcbc.org  
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 Email: office@fbcof.com / Website: www.fbcof.com

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**The Dementia Care Givers' Support Group** meets at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Canticle Building, 4300 Meeks Drive in Orange on the following days and times:

Second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m., and Second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

**Wesley United Methodist Church** will be selling this years crop of Durham/Ellis pecans and walnuts early November. Call Jane 409/734-8036 or the

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**Rhaetta Ruth Gennusa**  
c/o: Stephen C. Howard  
Attorney at Law  
903 W. Green Avenue  
Orange, Texas 77630

DATED the 4th day of November, 2020.

**Stephen Howard**  
Stephen Howard  
Attorney for:  
Rhaetta Ruth Gennusa  
State Bar No.: 10079400  
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### NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

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

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

ETI has requested that an intervention deadline and hearing request deadline of November 30, 2020 be established, and that, if no hearing is requested, the Commission adopt an order approving the proposed TCRF at or before its currently-scheduled open meeting on January 14, 2021. All customers in ETI's Texas retail rate classes are affected by this request.

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

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 51406 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon this proceeding should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. ETI has requested that the deadline be November 30, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the preferred method for you to file your request for intervention is electronically, and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention request. Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>. Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at: [http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New\\_PUC\\_Web\\_Filer\\_Presentation.pdf](http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New_PUC_Web_Filer_Presentation.pdf). Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Filer, you may email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: [centralrecords@puc.texas.gov](mailto:centralrecords@puc.texas.gov). For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or [helpdesk@puc.texas.gov](mailto:helpdesk@puc.texas.gov). You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

If you are unable to file your request for intervention electronically, you may file your request for intervention by mailing a hard copy of your request to the PUC. The PUC should receive a letter from you requesting intervention by the intervention deadline. Mail the request for intervention and 10 copies of the request to: Public Utility Commission of Texas, Central Records, Attn: Filing Clerk, 1701 N. Congress Ave., P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326.

All communications should refer to Docket No. 51406.

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