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## Jail repairs keep Orange County inmates away

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

While all four branches of government – Congress, the Supreme Court and both incoming and outgoing Presidencies – should have plenty to do at year-end in Washington, Orange County, Texas waits for somebody along the Potomac River to OK federal assistance after Hurricane Laura.

While D.C. dithers, the clock keeps ticking on what figures to be more than a \$1.5 million total cost to the county to fix a leaky jail roof.

The “dry side” of Hurricane Laura swirled winds as high as 100 miles per hour from north to south across downtown Orange and the Orange County courthouse complex on Aug. 27.

Flying debris punched holes in the metal roofs covering three of the four jail dormitories.

While the worst of the winds and rains fell on the Louisiana side of the state line, rainwater got into the jail through the holes and caused mold.

More than three months later, nearly a hundred in-

mates from Orange County are housed in the Henderson County Jail in Athens, Texas, more than a four-hour drive away.

The goal is to have them home around New Year's.

“Our goal was sometime in January at first,” John Gothia,

Orange County Judge, said Monday. “We’ve been pushing and we hope to have the jail back by Christmas.

“But it’s a process you have to do.”

The good news is that the county, eventually, should get most of its money back.

Insurance has already paid \$500,000 up front for jail repairs.

Kurt Guidry, the county’s maintenance director, says the pricetag for the new jail roof is \$342,025.50.

That does not include all the work Guidry’s men have

done restoring the inside of the jail.

The biggest cost, though, is what Orange County is paying the people in Athens to keep Orange County inmates.

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## Educators worry pandemic disrupting student college plans

KATE MCGEE  
The Texas Tribune

The number of Texas high school seniors filling out the federal financial aid application for college, known as FAFSA, is down so far from last year, a sign worrying state higher education leaders that the COVID-19 pandemic is still disrupting many students’ pathway to college.

According to the National College Attainment Network’s FAFSA tracker, just 24% of Texas seniors have filled out the vital Free Application for Federal Student Aid as of Nov. 20, a 14.6% decline compared to the same time last year.

Preliminary enrollment data from the state shows this fall’s college enrollment was down 3%, or more than 47,000 students, primarily among community colleges.

The enrollment and application data was discussed at a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board press conference, where officials said they are concerned that the pandemic is disproportionately affecting underrepresented students, including low-income students, His-

panic and Black students, and rural students.

Higher education leaders across Texas say high school counselors are struggling to connect with students virtually and students aren’t receiving the same information about college applications and financial aid that they would be if they were in school every day.

“A year ago it was really easy to find a high school senior in the hall at the school, but now the student may not even be in the building,” said John Fitzpatrick, executive director of the nonprofit Educate Texas, on a call with reporters Tuesday.

To combat the declines, the state recently launched a public-private partnership called Future Focused Texas to better support counselors and students, and maintain the state’s college enrollment numbers during the pandemic.

The program includes weekly resources that school counselors can pass to students with deadlines, financial aid eligibility requirements and FAFSA supports. The state also created a new

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## Orange County’s Blue Santa rides again

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Blue Santa is set to ride again.

The Orange County Sheriff’s Office has been putting on the event for decades to make sure the county’s underprivileged children don’t go without Christmas gifts.

Deputy John Badeaux has been organizing the event for 14 years.

“It’s very rewarding,” he explained. “We have a lot of needy people. That’s what law enforcement is all about – helping our community.”

Parents in need apply from Oct. 1 through Nov. 2 to put their children, aged 13 and under, on the list.

“If somebody calls me now, I refer them to OCS [Orange Christian Services],” Badeaux said.

Blue Santa is one of several programs in the county providing children Christmas gifts. The Vidor Police Department has its own Blue Santa program, and there’s the Salvation Army and Orange Christian Services, among others.

Badeaux says the organizations cross check lists to make sure they can serve as many people as possible. The OCSO Blue Santa program requires gift recipients live in the county and attend county schools. Parents must show utility bills as proof of residence.

“If they receive government aid, are not working, or just can’t make it, we don’t turn anybody down,” Badeaux said.

“Last year, we had 386 children, and this year we



Volunteers assist a past Orange County's Blue Santa operation by selecting children's Christmas presents at an area store.

have 343 children from 133 families,” the deputy said. “And we have families this year that have never applied before.”

“With two hurricanes and this pandemic all in 2020, there’s a need.”

Fundraising typically gets going about the same time as the annual application process, Badeaux said -- in October.

“We ask people to donate money or new toys,” he said. “We try to get each child four toys and one bicycle per household, if we have enough donations. If we don’t, we just cut back.”

People interested in donating to the Sheriff’s Blue

Santa may stop by the Sheriff’s Office at 205 Border St., Orange, or mail a check to that same address, zip code 77630. Checks should be made out to the Orange County Sheriff’s Office and marked “Blue Sheriff Account” on the memo line.

Bags of gifts, selected especially for each child and household, are distributed to parents Saturday, Dec. 19 at the VFW on US 87 North.

But almost as much fun for the officers and community volunteers who help with the drive arrives the week before, purchasing the gifts.

Saturday, Dec. 12, the shopping begins at 7 a.m. at

the Bridge City Walmart. A couple hours or so later, the action moves to the Walmart in Orange.

“The funds we get are spent in Orange County,” Badeaux said, “and we like to spread it around to both communities. Still, we have help [donations] from some Jefferson County businesses as well.”

Teams of volunteers are assigned families to shop for on Dec. 12 and information about the boys’ and girls’ ages. At the register, Badeaux and his elves make sure everything’s correct and seal them in plastic

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## Covid-19 pandemic no foil for community’s giving

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

On Tuesday, the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce became the latest local organization postponing, canceling or seriously tweaking its end-of-the-year plans because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But while the Chamber is hoping to reschedule its Dec. 8 annual banquet early in 2021, other Orange institutions have announced their alternate plans.

The Service League of Orange will hold a Drive Thru Toy Coffee on Thursday,

Dec. 3.

The Heritage House Museum will host Santa’s Drive Thru Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon, and Sunday, Dec. 6 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Lutcher Theater’s annual PJs and Blankets drive for the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree runs from Saturday, Dec. 5 through Wednesday, Dec. 9.

The Southeast Texas Hospice Toilet Paper Tea will be a Drop Off event this year on Thursday, Dec. 10.

Shangri La Gardens is unable to hold its Christmas Strolls this year because of social distancing concerns. Those events normally col-

lect non-perishable food as entry fees, but this year the Stark Foundation is asking to community to donate the food at two drop-offs.

On Friday, Dec. 11, drop-offs will be taken from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Stark Museum and on Friday, Dec. 18, they will be accepted from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lutcher Theater’s front driveway.

“All the donations are going to local food banks,” explained Rick Lewandowski, director at Shangri La. “Traditionally, we take in donations at the Christmas Strolls.”

The best news is that the

250-acre botanical garden has reopened to the public Wednesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“We’ve had to revise our open dates due to the COVID-19 situation,” said Lewandowski, a nationally known horticulturist.

“The gardens are looking great. This is a beautiful time to be in the garden. The air is fresh, crisp and clean. There’s lots of color and foliage in the garden now.

“This is absolutely a fantastic time to come out for a stroll around the loop with

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This week’s cold front did not harm the new plantings at Shangri La Gardens, which is open again, on Wednesdays through Fridays. Like many other institutions affected by the coronavirus pandemic, the Stark Foundation has come up with novel workarounds to let the community help those less fortunate this Christmas season.



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**TEXAS STATE NEWS**

# Texas in “full resurgence” of infections, White House report warns

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The Texas Tribune

Texas must ramp up efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus as the state experiences a “full resurgence” of COVID-19 infections, according to White House guidelines.

Texas is seeing an “unsustainable increase in hospitalizations” from the virus and “statewide mitigation must increase,” according to a White House Coronavirus Task Force report dated Nov. 22. The report was obtained and published by the Center for Public Integrity.

Among the task force’s recommendations: Officials in Texas should significantly reduce capacity in indoor spaces, including those that are privately owned. And state leaders should further increase the number of people being tested for the virus.

COVID-19 infections are spreading rapidly in Texas and nationwide. The report ranked Texas 34th among the states for cases per capita and found that more than three-quarters of Texas counties were experiencing moderate or high levels of viral transmission.

A spokesperson for Gov. Greg Abbott did not say whether the governor would adopt the White House report’s recommendations but said state officials were “working closely with local officials”

## Almost 9,000 people in Texas are hospitalized for coronavirus for the first time since August



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and helping to distribute an antibody treatment meant to help keep people with COVID-19 from being hospitalized.

“Governor Abbott continues to rely on the data-driven hospitalization metrics used by doctors and medical experts to help inform and guide the state’s ongoing efforts to mitigate COVID-19,” Renae Eze, an Abbott spokesperson, said in an email.

Abbott has resisted calls from some city and county leaders to ramp up infection control measures as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations have risen around the state. While a statewide mask mandate issued in July remains in place, the governor has ruled out further business

lockdowns. And in recent months he has loosened regulations that outline when bars must close and businesses must reduce their occupancy limits.

A mid-September executive order from Abbott would scale back business reopenings if the number of COVID-19 patients in a region exceeds 15% of its hospital capacity for seven consecutive days. Regions that reach that threshold have to reduce the occupancy of most businesses from 75% to 50% of capacity.

A previous order set the threshold at 15% of “all hospitalized patients” in a region, but Abbott changed it to 15% of “total hospital capacity” — or total beds — in a region. That redefinition means that

it would take a more severe outbreak to trigger additional restrictions, according to hospital administrators.

Even under the looser metric, six regions of the state have already hit the threshold for seven or more days, triggering additional restrictions under Abbott’s order, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

“Local officials have full authority to enforce these existing protocols to help mitigate this virus, including occupancy limits and mask requirements,” said Eze, the Abbott spokesperson. “The protocols proved effective in slowing the spread over the summer and containing COVID-19, and they can continue to work but only if they are enforced.”

Experts say widespread fatigue has hastened the virus’ spread as fewer people are following public health recommendations such as mask-wearing, maintaining distance from others, meeting outdoors or in well-ventilated areas and staying home as much as possible.

In Texas, the severity of the outbreak varies significantly by region, with the situation in El Paso being particularly dire. There, local officials have pleaded for more morgue workers as coronavirus fatalities climb and overwhelmed hospitals have transferred patients to other regions.

Hospital administrators in North Texas, West Texas and the Panhandle have also expressed concern about climbing numbers of coronavirus

hospitalizations. Rural hospital administrators have reported difficulty transferring patients as larger hospitals in Lubbock, Amarillo and other larger cities run short on beds.

On Nov. 30, nearly 9,000 Texans were hospitalized for the coronavirus, according to the state health department. More than 21,000 people who tested positive for the virus in Texas have died.

The White House report also calls on the state to ramp up coronavirus testing. “The silent community spread that precedes and continues to drive these surges can only be identified and interrupted through proactive, focused testing for both the identification of symptomatic and pre-symptomatic individuals,” it said.

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## Apple-1 computer with Wozniak’s signature on box up for auction

A Boston-based auction house is offering a rare piece of personal computing history -- a fully functional Apple-1 computer with its original box signed by designer Steve Wozniak, UPI reports.

RR Auctions said the Apple-1, one of only a handful known to still exist with its original shipping box, was restored to its original working condition in September by

Apple-1 expert Corey Cohen. The box was signed by Wozniak during a 2005 event at the University of California-Los Angeles.

The Apple-1 was designed by Wozniak and Apple co-founder Steve Jobs in 1976. They built about 200 of the personal computers and sold 175.

The computer set to be auctioned by RR on Dec. 10-17 in-

cludes the original Apple-1 Operation Manual and original Apple Cassette Interface manual, as well as a program from the 2005 event where Wozniak signed the box. Bidding starts at \$50,000.

“The Apple-1 is not only a marvel of early computing ingenuity, but the product that launched what is today one of the most valuable and successful companies in the

world,” said Bobby Livingston, executive vice president at RR Auction.

“What makes this particular Apple-1 even more valuable is that the collector had the foresight to present one of the extremely rare original boxes to Steve Wozniak and have the Apple-1 creator hold it in his hands one last time,” Livingston said.

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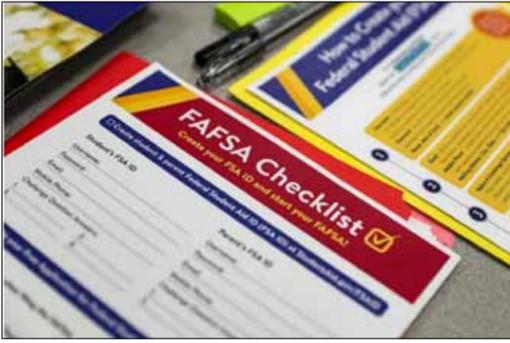
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## Texas FAFSA applications down

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Texas higher education officials say fewer Texas high school seniors have completed federal financial aid forms than the same time last year.

chatbot called ADVi that can immediately answer students' questions 24 hours a day, send reminder texts and connect students with virtual advisers during the week.

So far, 700 counselors across the state have already opted into the program, but the group is trying to double that number. More than 100,000 high school seniors have signed up for the text message program.

Program leaders say they are trying to meet students where they are on social media.

"They will listen to another kid on Tik Tok or something a lot more than me as their dad," said Fitzpatrick, referring to his own teenagers. "We're trying to use the same tools to create this sense of this online community so kids and families can do the same thing they do with Amazon to apply and get into college."

Students can also get feedback from peers on the college admissions essays.

The COVID-19 pandemic has thrown a wrench in Texas' progress toward its 60x30 plan, which aims to ensure 60% of Texans age 25 to 34 have some kind of postsecondary credential by 2030. According to a report presented to the board in October, progress had slowed between 2015 and 2018 so the state was already unlikely to meet that goal by its deadline.

"Accelerating progress will require strengthening academic preparation, support and advising in K-12 and higher education to improve higher education completions in Texas," the report stated. "It also will require the state's ability to make a strong recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Texas schools and the economy."

While the program is focused on high school seniors, juniors can also opt in to the new text message program by texting COLLEGE to (512) 829-3687.

## Orange County jail

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"I don't know the exact amount per inmate, but I remember it was \$8,000 per day," Gothia said.

"We've brought some people [inmates] back after we moved some people [from the Orange jail] to the state jail. But felonies keep happening. People keep getting arrested. So we've had to take some people back to Henderson, because we have a limited capacity."

The Orange County Jail was built, originally, in the 1970s, Guidry said, but it has been added on to in both the 80s and 90s, the latest additions being jail dormitories, a new jail kitchen and administrative offices built in 1995.

According to testimony at Commissioners Court in recent years, the Orange County Jail has a capacity of about 300 inmates, but has been operating with a daily headcount of about 200 in recent years.

Along the Gulf Coast, it is routine procedures for jails to do their best to empty out their jail cells when a hurricane is expected.

Those behind bars for misdemeanors, for instance, may be released to handle their own evacuations. Those who have been sentenced to prison are transported ASAP to state custody and as many as possible of the remainder are evacuated to a lockup on higher ground. "We evacuated 125 inmates to Henderson County," Capt. Jim Eiselstein, OCSO jail administrator said. "We were later able through people going to TDC [state prison] to get the count of our people in Athens down to 50, but since then, because of not being able to have [jury] trials, the count is now up to 89 of our people in Henderson County."

"We're trying to get them all back as soon as we can."

The cost to Orange County for Henderson County to house inmates, according to Gothia's \$8,000 per day figure, is about \$250,000 per month. If that is accurate, the county will be looking at about \$1 million.

"We have an insurance program for that," Gothia said.

"The insurance is paying for displacement [of inmates]," Guidry said, "but not necessarily the cost for food."

Additional costs include transportation.

Eiselstein said his deputies typically transport about "four or five" inmates to or from Athens every week.

The jail captain said they initially evacuated as many inmates as Henderson could take and that left 100 sheltering in the jail. Those who stayed behind were those who had court dates coming up soon. But the delay in getting all inmates back has jugged that timetable.

"They have to be here [in Orange] to do the Zoom hearings, so we have to get them," Eiselstein said. "Some get released on parole, and we have to go pick them up and bring them back."

"We're not keeping anybody longer than we have to."

Eiselstein's jail staff stays busy with the 100 or so inmates still in the Orange County jail. Guidry says that's about all they can hold until the repairs are done.

The holdup now is the mold, mainly getting an inspector in to OK its remediation so the roof can be replaced.

"We patched and covered the holes before Hurricane Delta [in October] and no more water penetrated," Guidry said. "But mold was found in the dorms during the dryout and that created a bigger problem as far as ripping out the Sheetrock. That slowed the process down."

## Community giving goes on despite pandemic

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your kids and family, to get out of the house, shake those cobwebs out."

Lewandowski said holiday lighting was being added around Stark Venues downtown, the Lucher Theater, the Stark House and the Stark Museum.

"We're all trying to be good stewards at this point," he said. "We know by this time next year, everybody will be able to come. But now, we need to be safe."

In recent years, Heritage House Museum has children coming to see Santa Claus.

Hurricane Laura damaged the city's historical museum, its 100-mph gusts breaking upstairs windows in the J.O. Sims House that allowed water to run down the walls and damage downstairs as well.

The pandemic forced cancellation of other programs, like its Evergreen Cemetery Walk and its Ghost Walk in October.

But kids will still be able to tell Santa what they want for Christmas.

Parents are asked to follow the Christmas trees as they drive their cars around the house at 905 W. Division and keep everyone in the car.

Santa will be sitting at the front of the house and masked elves will collect letters to Santa and handout goodie bags. The hours are from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 5 and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6.

The Toy Coffee, normally a tour of a decked-out Orange County home, collects new toys as entry fees to be distributed by the Salvation

Army. This year, the Drive Thru Toy Coffee will take place at the Salvation Army.

The community is asked to wear a mask and drive through the Salvation Army lot to drop off monetary and toy donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

"We're adopting the Salvation Army's them this year - Rescue Christmas!" says the Service League.

The Toilet Paper Tea, an

annual shelf-stocking event for the Southeast Texas Hospice, will be drop-off event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 at the Hospice office, at 912 W. Cherry St. in Orange.

Among the items needed are plastic garbage bags, paper towels, Ziploc bags, cleaning supplies, coffee, sugar, creamer, light bulbs, black pens, dishwasher soap, Lysol spray, hand sanitizer and toilet paper.

## Blue Santa

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bags.

On distribution day, Saturday, Dec. 19, families come to the VFW to pick up their bag of present.

Because of COVID-19 protocols, this year's presentation will see everyone wear-

ing masks and socially distant. Breakfast will be served the families and their will be prize giveaways.

Blue Santa, in his blue Santa Claus suit, will be masked, too.



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## From The Creaux's Nest

### THE TIME TO MOVE ON

"Have you no sense of decency." Those words, uttered by **Army lawyer Joseph Welch** to **Sen. Joe McCarthy, R-Wis.**, during a 1954 congressional hearing, unmasked a bullying demagogue engaged in a crusade of smears and investigations that history now calls **McCarthyism**. And what of **Trumpism**? For weeks after Election Day, the defeated incumbent has spun fanciful conspiracy theories of a "rigged" and "fraudulent" election, all the while convincing tens of millions of followers that America's presidential vote was a scam. The peaceful transition of power is a signal to the world of the strength of democracy and the resilience of our republic. Congratulations to **President-elect Biden** and **Vice President-elect Harris**.

### THE EMPEROR GOLFS WHILE COUNTRYMEN DIE

It's not about **Donald Trump** anymore, he's done. He'll continue to dispute the election he soundly lost by over **six million votes**. Sure, he will continue his conspiracy theories that he has spread for four years. There is no doubt that he is the **Master of Disinformation**. He has used over **30,000 lies** and could be listed as **Guinness' World Record All Time Liar**, no world leader even comes close. He is now making threats of being a candidate in 2024. Don't buy that, more hog wash. After all but **20%** of his **Bubbas** reflect on the last four years he won't be able to get elected dog catcher. Someday I want to write my assessment of the coming demise of the **Donald** and the **Trump** brand. It won't be pretty. He claims he must run because he can't stand to be a loser. The truth is he has been a loser all his life, six bankruptcies and so deep in debt he will never overcome it. His one win was with **Russia's** help and the **FBI** throwing **Hillary** under the bus just 10 days before the election. His chances are slight to none. One thing this amateur learned long ago is that your first win will always be your best run. **Hillary** beat him by **three million votes**, **Joe**, **six million** and next time he won't even come out of the chute. The **GOP** primary will be loaded with candidates. **Ted** has never quit running, he'll face homeboy **Greg Abbott**, **Pompano**, **Mario**, and **Mike**, the lap puppy they will throw under the bus and run over him. **Trump** killed him by putting him in charge of the failed coronavirus task force. A dozen more will be in the race that **Trump** can't again overrun. He won't run, he's bluffing. He has never had over 47 percent approval. His **20%** of **Bubbas** would vote for him if he ran in the **Green Party**, however no **Republicans** would vote for him if he ran as a **Democrat**, they would vote for **Tobby the Clown** first. The poor excuse my **Republican** friends give me for voting for him this time was because he was the only **Conservative** in the race. He leaves the largest deficit in history and the growth of the largest national debt ever. He leaves office doubling unemployment with **20 million** people out of work, **50 million** going hungry, **350,000** dying under his watch and by the time he leaves office **13 million** could possibly be sick. He was a failed leader, in fact, he has exaggerated the problem by holding big rallies helping the spread of the virus. **Forty-four** in his crew, included himself, brought it around the country. It was reported Monday that **eight GOP** senators and **22 GOP** congressmen are sick. He can't ever sell his lies again. The people have heard them all. The TV commercial is already in the hopper, "**The Emperor Golfs while Countrymen Die**." Morgues are so overrun they are using body bags and cold storage until patients can be laid to rest. **Four thousand** a day are expected to die. Would you want four more years of that? I don't think so. Answer this simple question. **Did Donald Trump make America better or not?** Don't lie to yourself, think about your answer.

### FIRST VISIT WITH THE NATIVES

I've been out of pocket so I had not spoken with anyone in several weeks. **Cedric Stout** has turned 99 since we last spoke. We visited about **Pearl Harbor**, which marks 79 years next Monday, Dec. 7. **Cedric** is the only area survivor of **Pearl Harbor** who was on the battleship **Utah**. **He** and **Cherry** are doing good, however, she lost a brother and a nephew in the last month.\*\*\*I spoke with **Josette Choate** also. If you haven't heard from **Van** it's because he lost everyone's number programmed on his cell. He's waiting for calls to rebuild his number file.\*\*\*Had a nice visit with **Beverly Raymar**, she and **Jody** are doing like most of us, staying home, staying safe. We visited about missing **Ms. Pearl**.\*\*\***Marlene Merritt** called to see if I was still kicking. **Keith** has been so busy completing hurricane repairs he hasn't had time to miss work. I'm sure at some point he will, he's worked since he was 7 years old.\*\*\*I spoke with **Linda** and **John Heard**. They too are just holding up in seclusion. He hopes to have some citrus by end of this month and I can expect some. **John** says **McDonald Baptist** is shut down until Jan. 6 due to **COVID** among members, including the preacher.\*\*\* **Judge Pat** called checking on me. I appreciate that. I told him my situation and of course he asked, "How can I help you?" I thought, I have a new **Cath-**

**olic** president, a **Catholic** doctor and I know **Clark** has some connection beyond the **Golden Gate**, maybe with the gardener, cook or someone and I suspect he still has influence with **Father Joe**, who might could go to **St. Peter**, who could put in a good word for me. I could use the **Catholic** connection. I answered **Pat** by saying, "I could use a prayer." "**Pat** said, easy enough, I can handle that." **Pat** it apparently worked, I'm motivating and feeling spiritually lifted. Thanks for the home folks.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2010 Final Month of the Year Begins

It's come on a cold wave; I've got too many plants to move and am still stuffed like the turkey. **Speaking of turkeys, they have all returned to Washington**. They have a lot on their plate between now and the end of the year. Repealing "**Don't Ask, Don't Tell**," gays in the military, extending unemployment benefits which are due to run out Tuesday. The **President** has frozen wages for government workers for two years. **President Obama and Republican leadership** had a meeting at the **White House** Tuesday, supposedly the start of working in bi-partisanship. Extending the **Bush tax plan** is on the table, one of the world's richest people, **Warren Buffett**, says it is foolish to add **\$700 billion** to the deficit to extend tax cuts to the wealthy who don't need it. He explained the tax break wouldn't go to businesses to create more jobs; the cuts will go directly to the individual and won't create jobs or help the economy. **Social Security and Medicare** reform are being talked about also. The **President's advisor David Axelrod** is leaving the **White House** to start working on **Obama's** re-election campaign. **President Obama** will be blamed by **Liberals** for moving too far to the middle. The **Republicans** will blame him for not going further and the dance will go on. The **music will be loud**, but in the end government will work and we'll go on with our lives. It would be nice to see improvements start soon but **its politics and that brings barricades** to one or the other party's advantage so things continue to drag on. \*\*\*\***Bridge City's Matt Bryant** won his third game for **Atlanta** when he kicked a **47-yard field goal**, with nine seconds remaining, to beat **Greenbay** 20-17. **Matt** is the **Falcons** top scorer. \*\*\*\***Orange** countian **Earl Thomas** recovered a fumble and we will get to see **West Orange-Stark** star and **Oklahoma** true freshman, **Trey Franks**, in the **Oklahoma** game Saturday. \*\*\*\***Drew Brees** and the **Saints** were just too much for the **Cowboys**.\*\*\*\* **Mayor T.W. Permenter** and his grandson, **Blake**, freshman at **Orangefield**, bagged two large 8-point bucks on a recent deer hunt. They got a buck a piece. \*\*\*\***Judge Derry** and **Jane Dunn** had their entire tribe in for **Thanksgiving** holidays. Some left the blizzards of **Oregon**, while others came from **Utah** and other parts. \*\*\*\***The Service League Toy Coffee** fundraiser will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, in the home of **Judge Jerry** and **Susan Pennington**, 612 W. Orange Ave. in the historical district. \*\*\*\***Commissioner Owen Burton** was off on a deer hunt, sitting in a stand, when we spoke to him via cell phone. He said he was trying to get **Miss Nelda** to run the deer by his stand but so far she hadn't done him any good. She probably got her limit and he's still waiting on his. \*\*\*\***Speaking of Mauriceville** folks, for the first time in many years the community is having **Christmas** tree lighting. A 17-foot tree is being planted and decorated to bring back an old annual tradition.\*\*\*\*This Friday evening, in **Orange**, the **Jaycee annual Christmas parade**. \*\*The **Bridge City annual Christmas Light parade** will be Saturday night. (Editor's note: Remember when we had parades.) \*\*\*\* **Neighbor Cox** came home Sunday from **Bartlesville, Oklahoma** where **Ms. Ginny** is recuperating after suffering a heart attack. **Cox** hated to leave her but he's glad to be home. (Both are now gone.)\*\*\*\*Also on the medical front, our friend **Daniel Jacobs** is home from **Houston**. His Leukemia is in remission and he will be home for five weeks. We ate some of his **Muscadine grape jelly**, with homemade biscuits. He knows his jelly making. He raises his own **Muscadines and figs**. \*\*\*\*A few special folks celebrating their special day in the next few days are **Buster Lapeyrolelie**, a good man who's raised a large family of great kids. \*\*\***Gene Ederly**, a former drummer boy and long, longtime husband of **Judge Flo**. \*\***Rene' Hank**, a good **Cajun** and mayor of **Starks**, proof that he's compassionate, he adopted and raised daughter **Pattie**. That was a trip. \*\*\*\*Our longtime friend **H.K. Clark**, a pioneer in the building of **Bridge City**.\*\*\***Buddy Sheppard**, former **Bridge City** councilman and political campaign manager. What became of **Buddy** anyway, did he move away? \*\*\***Educator Richard Briggs**, a handsome guy, marks another year and a few more wrinkles. \*\*\***Jim Keith**, our buddy who moved away after **Hurricane Ike** but still keep up with us on our web site. \*\*\***Randy Philpott** is also ageing. \*\*Our friend girl **Melissa Fisher** turned 37 on Sat. Nov. 27. Her folks, the **Howard Johnson's**, treated her to a night out at **Red Lobster**. Her choice. \*\*On Dec. 3, **Jo Ann Huard**, **Ms. Phyl's** sister and only sibling, celebrates another one. The numbers keep getting larger.\*\*\*Belated happy birthday to The **Record Newspaper's Facebook** fans **Freda Riley** and **Evelyn Brandon**. \*\*\*\*I've been thinking over this long lifetime. I've done almost every type of writing but I've never written a country song. I just might, so I've written down a few titles for ideas. #1, "**How Can I Miss You If You Won't Go Away?**" #2. "**I'm So Miserable Without You It's Like Having You Home**." #3. "**She got The Ring and Gave Me the Finger**." #4. "**If I Can't be Number One, Then Number Two on You**." #5. "**Don't Know Weather to Kill Myself or Go Bowling**." You got any other suggestions. \*\*\*\*Meanwhile, notorious **Mexican** drug gang leader **Arturo Gallegas Castrelion**, 32, was captured and has confessed to ordering the killing of **2,000 citizens** in **Ciudad Juarez** since August 2009. \*\*\*\*This week we are publishing a feature story on **Orange County** men who were stationed at **Pearl Harbor** on Dec. 7, 1941. \*\*\*\***Orange Police Chief Sam Kittrell** turns over his badge and office to new chief **Lane Martin**. We welcome the new chief and extend thanks to **Chief Sam** for his many years of service.

### 22 Years Ago-1998

**Tommy Bean** is back from a **Mexican** prison where he spent seven months and a week. He was incarcerated for having a handful of shells, which were mostly 22 shells. He didn't have a gun. **Bean** said, "**Bullets in his truck were an oversight**. The crime should have been like a jaywalk-

ing fine. I was sentenced more like I had robbed 10 banks." It cost **Bean** more than **\$200,000**, an international felon record and a two-year supervised release. When the bullets were discovered at the border, he paid **\$2,500** fine for his two companions. They told **Bean** his fine was **\$10,000**, and then upped it to **\$20,000**. When they determined **Bean** might have a lot of money all bets were off, he was placed in prison. The last offer rendered for his release was **\$70,000**. **Bean** won his release on **Oct. 21**, in a treaty engineered by **Con. Nick Lampson** and **Con. Jim Turner**.\*\*\*\*A bad day for native **Orange** coaches, **A&M** coach **R.C. Slocum** and **Buffalo** coach **Wade Phillips**. **Texas** defeated **A&M 26-24** with only five seconds left on the clock. **Longhorn Ricky Williams** had 44 carries for 259 yards and broke **Tony Dorsett's** rushing record. **Chris Cole**, of **West Orange-Stark**, starred for the **Aggies**. \*\*\*\***Bridge City's Shane Dronett** had another great game for **Atlanta**. They made it to the playoffs by defeating **Wade Phillips' Buffalo Bills**. \*\*\*\***J.D. Sumner**, of "**The Stamps Quartet**," the group who backed up **Elvis**, and had preformed in **Orange** years ago, died on Nov. 16. \*\*\*\***Robert's Grocery and Meat Market** has top quality ground chuck for \$1.49 lb., beef shoulder clods, \$1.49 lb.\*\*\*\*"Tick" Granger, former county commissioner, discovered large cougar tracks in his **Orangefield** garden. **Big Mike**, the game warden investigated. Some people call them panthers, pumas or mountain lions, "Not anything you want in your mustard greens patch," said "**Tick**." (Editor's note: "**Tick**" is now gone and so is **Big Mike**.)\*\*\*\***Capt. Chuck Uzzle**, **Darren Logsdon** and **Chris Gunn** showed off a big catch of **Sabine Lake** fish caught over **Thanksgiving** weekend. \*\*\*\***Lance Doucet** turned 30 years old on Dec. 1. (Editor's note: That makes him 52 years old. **Happy birthday Lance**. \*\*\*\***Ervin Brody**, featured in our **Pearl Harbor** story is one of several **Orange County** men who served there. **Cedric Stout** was another. \*\*\*\***Farmer's Mercantile** celebrates 70 years in business in 1998. Register for door prizes and also the grand prize basket of "**Beanie Babies**." (Editor's note: Do you remember those **Beanies**?) If I'm correct, that makes **Farmer's Mercantile** 92-years-old.

### BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Natives celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **Jo Ann Huard**, **Jake Glazner**, **Lisa Walker**, **Wayne Scales**, **Barbara Blackwell**, **Sandra Huthison**, **Susan MacCammond**, **Trisha Anderson**, **Amber Franklin**, **Carolyn Andrus**, **Chris DeCuir**, **Dana Simmons**, **Gwen Tallant**, **Belinda Force**, **Susie Collins**, **Mary Bridges**, **Shea Bolton**, **Debbie Bishop**, **Cheryl Jones**, **Richard Briggs**, **Jim Keith**, **Buddy Sheppard**, **Randy Philpott**, **Channing Larkin**, **Samantha Peveto**

### CAJUN STORY OF THE YEAR

**Pecoo Arceneaux** was way down in the **Atchafalaya River Basin**, when he got turned around and lost his way. After hours of searching for his way out of da **Basin**, his little boat, it ran out of gas. He drifted and paddled. At dark he found himself on one of da far-away barrier islands. Exhausted, he fell asleep, wit da alligators, snakes and varmints all around him.

**Wen he woke up alive**, figuring he might be lost a long time, he gathered driftwood and such and built a little hut, tying everything together wit vines to protect him self from the elements.

**A few days pass, nobody come to rescue him**. He lit a fire in a hole near da cabin and went scavenging for something to eat on. He arrived back to find his little hut in flames, smoke rolling to da sky. **Pecoo** was stunned wit disbelief, grief and anger. He cried out, "**God, how could you do dis to me, hanh?**"

Later in da day he heard a motorboat coming. **Sheriff "Cat" Doucet** say, "**Pecoo**, we came to rescue you."

**Pecoo** axe, "**How you know I was here me?**"

**Sheriff Doucet** say, "**Mais, we saw you smoke signal, us.**"

### C'EST TOUT THE MAIL BAG

Some of my mail has caught up to me. **Raymond Bailey** wrote a note back on Oct. 4. I'm sorry I'm just getting to comment on it. I didn't realize **Bob** said that. He pretends to be my friend. Anyway, he's wrong. I'll continue to sail my ship in the "**Right**" direction, in the middle of the channel. I can use another deck hand. Thanks for offering **Raymond**. \*\*\*\*I also received one of the most interesting political assessment and its success. Along with that, I learned about a political system that has been developed and its success is fascinating. I'll report on the first thing this week and the most interesting one next week. The document comes from a high in the ranks of political strategist but at this time I can't reveal his name. **Obama** wanted to carry one **all-White**, Red state in his first run, to prove he could win anywhere, not just heavy **Black states**. He chose **Colorado**, and the strategist and his colleges put it together. No easy task, in fact, almost impossible. **Obama** was a Black man, with two strange names, in a state which was only **half of one percent Black**, one out of every **176 votes**. The group built an entire new **Democratic coalition**. The state had voted **Democratic** only twice in history, in 1944 for **FDR** and in 1964 for **Texan LBJ**. **Obama** won twice and every **Democrat** has won since they turned the state **Blue**. **Obama** wanted a national system for the country predicting voter turnout that was scientific, not made up of politicians but of computer nerds, professors, etc. It was used in 2016 and in 2020. The results will amaze you. **Very fascinating**. I'll give you the numbers and results next week.\*\*\*\*Have a great week. Stay safe, wear mask, wash hands. **Thanks for your time. God bless.**



# The spring of my youth to winter of my years

## From the hunger days of the Depression to the deadly days of COVID-19... History's darkest hours.

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

As we travel down life's highway, we encounter events that mark that place, where we recall what we were doing and what was going on around us at the time of their happening. Many of us recall where we were and who we were with when we heard the news of President John F. Kennedy's assignation in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, Neil Armstrong's landing on the moon in 1969, 9-11, Martin Luther King's murder, Katrina, Rita or Ike. I recall an event that occurred 79 years ago. I was just a young'un.

Those were really bad days for my mom and I. In fact, some of the hardest times we faced were during those times. I remember that dreadful day, Dec. 7, 1941. It was mid-afternoon Sunday when word reached us in the little Cajun community of Abbeville, in Vermilion Parish, La., that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor. Most of us had no idea where that was. Few people had telephones and most news traveled by word of mouth. People gathered in little groups conversing in French about the crisis.

Most of those Cajun men had their own predictions of what the attack meant. Most believed that we were in for a bad war, and they feared our mainland would be attacked. Cajun people tend to be somewhat emotional. Especially when excited. They visualized the Pearl Harbor bombing as far worse than it turned out to be but then no one knew what to expect. The Cajuns had a distinct fear of the "Japs." Grandma Avalia, a devout Catholic, immediately went to her ever-present rosary and prayed for hours on end.

The eldest of her grandchildren, my cousin, Hubert, was stationed at Pearl Harbor. It would be quite some time before we received information that he had been severely injured. After a long stay in the hospital, and

with a metal plate in his head, he was released to come home on leave.

While home, he helped his dad with the farm work. One early morning he was thrown from a tractor and killed when a disk cut him up, just three weeks after being released from the hospital. My aunt Eve, who died in 2009 at age 105, had never gotten over the death of her firstborn. Hubert was a handsome guy, a very good young man, who survived an enemy attack at Pearl Harbor only to die in a freak accident at home at age 21. I don't recall if it was that evening, Sunday, Dec. 7 or the following nights that we all gathered around the radio at my aunt's house to listen to President Roosevelt declare the horrors of war. The next day the school children were called into assembly and the principal and a teacher explained what Pearl Harbor meant. Every kid understood the situation and all of us were very patriotic.

The weeks and months following consisted of blackout drills in the home. We didn't have electricity so that wasn't a problem for us. We just put out the coal oil lamp. The drills went on regularly when the fire whistle blew, preparing us in case of an attack. Everyone believed we would be. Most people all over the country began Victory gardens. I helped our neighbors plant a victory garden in the spring. Also we gathered all the scrap iron we could and brought it to a collection place with anything foil, like cigarette packs, gum wrappers, etc.

We didn't have enough money to eat on but those who could afford it were asked to buy savings bonds. This was long before the days of dishonoring the American flag. Also, every young man in uniform was highly respected. Regardless of his service record, he was considered a hero.

After President Roosevelt spoke, every Cajun citizen, young and old, was not only willing but also anxious and very conscientious about doing their part. Pearl Harbor and the Japanese attack ultimately led to the downfall of Japan; it was their albatross. But it also was a united America willing to do what ever it could that led to winning World War II. Times have changed. I came up when the people were strong, their toughness coming from hard work and doing without. It was long before designer clothes, when boys wore feed sack shirts and girls wore feed sack

clothes and all our clothes were designed and manufactured by our moms. Sometimes a dozen people showed up at church wearing the same feed sack pattern.

Today, we are a soft nation that could not survive under food rationing with no tires or gasoline, no sugar, little flour and all the things we take for granted. Powdered eggs and uncolored butter were treats. Can you imagine a child today wearing cardboard shoe soles that disintegrated in the dew? I kept replacing the cardboard in the only pair I had. From time to time we need to be reminded of the struggles and way of life that paved the way. The sacrifices our servicemen and women and the American people made led to a better life for all who have come since.

Now I come to the winter of my years, 2020. I have lived through the good and bad, the peaceful times and the war years. In January, our country was blind sighted by a Global pandemic, starting with one case in Washington, State. A few days later 15 cases of the coronavirus appeared. United States president Donald Trump told the American people that in a few days the illness would go away, "mysteriously disappear." He insisted it was a China hoax and fake news from the media. What followed was our history's dark-

est days and a year of death, illness, suffering, job loss and hunger. Three-hundred thousand citizens will die before year's end, 13 million people will have contacted the illness, 50 million people wait in food lines. The crisis was badly mismanaged by one failed president.

Through all my years, our government had avoided fighting wars in our homeland. Today could have never been imagined. So many deaths on our own soil, more than wars fought abroad. The New Year will thankfully bring on new leadership when President Joe Biden takes over January 20, 2021. We will someday put these horrible times behind us but it won't be a quick fix. Healing will take time but we now have a new hope. This nightmare we're living through will live in the annals of history through the ages, as one year in a failed presidency, when the lack of leadership led to the worse time in our long history. Rocky roads are still ahead.

This is just the first chapter of many that will be written about four years that never should have happened. It didn't have to be this way. It was on Donald Trump's watch, he will forever own it. I pray for the country's history.

## TMA urges Covid testing for schoolchildren

### Staff Report For The Record

Texas physicians recommend schools use rapid antigen testing along with other on-campus safety measures to detect early signs of coronavirus infection among students and staff.

The recommendation comes from the Texas Medical Association (TMA) School Re-opening Workgroup, which includes physician members of the TMA COVID-19 Task Force, Committee on Infectious Diseases, and Committee on Child and Adolescent Health, and local health authorities from throughout the state.

Rapid antigen testing is a COVID-19 nasal or throat swab test that can produce results

in minutes. The physicians say when used appropriately, rapid antigen testing in a comprehensive screening program could help schools quickly isolate children and adults who are infected with SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), regardless of whether the person has symptoms.

"It is important to give school personnel (administrators and school nurses) guidance in developing – and more importantly understanding – the advantages of a comprehensive COVID-19 screening program in public schools," said Charles Lerner, MD, a San Antonio epidemiologist and infectious disease specialist and member of the TMA COVID-19 Task Force.

## Deaths & Memorials

### Barbara Ann Rankin Peveto, 79, Orange

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 5, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Burial will follow at Autumn Oaks Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in Orange, Texas, on November 28, 1941, she was the daughter of Carleton Earl Rankin and Ruby Mae (Jordan) Rankin. Barbara worked as a professor for Lamar State College for over 20 years. She was strong in her faith and attended McDonald Memorial Baptist church where she played piano and was also a Sunday School teacher. Barbara was an artist of many forms and her number one priority was her family. She was her children and grandchildren's biggest fan and enjoyed following them in their sporting events and various school activities. Barbara was a wonderful wife,



Barbara Peveto

mother, and grandmother, who left an impact on many lives. She will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carleton and Ruby Rankin; and loving husband Flurry Joe Peveto.

She is survived by her children, Joanna Peveto of Orange, Angela Uecker and husband John of Boerne, Natalie Wheeler and husband Keith of Kirbyville; grandchildren, Cailin Uecker, Raine Uecker, Willa Uecker, Jaden Wheeler, Sydney Wheeler, and Jonas Wheeler; siblings, Sandra Peveto and husband Wayne of Orange and Clifton Rankin and wife Dixie of Pine Ridge.

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Biologists suspect that this mountain lion is most likely a transient juvenile male that is just passing through the area as it searches for a home range.

## TPWD confirms rare mountain lion sighting in north Texas

Staff Report  
For The Record

AUSTIN — Despite the rarity of mountain lion sightings near urban areas, a recent mountain lion sighting on private property in Rowlett has been verified by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) biologists. Biologists suspect that this mountain lion is most likely a transient juvenile male that is just passing through the area as it searches for a home range.

Biologists say that another sighting of this mountain lion is highly unlikely as these animals are naturally secretive and elusive, have extremely large home ranges and travel many miles during a week. This mountain lion will likely move on and never be seen again.

While mountain lion's food sources do include deer, biologists note that there is not a large deer population in the area where this lion was spotted. However, feral hogs do occupy the area and are also a food source for mountain lions.

In response to a reported mountain lion, the first thing wildlife biologists or game wardens do is interview the person that reported the sighting and gather further information. Depending on the nature of the report, biologists or wardens may go to the site, look for evidence such as tracks, scat or other signs to try and confirm the sighting. The person who reported the sighting can then discuss any concerns they may have with wildlife experts who can then provide guidance on how to co-exist with mountain lions, how to protect pets or livestock and what to do if confronted.

Mountain lions are a component of the natural landscape

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## Texans could determine AFC south champ

KAZ'S KORER  
JOE KAZMAR  
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

National Football League fans from the Lone Star State really got short-changed by both the Houston Texans and the Dallas Cowboys who suffered different maladies which resulted in similar outcomes—a team that was clouded from the post-season playoff picture before the season was even half over.

The Cowboys had a new head coach (Mike McCarthy) with plenty of head coaching experience while the Texans had a leader (Bill O'Brien) who supposedly learned from the best (Bill Belichick) but still was in his first head coaching job. After demanding to hold the duo role of head coach/general manager, his wheeling/dealing got him fired after four games—all losses.

Although McCarthy made a few changes in the offense and defense, what hurt him most was when his star quarterback Dak Prescott went down with a compound fracture of his right ankle early in the season which ended his 2020 season and turned the quar-



Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson.

terbacking chores over to veteran Andy Dalton, who was let go by the Bengals when they drafted Joe Burrow.

The Cowboys found out really quick that Dalton was no Dak Prescott or anything close to him. The losses started coming in streaks and the Cowboys knew their season was in trouble.

However, because of the three other weaklings in the NFC East Division, the Cowboys were only one-half game out of first place—until they got waxed

by the Washington Redskins on Thanksgiving Day. They still are mathematically alive and a couple of December wins would put them right back in the hunt.

Houston is a different story—with seven losses they are almost mathematically eliminated. But they have a great quarterback (Deshaun Watson) and a 73-year-old interim head coach (Romeo Crennel) who knows the Texan players, the offense and especially the defense—what he's been coaching

KAZ'S KORNER Page 2B

## Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast . . .

### ★ Area Playoff Games of Interest to Southeast Texas—

Carthage ( 11-0) over China Spring (10-2), Columbus (11-2) over Hallettsville (11-2), Waskom (11-2) over Elysian Fields (11-2), Mart (12-0) over Tenaha (10-2), Argyle (13-0) over Paris (9-4), Lindale (11-2) over Kilgore (10-3), Geronimo Navarro (11-2) over Wimberley (10-3), Columbus (11-2) over Hallettsville (11-2), Timpson (13-0) over Beckville (10-3), Refugio (11-0) over Shiner (12-0).

### ★ Regular-Season Games---

Beaumont West Brook over Atascocita, Port Arthur Memorial over Friendswood, Barbers Hill over Texas City, Beaumont United over Goose Creek Memorial, Port Neches-Groves over Santa Fe, Crosby over Nederland.

### ★ COLLEGE---

Louisiana Tech over North Texas and Air Force over Utah State (both Thursday); Appalachian State over Louisiana-Lafayette, Boise State over UNLV and

USC over Washington State (all Friday); North Carolina State over Georgia Tech, Georgia over Vanderbilt, Clemson over Virginia Tech, Boston College over Virginia (Upset Special), Kentucky over South Carolina, Coastal Carolina over Liberty, Michigan over Maryland, Ohio State over Michigan State, Nebraska over Purdue, Penn State over Rutgers, Georgia Southern over Florida Atlantic, Akron over Bowling Green, Central Michigan over Ball State, Buffalo over Ohio, Kent State over Miami,

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# Four TPWD films featured in Wild Texas Film Tour

Staff Report  
For The Record

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will have four short films featured in this year's virtual Wild Texas Film Tour starting on Dec. 1. The films spotlight experimental paddlefish stocking in Caddo Lake, Black Skimmers along the Texas Coast, research surrounding the Swift Fox in the Panhandle Plains and the diverse bayou habitats throughout the city of Houston.

"Progress for Paddlefish", produced by Alan Fisher, a Video Producer with TPWD, followed TPWD biologists as they stocked paddlefish in Caddo Lake in 2014. The stocking was truly an experiment as no one could be certain whether the fish would survive or stay put. Years later it seems they have done both. The film helps audiences learn how ongoing re-



search and more natural water flows yield new hope for a very old fish and its timeless habitat.

"Skimmer Savers", produced by Abe Moore, another TPWD Video Producer, focuses on the Black Skimmer, a unique bird that is seen along Texas beaches, skimming the surface of the water in flight with its long, narrow bill. Black Skimmers are one of the most threatened coastal birds in Texas.

"Skimmer Savers" follows along with the efforts that are underway to save these fascinating birds.

"The Fox Finders", also produced by Alan Fisher, tracks a ghost among the Panhandle Plains. The Swift Fox is seldom seen in its range, but a crew of researchers continue to put in long hours to learn if time is running out for this elegant animal.

"Bayou City", produced by

Olivia Haun (Schmidt), explores Houston and its 22 bayou systems. The city has

formation Specialist with TPWD's Wildlife Diversity Team, began shooting the

**The Wild Texas Film Tour, hosted by filmmaker and conservationist Ben Masters, is a short film tour showcasing wildlife, adventure and conservation stories from across the state.**

a long and tumultuous relationship with its bayous as many have been steadily stripped, straightened and lined with concrete in the name of flood control and citywide growth and development. The film follows dedicated and passionate individuals within Houston's conservation community who are working to change the relationship between Houston, its bayous and the diverse wildlife habitat and ecosystem services they provide.

The research behind "Bayou City" began within TPWD's Wildlife Diversity Program in 2018. Haun, an In-

formation Specialist with TPWD's Wildlife Diversity Team, began shooting the film then but applied for the Wild Texas Short Film Grant to complete production in 2019. "Bayou City" was the first ever recipient of the \$10,000 film grant presented by Explore Ranches and Fin & Fur Films.

The Wild Texas Film Tour,

hosted by filmmaker and conservationist Ben Masters, is a short film tour showcasing wildlife, adventure and conservation stories from across the state. During this year's free virtual tour that runs through December, viewers will meet the characters in the films, those behind the cameras and the conservationists that are working to keep Texas wild for future generations. More information about the Wild Texas Film Tour and how to watch the films can be found on their website.

## Kaz's Korner From Page 1B

in the NFL for more than 40 years.

Going into last weekend, the AFC South was dominated by the Indianapolis Colts and the Tennessee Titans, who met Sunday afternoon at Indianapolis to snap the first-place tie.

Going into that match-up, the Colts defense was second best in the NFL while the Titans were among the top rushing teams in the league. Indianapolis was favored by three points.

Usually the defense has the upper hand against a good offensive team, but that wasn't the case Sunday.

Tennessee's battering ram running back Derrick Henry had 140 rushing yards and that was just by halftime. The Colts' vaunted defense had given up 35 points and that was just by halftime, too.

The onslaught continued after the intermission and the Colts scored a couple more touchdowns—probably against the Tennessee reserves—but the final score favored the visiting Titans, 45-26.

Henry finished the game with 178 yards on 27 carries and scored three touchdowns. The Colts No. 2 defense was like No. 2, allowing 449 total yards.

It was Henry's 20th straight game with at least 20 carries, the league's second-longest streak since 1948 and his third 100-yard game against the Colts since 2018—the only three against the Colts in that span.

It also was Henry's third consecutive 100-yard game, his seventh this season and his eighth straight on the road, tying former Titans running back Chris Johnson for the second-longest streak since the 1970 merger. Only Hall of

Famer Barry Sanders (10) in 1996-97 had a longer streak.

Houston plays Indianapolis twice (Sunday and Dec. 20) and Tennessee once (Jan. 3) in their remaining five games.

Watson's offense should challenge the Colts defense while Houston took the Titans to overtime at Tennessee in October before losing 42-36 and could have a say in who the AFC South champion will be.

But the Texas's will have to do it without their two fastest players, wide receiver Will Fuller and corner back Bradley Roby, who were both suspended for the rest of the season for violating the NFL's performance-enhancing drug policy.

### KWICKIES...

Pittsburgh Steelers' wide receiver Chase Claypool is the first player to score 10 touchdowns in the first 10 games of his NFL career. He surpassed former Steelers Franco Harris and Louis Lipps by one.

And this is for Orange's Kenny Ruane, who is a Cleveland native—Sunday's 27-25 win over Jacksonville gave the Browns an 8-3 record and ends a streak of 12 losing seasons.

The Detroit Lions fired head coach Matt Patricia and general manager Bob Quinn after getting walloped 41-25 by the Houston Texans Thanksgiving Day. Since Detroit won the 1957 NFL title, it has won only one playoff game—on Jan. 5, 1992. Darrell Bevell, who has 14 seasons of experience as an offensive coordinator, will be the team's interim coach for the final five games.

The Buffalo Bills, who beat the Los Angeles Chargers 27-17 Sunday, is 8-3 to start a season for the second year in a row. Last year the Bills fal-

tered somewhat at the end of the season.

### JUST BETWEEN US...

The Denver Broncos got themselves in quite a jam last weekend by not adhering to the NFL's coronavirus protocol. Third-string quarterback Jeff Driskel tested positive for COVID-19 while starter Drew Lock, Brett Rypien and Blake Bortles were added to the COVID list as high-risk contacts with an infected teammate. All four were seen on film attending a meeting without masks and were evasive during the contact-tracing process.

The Broncos unsuccessfully attempted to get Sunday's game postponed a day or two. But the NFL is unresponsive to such requests when rules violations have occurred. So, Denver played its home game against the New Orleans Saints using a practice-squad wide receiver taking the snaps. It was a disaster as Kendall Hinton, who played some quarterback at Wake Forest before switching to receiver, completed one pass and had two intercepted.

The Saints waltzed away with a 31-3 victory. Denver is the first team since 1988 with more interception than completions.

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# Louisiana duck season ends this weekend as hunters take advantage of the split season

## OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

With the Texas duck season closed for the split season the only game in town is for folks chasing ducks is hunting in Louisiana.

This weekend will be the final weekend of the first half of Louisiana's duck season. The second half will re-open on December the 19th one week after Texas re-opens their duck season once again on December 12th. So far the overall report has been very good from both sides of the Sabine River as local hunters have cashed in on a solid population of waterfowl in the area.

All of the pre season water issues in the marshes apparently was a false alarm as it hasn't hurt the hunting in most areas.

The weather for the first half has been a little warmer than most folks would like but it's been far from bad. The mild temperatures and just right mix of cold fronts has made the first half of the season almost enjoyable. The



Chuck Uzzle

cooler and windier conditions have also helped curb the numbers of mosquitoes waterfowl hunters must deal with and that in itself has been a huge bonus. Unlike the coming months when the weather will certainly get tougher the cold fronts of the first split didn't dry up the marshes with ultra low tides.

For the most part there has been plenty of water and that makes accessing your favorite pond a much more enjoyable task. The folks who hunt the Sabine Refuge missed out on the first split due to a closure thanks to the hurricane debris. Besides the refuge closure all in all the conditions and numbers of ducks for both the Texas and Louisiana first half of the season have been really good.

Now if you are not hunting Louisiana and are waiting for Texas to re-open now



The sun sets on the first split for local duck hunters.  
RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle

is the time to take of any maintenance you have been putting off. First thing that comes to mind is re-brushing and repairing blinds. A new coat of brush on an existing blind will help with concealment and also give you an opportunity to scout while you are in the area.

Do your best to break up any outlines and look as natural as possible. Keeping your blind from looking like a taco stand in the middle of a pond will increase your success tenfold. The hunters who take the time to really blend their blinds into the natural surroundings are usually the ones with the heaviest straps of ducks when they reach the cleaning table.

Another item that may require some maintenance is your decoys. Take a few minutes to wash them up really well and inspect the cords and weights. Most hunters have gone to Texas Rigging their decoys for the convenience but some still put theirs in bags.

Decoys are a big invest-

ment for waterfowl hunters and they need to be properly cared for when hunting and when they are being stored. Always remember that when you buy decoys you get what you pay for, so shop accordingly.

During the last week or so there has been a great focus on small business and using them during the holiday season and beyond.

I want to personally thank and also recommend one of our local small businesses and that's Craig's Gun Shop on highway 62. These guys always take great care of their customers and do exceptional work in a timely fashion. I have been using them for a while now and I can't say enough good things about them. If you have any firearm that needs attention I would urge you to give them a look, you will not be disappointed.

We are getting ready for the home stretch of duck season so be sure to have all your gear in order because it will be here and happening before you know it.

## Mountain lion sighting From Page 1

in many parts of Texas and unless they are in what biologists would consider a "no-tolerance zone" such as near a school, or if the lion has exhibited threatening behavior, then no action is taken. TPWD does not remove mountain lions or other native wildlife species from a property simply because people do not want the animal there.

Seeing a mountain lion in the wild is an extremely uncommon occurrence as mountain lions are crepus-



cular and primarily hunt at night. A mountain lion attack on people or pets is highly unlikely, however, TPWD biologists suggest that residents keep their pets indoors at night, don't leave out pet food and secure their

trash.

If a person encounters or sees a mountain lion, it's important that they do not run away from the animal but instead throw rocks and make loud noises in an effort to appear big and intimidating to the lion.

The public is encouraged to report any suspected mountain lion activity to Texas Game Wardens or a biologist in their area. More information about mountain lions can be found on the TPWD website.

## Kaz's Fearless Forecast

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O., Western Michigan over Eastern Michigan, Florida over Tennessee, Utah over Oregon State, Colorado over Arizona, Marshall over Rice, Charlotte over Florida International, Arizona State over UCLA, Notre Dame over Syracuse, Washington over Stanford, Nevada over Fresno State, Oregon over California, Oklahoma State over TCU, Iowa State over West Virginia, Northwestern over Minnesota, Wisconsin over Indiana, Texas Tech over Kansas, Toledo over Northern Illinois, Oklahoma over Baylor, Texas A&M over Auburn, Texas over Kansas State, Iowa over Illinois, San Jose State over Hawaii, Wyoming over New Mexico, San Diego State over Colorado

State, Memphis over Tulane, Tulsa over Navy, South Alabama over Troy, Arkansas State over Louisiana-Monroe, Missouri over Arkansas, Houston over SMU, Alabama over LSU.

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## Maintaining a Social Life and High School

**MADDY SMITH**  
Student Columnist  
For The Record

Maintaining a social life was not difficult when I went to private school and had only one friend I wanted to hang out with. However, public school, especially high school, is a lot more complicated. Especially if you have strict parents.

High school has become a struggle not only in classes but also in maintaining my social life along with my personal issues. At times it can be really overwhelming. My parents are stricter than most teenagers' parents now days which can be frustrating at times. High school is not hard academically, for me at least. However, high school becomes hard when you lose sight of your priorities or are struggling mentally. It becomes a cycle of being so tired all the time that you cannot concentrate in school. You may have trouble sleeping or you may be up doing assignments. As this cycle continues of you not getting enough sleep your body begins to get tired and you begin walking slower and taking longer amounts of time to get things finished.



**Maddy Smith**

I have grown up as the smart kid and continued to maintain this image in high school. One similarity of the people at private school and public school is that everybody wants the answers to the assignments because they are too lazy to do it. However, the difference in this is the same people that asked you for the answers to an assignment are the same people that would give you the answers to an assignment if you needed them and they have them. It was not like that in private school. Sometimes this can be annoying because all people want with you are the answers to an assignment but I also know how to say no and set boundaries. It's all about balance and the people you associate with.

Personally I find my social life to be somewhat easy to maintain. I am very good at negotiating so if I really want to do something with someone, I negotiate with my parents. Usually I ask and their okay with me going out as long as I clean my room or clean my bathroom. Some-

times I perform tasks that my mom has wanted to get done. Although, it depends on what I ask my mom to do. A lot of the time, I don't have to do anything that I don't already have to do but if it's something with a new friend or they're coming over to my house, I have to do multiple chores. I am hoping my social life does not decline these next two years of high school. I am currently a freshman but since I am graduating early, I have to fit more core classes into my schedule and during my summers. In the end it will all be worth it and I hope I don't regret my decision to graduate early. I have always had this plan and it is what I have wanted to do for a really long time. To be honest I don't have as much of a social life as I would like to but that's because I would prefer to be home or by myself. I am trying to open myself up more and be more social while I still can.

High school is not for everyone. I hate the things high school makes me feel. But if you are lucky enough to get a great group of friends or one friend, it is all you need to get you through your day.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced the December Student of the Month for Orangefield High School is Sydney Monceaux. Sydney was presented her certificate by Bridge City Board of Director, Kim Smalley. Sydney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell and Glenda Monceaux. She is ranked 13th of 119 and has a GPA of 4.3. Pictured left to right: Crissa Bonnin, Darrell Monceaux, Glenda Monceaux, Sydney Monceaux Kim Smalley Rea Wrinkle.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce announced that the December Student of the Month for Bridge City High School is Reagan Rogers. Reagan was presented her certificate by Rani Dillow of WMG Westin Mortgage Group. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reggie and Jill Rogers. Reagan is ranked 40 of 195 and has a GPA of 4.17. Reagan's future plans are to attend Texas State University and major in psychology. Pictured left to right: Rani Dillow, Reggie Rogers, Reagan Rogers, Jill Rogers.

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## Orange County Happenings and Events

### Santa's Christmas Drive-thru

Bring the kids for a Santa's Christmas Drive-thru next Tuesday, December 8th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the West Orange City Hall. The event at City Hall is located at 2700 Western Avenue. Please use Austin Street entrance behind City Hall. Follow directions through parking lot toward Western Avenue where Santa will have gift bags for the children.

### Spindletop Center Reopens Newly Renovated Hope Center

Spindletop Center announced the reopening of the Hope Center this week. Hope Center was closed due to flood damage during Tropical Storm Imelda. After being closed for over one year, Hope Center is reopening with fresh paint, new flooring and new furniture.

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, everyone is facing challenges.

Hope Center is a peer-run facility offering support groups and activities to promote mental health and substance use disorder recovery and wellness. These activities include arts and crafts, goal setting sessions, lunches and daily group meetings with peer support specialists. The center focuses on health, wellness and recovery. Hope Center accepts applications on an on-going basis throughout the year. Community members interested in joining Hope

Center can complete an application in-person at 2725 S. Eighth St. in Beaumont Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Kelly Williams, public relations and marketing administrator, at Kelly.Williams@stctc.org or 409.839.1046.

### Kiwanis Club of Orange Cancels Christmas Parade

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

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

### AAUW Orange Re-Schedules Book-Ins

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

(409) 883-4147. AAUW stands for the American Association of University Women. The organization's mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. Its vision is equity for all. Membership in AAUW is open to any graduate holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution. Others without the above qualifications may enjoy participation through "Friend" memberships.

### Santa at the Depot special event

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

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

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

### Orangefield FFA To Sell Christmas Trees

The Orangefield FFA Booster

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

### Orangefield FFA Hosts Food Drive

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

### AA meeting at Good Shepherd

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

## ORANGE COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

### The Season of Advent has arrived

#### What Is Advent? History & Meaning

For many Christians unfamiliar with the liturgical year, there may be some confusion surrounding the meaning of the Advent season. Some people may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think that it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. This is part of the story, but there's more to Advent.

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word adventus, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word parousia. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit

of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the "coming" they had in mind was not Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas.

Today, the season of Advent lasts for four Sundays leading

up to Christmas. At that time, the new Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6. Advent begins on Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd each year. Advent 2020 begins on Sunday, November 29th, and ends on Thursday, December 24.

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these "last days" (Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2), as God's people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God's past gra-

ve actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis, they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people. In this light, the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" perfectly represents the church's cry during the Advent season:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appears.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!*

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Rev. Mark Bunch Email: office@stpaulfamily.org

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www.fbcbc.org  
Sunday schedule: Bible study 9:15 a.m.,  
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Youth & Children's Activities  
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The State of Texas To any and all Unknown Heirs and all Persons Interested in the Estate of

**HELEN BARBARA BASS, Deceased Cause No. P18900 in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas**

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on NOVEMBER 16, 2020, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Helen Barbara Bass, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse, 801 W. Division., Orange, Texas 77630.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing with the County Clerk of Orange County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas at the office of the Orange County Clerk in Orange, Texas on November 18, 2020.

**BRANDY ROBERTSON,** County Clerk, Orange County, Texas By: **Samantha McInnis,** Deputy Samantha McInnis

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

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF **QUINETTA DARLEAN SMITH, Deceased,** were issued on the 14th day of September, 2020, in Cause No. P18820, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, Probate Division to: **CHAD RICHARD SMITH and ERIC SMITH.**

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

**Chad Richard Smith 9796 Utopia Orange, TX 77630**

**Eric Lane Smith 9794 Utopia Orange, TX 77630**

DATED the 8th day of October, 2020.

*Rex Peveto*

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF **BESS VICTORIA BURGER, Deceased,** were issued on SEPTEMBER 29, 2020, in Cause No. P18823, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **LAURA LYNN BURGER.**

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

c/o: **George B. Barron Attorney at Law 202 S. Border Street Orange, TX 77630**

Dated the 29th day of September, 2020.

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

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **VONIE J. DUHON, Deceased,** were issued on the September 28, 2020, Cause No. P18814, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Charles Lee Duhon.**

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

c/o: **Tommy Gunn Attorney at Law 202 S. Border Street Orange, TX 77630**

Dated the 6th day of October, 2020.

*Tommy Gunn*

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