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## Orange aims abatements at medical complex

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

Mum's the official word, but look for some news coming up soon about the Eagle Point project, maybe even the long-needed Gisela Houseman Medical Complex.

In June of 2019, three months before Tropical Storm Imelda hit Orange County, Houseman donated 20 acres of land at Eagle Point on which to build offices and surgical suites for up to 20 doctors and a "mini-hospital" with eight to 20 beds with an ER and urgent care.

Local physician Dr. Marty Rutledge announced he had recruited health care pros to bring specialized medicine to Eagle Point, a strip of land southeast of the intersection of Interstate 10 and US Route 62.

It would include a surgical center, an imaging center, an infusion center and a cancer center, Rutledge said.

Plans were for the medical center to open in 2021, after 15 months for engineering and construction.

Then Imelda, the fifth-wettest storm on record, hit and brought major flooding to Southeast Texas. It was followed in early 2020 by the new coronavirus pandemic and shutdowns of businesses across the country.

Plans for Eagle Point have been on hold for a while.

But the closed executive session at the end of the Orange City Council's Tuesday meeting included appearances by Gisela Houseman, Shawn Sparrow of Houseman Corp. and County Judge John Gothia, none of whom would comment on anything as they left council chambers.

A woman answering the telephone at Rutledge's clinic said the doctor was not authorized to speak on the Eagle Point plans.

The public agenda for Tuesday's non-public executive session was titled "De-

liberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations; and also said "deliberation regarding real estate development project proposal ... regarding Eagle Point Parkway."

The exact same executive item appeared on the agenda

for the council's Jan. 26 meeting.

Eagle Point Parkway was the name of a four-lane boulevard the EDC board and city council agreed in 2018 to spend up to \$425,000 building.

No construction has be-

gun.

In its previous meeting Jan. 26, city council approved a resolution to participate in a tax abatement reinvestment zone and ordinance designating a reinvestment zone at Eagle Point.

Creating a reinvestment

zone is the first step to being able to grant tax abatements.

In this week's meeting, council took the next step, "ratifying guidelines and criteria for granting tax abatements ... effective until Janu-

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## BC's Nickum vows 'proactive' approach to city government

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

John Nickum, born into an Orange County insurance family, says he was delivered "with a State Farm tattoo."

But the 1993 graduate of Bridge City High School hasn't just spent his entire life quoting great rates and offering safe-driving discounts.

Nickum, whose whose father, Bill, operates Bridge City's State Farm Bridge City's State Farm agency, has his State Farm business in Vidor.

But before that, he first achieved a degree in health-care administration and long-term care from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

He worked at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston negotiating contracts between pharmaceutical companies and the hospital.

He earned a master's in business administration from Lamar University, with a dual concentration in finance and marketing.

He is currently the president of the Vidor Chamber of Commerce and the Vidor Rotary Club.

And he's running for city council in his hometown of Bridge City because he wants to see the cities of Orange County work together for their common good.

"I began to learn about how municipalities and governments work while I was



John Nickum

working on my MBA at Lamar," he said.

"I wanted to get involved, so I got involved in the Vidor Chamber of Commerce. I go to a lot of meetings and I began to realize that each town in Orange County, they talk, but they don't talk."

Nickum means the communities don't always realize their connectedness.

"If Vidor's clearing out its drainage, that water goes to Bridge City," he said. "They should talk."

As examples, John Nickum offered the cases of Jefferson County grabbing what should be Orange County's spoils.

He cited the fact that the city of Port Arthur collects most of the property taxes from the Entergy power plant, which is located on the Bridge City end of the Rainbow Bridge. And he warned of what's to come with the dredging of the Sabine-Neches ship channel

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## LCM Bear Golf Team Takes First Place



LCM Bear Golf team members above: Tim Weaver, Will Van Pelt, Jack Burke, Wyatt Wozniak, and Travis Love.

The Bears Varsity golf team took part in the Vidor Pirate Invitational held at Brentwood Country Club last week. The boy's shot a team score of 318 to win the tournament by 12-strokes in the sixteen team/94 player field. Class-4A defending state champ Jack Burke went under par again shooting a -2/70 to win his 2nd tournament of the year and his 20th varsity tournament win overall.

Individual scores for the Bears were as follows: Burke (70), Will Van Pelt (80), Wyatt Wozniak (84), Timothy

Weaver (84), and Travis Love (85). PNG's Dalton Shields took 2nd with a 77 and Orangefield standout Xander Parks finished 3rd with a 79. Team results were as follows: LC-M (1st - 318), PN-G "A" (2nd - 330), PN-G "B" (3rd - 334), H-J (354), West Brook (357), Hamshire-Fannett (358), Vidor (361), Kelly (379), Orangefield (394), Lumberton (396), Jasper (402), Silsbee (403), H-F "B" (417), Anahuac (512), Warren (n/a), and Bridge City (n/a).

## Commissioners approve Sheriff's K-9 unit

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For The Record

The Orange County Sheriff's Office is going for the dogs.

County Commissioners signed off Tuesday on reestablishing a K-9 program with two drug dogs.

The purchase and training will require the expenditure of \$20,000 of drug forfeiture funds from the Sheriff's Office plus \$10,000 of county money to pay expenses for two dog handlers.

"The Drug Enforcement Administration requires us to use a K-9 anytime we seize currency," Sheriff Lane Mooney explained.

"If we call others in [a K-9 unit from another police or sheriff's department], we have to share with them."

According to a report presented by former Sheriff Keith Merritt last year, the department seized more than \$1.25 million in cash



Sheriff Lane Mooney

from traffic stops and search warrants in 2019.

Those funds are turned over to the U.S. Treasury, which eventually returns most of the seized money to the agency that discovered it. Forfeiture funds are restricted in that they can only be used for certain law enforcement purchases.

The dogs are trained to sniff out contraband and are used on highway interdic-

tion.

K-9 expenses were hardly the largest of the day, though.

Commissioners approved a total of \$2.03 million in weekly bills, one of the largest totals in memory.

Almost half that amount went to pay bills resulting from Hurricane Laura debris cleanup.

Plessala Enterprises got a check for \$463,911 for use of its landfill. TetraTech, the company hired to satisfy FEMA-required oversight of debris-hauling trucks, was paid \$434,306.

The county jail, which suffered heavy wind damage in October from Hurricane Delta, earned a Certificate of Compliance after a surprise inspection by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards Jan. 20.

"I can't say enough about our staff," Jail Capt. Jim Eiselstein said. "In my 40 years, it's probably the smoothest jail inspection

I've ever had."

Commissioners deliberated the best way to pay for \$664,000 of capital expenditures by the Road and Bridge Division, and sent County Engineer Clark Slacum back to get a quote on a three-year financing agreement.

The county leaders noted that they had not yet received any of the \$10 million reimbursement promised by FEMA for debris cleanup and cash flow was a concern. "Until we get some dollars rolling in, I hate to spend money," County Judge John Gothia said.

Mauriceville Heritage Association was granted a one-time \$30,000 grant from county Hotel Occupancy Tax funds. The Association's buildings were lost to winds from Laura and Delta, but the county's money is to be used for other costs.

The county approved a one-year \$80,000 contract with Dal Moreau III.

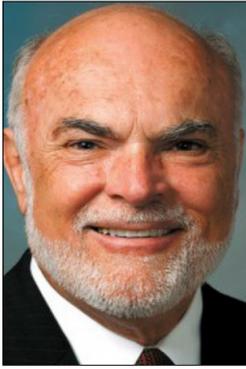


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# My 5-Cents...

## By State Senator Robert Nichols

A weekly column from Sen. Robert Nichols by Sen. Robert Nichols, Senate District 3



Sen. Robert Nichols

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on Groundhog Day, signaling 6 more weeks of winter. Since 1887, the groundhog in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania has been central to the legend of Groundhog Day, celebrated every February 2. Let's hope he's wrong this year.

Here are five things happening around the state this week:

### 1. Texas Water Development Board authorized \$44.5 million in Flood Mitigation Assistance

Last month, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) approved \$44.5 million in FEMA grants for their Flood Mitigation Assistance program. The Flood Mitigation Assistance program is a competitive grant program that provides funding to states and local communities for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage. TWDB administers the FEMA grant program for Texas. Eleven grants for Texas projects were approved, including four in Senate District 3. Montgomery County was awarded \$10.07 million for acquisition projects, Orange County was awarded \$1 million for elevation projects, the City of Pearland was awarded \$1.35 million for elevation projects, and the City of Vidor was awarded over \$400,000 for acquisition projects. That totals over \$12.5 million for Senate District 3 flood mitigation projects, a much needed investment in our more flood-prone areas.

### 2. Texas economy ranked 9th largest in the world

According to the most recent GDP data from the International Monetary Fund, Texas entered 2021 as the world's 9th largest economy, overtaking Brazil who was ranked 9th since 2015. This ranking places Texas in front of other large global economies such as Canada, South Korea, and

Russia. Texas has a GDP of \$1.9 trillion, whereas the US total GDP totals

around \$21.4 trillion, making it the world's largest economy. It's a good time to be in business in Texas and we look forward to continued growth in 2021.

### 3. Governor Abbott Names Broadband as an Emergency Item in State of the State Address

This week, Governor Abbott delivered his State of the State address in Austin. During the half-hour speech, he touched on topics ranging from the pandemic and the vaccine effort to the Texas economy and job growth. In the speech, he named five emergency items, a designation that will

allow legislators to vote on and pass legislation before the 60-day mark. One of the emergency items was expanding broadband access. Lack of rural broadband has been an issue in the state for a long time and something I've been working on for several years. The global pandemic has only shown us just how necessary high-speed internet is for telehealth, education, and business. This session I have filed legislation with Rep. Ashby that would expand broadband access. I'm thrilled the governor has made this subject an emergency item and know that we will be working diligently to pass meaningful reform to get rural Texans the high-speed internet they need.

### 4. US Military Medical Professionals Treating COVID-19 Patients in Lufkin

Lufkin is one of three cities across the state that military medical personnel are deploying to in response to the ongoing pandemic. They will also be deploying to Abilene and Eagle Pass. The medical personnel will be supporting local hospitals and frontline workers in treating COVID-19

patients. The military medical professionals will be working at St. Luke's Lufkin. The hospital is also planning to

expand by opening a third COVID-19 unit in preparation for another influx of cases. This all comes as two new vaccination hubs opened in East Texas. The newest hubs in Jasper and Palestine join existing hubs in Liberty County and Montgomery County.

### 5. Big Thicket National Preserve Issuing Free Feral Hog Trapping Permits

The Feral Hog Trapping Program is offering free hog trapping permits in the Big Thicket National Preserve. The feral hog population is becoming a problem in that area, which covers parts of Jasper, Polk, and Tyler counties. Feral hogs can be aggressive and outcompete other native animals for food, water, and resources, throwing the existing ecosystem out of balance. Hunters are allowed to trap and kill as many hogs as they can. Last year, around 250 feral hogs were removed and the preserve is hoping for even more removals this year. The program issues 50 free permits on a first-come, first-serve basis. Hunters are allowed to bring one trap and one feeder and hogs in the trap must be killed with a firearm only. No hunting dogs are allowed while hog trapping in the area. The program runs until the beginning of general hunting season in November. Permits are available at the Big Thicket's Visitor Center.

### Orange County Master Gardeners upcoming seminar

Join the Orange County Master Gardeners, Sunday, Feb 27, for "An Overview of Traditional Native Plants and Herbs for Health and Medicinal Benefits". The seminars are FREE and are limited to 12 people in each of the two sessions. Sessions will be (1) 9:00AM - 10:30AM and (2) 11:00AM - 12:30PM. Each participant will be given their own Native plant or Herb to take home. Current COVID-19 precautions will be required. Please email your registration to [ocmg1990@gmail.com](mailto:ocmg1990@gmail.com) providing which session you would like, your name and telephone number.

## 60th Anniversary



**Billy Jack & Karen Neyland McKinney** of Orange celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on February 11th. Married in 1961 in Lovington, New Mexico, the couple have 2 children, Kim McKinney & Sara Gibson of Bridge City and Heather & Randall Willis of Crystal Beach. The McKinney's have 3 grandchildren, Quentin Willis who resides in Hawaii, Shayla Cobb who resides in Mt. Juliet, TN and Kendall Gibson, student at A&M University in College Station.

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## Violet LeBlanc Branch turned 100 Thursday



Violet LeBlanc Branch of Orange celebrated her 100th birthday on Thursday, Feb. 4, with neighbors and public safety officers putting on a car parade in front of her home. Orange Mayor Larry Spears, Jr., proclaimed it "Violet Branch Day." RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

## Bridge City opens gov't offices

DAVE ROGERS  
For The Record

"Saying we're going to loosen up as much as we can," Bridge City Mayor David Rutledge announced Tuesday that city buildings have adjusted their coronavirus restrictions.

"As mayor, I instructed the department heads of the city today to begin to open the majority of city buildings on a limited basis," Rutledge said. "It'll begin Wednesday."

Masks, sanitizers and social distancing will be mandatory inside all city buildings, Rutledge said. But most buildings will require an appointment.

City Hall will be drive-thru only. For any other business, call 409-735-6801 for appointments.

Municipal Court lobby is open by appointment only. Call 409-735-2236 for appointments.

Senior Citizen Hall will remain closed.

"It's a small building and we don't want to gamble with our senior citizens' lives," the mayor said.

The Community Center is opened for private functions only, with a maximum of 100 people. Call 409-735-6801 for reservations.

City Library is open by appointment only with a maximum of five patrons at a time.

Call 409-735-4242 for appointments. Storytime will continue on Facebook.

City park remains open, but no reservations for the pavilion are being taken at this time.

City council meetings will be open to the public in the City Hall chambers with limited seating.

"The fact that people are getting vaccinated and the number of new cases of COVID-19 seems to be trending down on a 14-day average led us to make these changes," the mayor said.

"But if we have a spike in cases, we may have to tighten things back up."

## John Smith honored with Key To The City



Longtime city attorney John Cash "Jack" Smith, center, receives the Key To The City of Orange from Mayor Larry Spears, Jr., as Smith's wife, Juliet, looks on at City Council chambers Tuesday morning. Smith says he's not retiring, but will be City Attorney Emeritus. "You won't see me as much, but you haven't seen the last of me," he said. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

## Medical complex From Page 1

One person who did grant an interview after the meeting was Orange restaurateur Jake Lemoine and he confirmed that his vision for a "Boardwalk Grille" next to the Port of Orange has been dashed.

Lemoine terminated his \$100-a-year lease with the city on property at 5th and Division Streets because of the unexpected progress of the Coastal Spine project, which includes plans to build a levee where his restaurant was set to be located.

"We were told that this [levee] project would take 25 years at least to build," Lem-

oine said. "That levee is going to leave the City of Orange with zero waterfront property."

It got worse for Lemoine: "We actually closed on the loan just two weeks before they announced they'd got the rest of the funding to build the levee," he said.

While Lemoine doesn't need the loan, "I have to pay all the closing costs and fees, basically \$47,000 for nothing."

The building that was home to Lemoine's temporary eatery on the opposite side of 5th Street was damaged in Hurricane Laura last August and Lemoine has

been getting by since on catering jobs and selling his specialty crawfish.

But Lemoine didn't cancel his EDC deal for \$200,000 of infrastructure improvements. He got the council to OK extending that deal through September of this year.

He said he's got his eye on a different location - at Eagle Point.

"I'm looking at buying property in the project with the new hospital," he said. "I'll probably have to change the name since the 'Boardwalk Grille' would be funny without a boardwalk."

## Nickum From Page 1

that separates the two counties.

"Companies coming into Orange County that should go to Orange County," he said. "We need to have our cities unify and protect what should be ours."

"If Orange County grows, Bridge City's going to grow. Vidor's going to grow."

Nickum, father of two sons and a daughter - Coleman is graduating from Baylor in May, Nick is a high school senior and Abigail is a high

school junior - has been married to his wife, Christy, 9 years.

And he's on the Chainsaw Team.

Actually, it's full name is the Southern Baptists Disaster Recovery Mud Out and Chainsaw Team. He's a team leader and trainer for that group, which deploys nationwide during disasters.

Nickum says if he wins his election to Place 3 against three-term incumbent Tammi Fiset he will use a pro-

active approach on council.

"I can answer phone calls and look at ditches, but what are we doing to be proactive?" he asked.

"It's good we have the plants coming in, but what do we have for a [local] labor force? If we have the people, we have tax revenue."

Friday is the final day for candidates to file to run in the May 1 city and school elections. Early voting begins April 19.



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## From The Creaux's Nest

### WAIT FOR VACCINE FINALLY OVER

For several months now I have been living in fear of contacting **coronavirus**. Over those months what made it worse was that unexpected illness comprised my system even more. The hospital stays and visits to doctor's office made my fears even more frightening. Those are not good places to hang out while trying to avoid any kind of sickness. **My goal was to get the vaccine before the virus got me.** Well, this Monday, I'm glad to announce, I got my first dose and the second will come in 20 days. **The vaccine at this time is a blessing.** It takes some of the pressure off of one's mind although one shot doesn't mean you are safe. It's a first step. Hopefully, in the next few months we can look back on **COVID-19** as another bad nightmare that probably killed a half million American citizens before it was done. **I have to move on. Come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.**

### TRUMP GUILTY OF VIOLATING OATH OF OFFICE WILL GO UNPUNISHED

As thousands stormed **Capital Hill** and breached the building, defeating small numbers of police, **Trump** retreated to the **Oval Office** and watched on television. His supporters seized the **Senate** and **House** floors, temporarily halted the vote count, and angrily hunted elected leaders like **Vice President Mike Pence** and **House Speaker Nancy Pelosi**, both of whom had been whisked to safety. Five died, among them a police officer and a woman trampled to death. The iconic **Capital** was desecrated, including the unfurling of a **Confederate** battle flag, something that had never occurred even during the **Civil War**. **Senators** need to hear from witnesses who can provide more detail about **Trump's** conduct in the **Oval Office** as the president watched the violence unfold. Preliminary accounts suggest that he was delighted. **Trump** stands accused of inciting an insurrection against his own government in an attempt to overthrow the results of a free and fair election, something no other president has even entertained. **This is more dictatorship than democracy.** The nation deserves a full airing of evidence against this defendant and the opportunity to hold **Trump** accountable. The **Republican Senators** will put their own interest and the Party's interest before the good of the country. Each and every one of them knows that **Donald Trump** is guilty and in some countries he would face a firing squad. **Trump** will get off with a slap on the wrist. He will be back to do more harm. **Republicans** have a chance to rid themselves of **Trump** for ever. They will regret the day that they failed to act in the best interest of the **United States**. **Trump** is a crook and will never change his spots. At least though, this second impeachment trial the **American** people will get to see how big a crook he is and the harm he inflicted on our **Democracy**.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2011

We now have the big show behind us. The **Super Bowl** drew over 100,000 to **Jerry's world, Cowboy Stadium**, in Arlington, and over 111 million watched it on television, but enough already. I liked the **Green Bay Packers** but really felt the **Pittsburgh Steelers** was a 10-point better team. They tried in every way to give the game away and fell behind 21-3 at halftime. It ended up being a close 31-25 **Packer** win. I couldn't lose, either way I won. If the **Steelers** had won by the 10, I would have come off looking smarter. **J.B. Arrington**, the storyteller and barbecue king, who does a great catering job, stopped by for a visit and to tell a new story. Also stopping by was **Tommy Simar**, who escaped from **Echo** for a few hours. Then **Jack Smith** waltzed in. He goes 100 miles an hour all the time, **too nervous to sit down.** All three of them on the same day are a bunch. Add **H.D. Pate**, local lawyer, stopping by and I got a load of good ole boy all in one day. **A couple of week ends ago Dale Earnhardt, Jr.,** was left with one team race driver short when a driver became ill. **Doug Harrington, Jr.** was asked to take his place in the **24-hour Rolex Daytona.** **Doug Jr.** drove both Saturday and Sunday. The team didn't win but it was a kick watching the **Bridge City** native in the big race. **Doug** didn't have his own car entered in the race. **A few days ago, Johnny Montagne** cooked up a five gallon bucket of goose and oyster gumbo and invited a few good ole' boys over to eat. **Johnny** can really put the vittles together. Even **Al Judice** will attest to that. **Johnny** cooks a lot of specialty dishes like kidney stew, tripe, hog-head, etc. **Ms. Darlene** observed but didn't eat anything. **Our friend Charlotte Anderson** in on the mend since having back surgery but not ready to run yet. **Edgar** and **Monty Eshbach** are expecting their first grandchild. Son **Eric** and wife are expecting their first next month. The new baby's great grandmother would be the notorious **Dot Esbach.** **A few special folks** celebrating their special days. **Crystal Fuselier, Debbie** and **David's** pretty daughter celebrates another birthday. We've known her since she was in diapers. She grew up to be quite a good-looking woman. **My friend** since childhood, **Doyce Sherman**, raised in **Vermillion Parish** on home-grown rice, and raced through life from **Abbeville High** to

past his mid-70's. **Robert Montagne** spent his life in education. A good guy we've known over 50 years. Happy birthday **Robert**, good health and a long life. **Karen Fuselier** and **Jivin' Gene** both celebrate Wednesday, Feb. 9. Both will do to ride the range with. **Ms. Peggy**, the chief bottle washer and head captain of **Peggy's on the Bayou**, is a year older on Feb. 10. **Turning 3 years old** this week, Feb. 8, is **Mark Dunn's** cute granddaughter **Delilah.** She's **Jenna** and **Robbie's** "Little Princess." **G.M. and Chrysler** sales and production are up 18 percent to 24 percent. Just think, a year ago they were both facing collapse. **The domino effect would have been a great depression.** Meanwhile, oil companies are reporting higher profits in the last quarter than anytime in over two years. **Strictly my thoughts:** I fear a cultural disconnect for the young and new generation that will be brought on by **Facebook.** It's another **Genie** that's out of the bottle. The jury is out, but for too many other aspects of life are taking a back seat. It's constant, other interest go by the wayside. **Hours are spent uselessly, even during family meal time.**

### GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN 10 Years Ago-2011

We were saddened to learn about the death of **Jean Simar**, 78, who passed away Saturday, Feb. 5. A Mass of Christian burial was held Feb. 9, at St. Mary Catholic Church, in Orange. **Jean** lost her husband **Marvin** a few years ago but continued to look after his mother **Odetta Simar**, who will soon turn 101 years old. **Jean** had been ill over the past year. She is survived by her children **Paul, James** and **Gina** and their families. **Condolences** on the tragic death of **Claribel Schreiber**, age 43, of Bridge City, in an auto accident, Feb. 3. She was a young woman taken in the prime of life. Adding to the sadness is that her family, dad, siblings and their families are far away in the Philippines. Daughter **Clariss** and husband **Kevin Greer**, son **Ambet Po** and grandson **Brayden Greer**, all of Bridge City, survive her locally.

### 22 Years Ago 1999

**Salem United Methodist Church** celebrates 134<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Feb. 21. **Salem Mission** was established in 1868 in Orange, in a house that is now the site of the **Oaks Town Homes.** **American Legion Post 250**, in Orangefield, honored **W.T. Oliver**, a former state representative, who was instrumental in building **Veteran's Memorial Park.** **Oliver**, a vet and supporter of veteran causes died of a heart attack recently. **Chaplin Marv Howland** of the Post said, "**Oliver** was a statesman who made an outstanding service to God and country." **On Feb. 9, at 6 a.m.,** it was 71 degrees in Orange. **Benny Hinn**, world-renowned preacher, arrived at **Jefferson County Airport** in his private jet for a crusade at **Montagne Center** Thursday and Friday. **Bridge City** volleyball star **Natalie Sarver** has accepted a scholarship to **Lamar** where she will continue to be a **Cardinal.** (Editor's note: I often wonder what became of those youngsters when their playing days were over. Many we don't see or hear about again. I guess most move away.) **Jackie Roberts** marks 18 years as **Grover Halliburton's** legal secretary. **Little Cypress-Mauriceville coach David Williams** witnessed four boys, **Michael Gonzales, Billy Ford, Bo Lewis** and **Herbert Winston** signing college scholarships. From **West Orange-Stark Jermaine Feathers** is headed to play college football. **Bridge City VFD** and auxiliary elected new officers. Ladies auxiliary elected **Melinda Morse** as president, **Mary Callahan, V.P., Barbara Daigle**, secretary, **Angie Breaux**, treasurer, **Norman Ballard**, reporter and **Shana McLeod**, chaplain. **Fire Department Ross Guilhas** was named chief; **Scott Barnes**, assistant chief, **Ricky Bodin, Ray Welch, Jim Diemer** and **Buddy Land** were named captains. **Adam Woodard**, secretary, **Jeff Daigle, Carroll Leblanc, Sterlin Simoneaux, Doyle Ballard** and **Jimmy Franklin** were picked as commissioners. **Mike Tyson** goes back to prison. **Gus D'Amato** picked up this kid and molded him into the heavyweight champion of the world. **King Hussein, of Jordan**, dies. His eldest son **Abdullah** becomes the new king. **Raegen Faye Crone** turned one year old Feb. 2. She's the daughter of **Rusty** and **Tara Crone** of Bridge City. **Trevor** and **Tyler Gunn** turned 4 years old. (Editor's note: Hard to believe the twins are now 26-years-old.)

### 47 Years Ago, 1974

Starting Feb. 15, **Joe Alford** will be the new assistant district attorney under DA **Sharon Bearden.** **Attorneys Malcolm Dorman** and **Jim Dunaway** formed a partnership. **Frank Hustmyre**, semi-retired is still associated with the firm. **The Don Harmon's** started building a new home in the country but before the house was completed, it was taken into the city of Orange. **Cynthia, (Mrs. Dan Hooks,)** recently had a baby but is planning to return to work in two weeks at the Court House. **Some members of the West Orange Chiefs** track team were mile relayers **James Bean, Randall Teate, Marty Edwards** and **Steve Fisher.** Taking part in the 440 relays were **Ray Williams, Earl Thomas, Teate** and **Fisher.** **Paul Bingham** competed in the shot putt, and **Roy Williams** ran in the 100-yard dash. (Editor's note: Can it really have been 47 years?)

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

I had a long visit Sunday with **Gene Bourgeois.** He celebrated his **81st birthday** Tuesday. It's been five years since his wife, **Connie**, passed away. He spoke about several of the entertainers who have lost their wives and also many of the old musicians who have passed away in the last years. **Gene** says his sister, **Lois Judice**, turned 92 in November. She still lives in her home but has 24-hour care. We visited about the **Swamp Pop** days. **Jivin Gene** says **Rod Bernard** died about six months ago in a nursing home after a bad auto accident. We talked about when the end came for the **Gulf Coast** boys. It was the **Payola** scandal. **Alan Freed** was the only one convicted but he was the **Swamp Pop** connection. Also, the **Beatles** arrived in 1964. **Gene** says of all the singers he has ever known or heard of none had a better voice than **Johnny Preston.** He could have been as big a star as any of them. **Roy** is running a "Down Life's Highway" column remembering his friend **Johnny Preston**, who on March 4th has been gone 10

years. **Gene** says that **COVID** has probably dealt a death blow to live entertainment by old **Swampers** like he and **Warren Storm** and others. **Last week I predicted** that the odd makers would probably make the **Kansas City Chiefs** a 3 to 4 point favorite to win the **Super Bowl.** I had learned a long time ago to never bet against **Brady.** Even though **Tom** was named **MVP,** I believe it was **Tampa Bay's** defense that won the game, **31 to 9,** only allowing the **Chief's** to score only three field goals. **Super Bowl 55** also featured the first female referee. The win for **Brady** was his seventh. At age 43 he is not ready to retire. **A few folks we know** having birthdays. **Feb. 10,** A good friend, a hard working, great lady, **Peggy Albair,** celebrates today. **Also the Gunn twins Trevor and Tyler** turn 26 today. **A special 60th Anniversary** to **Billy Jack and Karen McKinney** on Thursday, **Feb. 11.** Wishing you many more together. **Feb. 11, Gayla Melancon, Deric and Eric Provost** turn a year older today. **Feb. 12,** Happy Birthday to **Ray Shirley** and **Karlee Barney.** **Feb. 13, Brock Carlin** and **Amy Britnell** celebrate today. **Feb. 14,** Pinehurst mayor **T.W. Permenter** celebrates another birthday. **Feb. 15,** Longtime friend, one of the great guys, former Orangefield School Superintendent, **Robert Montagne** celebrates his birthday today. **Feb. 16,** Port Commissioner, CEO of **Reliable Cleaners** and just a good guy, our friend **Keith Wallace** celebrates. **I also want to note** that **Gary Stephens** turns 58-year-old today. **Happy Birthday** to all. **Over the weekend I heard from Joe Chenella,** longtime BCISD employee. He and wife **Nancy** now make their home in **College Station** and love it. Their daughter **Meredith** is fur-loughed from work at **Disney** in **Florida.** Her husband is a major in the **Army** station in **Georgia.** **Joe** is one of those people, "**Once a friend, Always a friend.**" **Joe** keeps up with this area. He was aware of the shooting in his old neighborhood involving "**PeeWee**" **Allen** and the killing of his wife and himself. They lived across the street from the **Chenella's.** **Joe** and I visited about past bond issues and the work that went into making them successful. **Tuesday, Feb. 16, is Mardi Gras.** This will be the first time since **WWII** that it's not being celebrated with parades due to the pandemic. Hopefully, a year from now the country and the world will be back to normal. **We ran into J.B. Arrington** at the **Expo Center** getting his first **COVID-19** shot. Like most of us elder folks, he was glad to get the prevention vaccine under way.

### BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

**Shane Brister, Bobby Arnold, Kevin Bourque, Stephen Allen, Delonda Cooper, Dola Rucker, Marjorie Gandy, Gayla Melancon, Brittany Carpenter, Sara Childs, John Hall, Judy Ford, Jeremy Delano, Drew Domas, Inez Jones, Patricia Davis, Vicky Stanley, Ann McDuff, Tom Stephenson, Jordan Guerrerro, Judy Harrison.**

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

**Clovis Comeaux**, him, has always been a hell raiser but suddenly he quit drinking, quit chasing after womens and give up playing poker. He started cutting da grass around da church. **He even painted da trimming.**

He became a faithful church go'er and was da first to arrive at Sunday Mass. Da prient, **Farta Vincent** ake, "Wat brought on dis wonderful change dat has done overtook you?"

**Clovis** say, "**Well, Farta, it's like dis, me, I heard, 'Crisis in da Gulf'**" and I tink if he's dat close, I wanna be good to go me."

### C'EST TOUT THE CREAUX'S VALENTINE WORDS OF WIDSOM

Before I return to this page next week **Valentine's Day** would have come and gone. I'm not **Dear Abby,** I don't write an advice column, but I feel I'm qualified to comment on relationships. Relating with people from both sexes over a lifetime hasn't only been my vocation but it's also what I enjoy doing. **For the most part, I genuinely like people and am interested in what they have to say;** I think that is the most important factor in any relationship. Romances set a pretty high standard when it comes to communication. Talking about music, grandchildren, politics etc., often happens naturally, not particularly over a candlelight dinner. **It's always important to tell the other person how much you love them,** doing small things for them, even a small simple note showing your love. If a quarrel erupts remember never any name-calling, no verbal abuse, never bring up old history, and never create a scene that just won't heal. **It's important that your romance mate knows that you value and treasure them.** Never let outside pressures affect your personal relationship. However, in the end, it's not flowers, gifts, walks on the beach, it is communication, getting a sense of how much you love and appreciate each other. **The old cliché, 'It's us against the world'** still rings true today, knowing that you have each other's shoulder to lean on. So, that's my few words of wisdom on how to make most days Valentine Day. **Happy Valentine's Day to all.** **My time is hope. I hope all of you have a great week. Stay safe and God bless.**



# Johnny Preston and the boys with Gulf Coast Sound

**DOWN LIFE'S HIGHWAY**  
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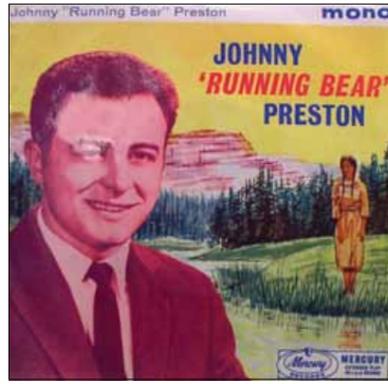
Several events, as of late, got me to thinking about my longtime friend Johnny Preston Courville, Jr. My mind is wandering back over 60 years to a period that is unique. The Gulf Coast Sound or Swamp Pop music was born at a time between big band, Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Frankie Lane, the arrival of Elvis and before the Beatles came ashore.



A group of talented young musicians, most with some Cajun background, sprang up down the coast from Beaumont to Abbeville. Feb. 3 marked the anniversary of J.P. "Big Bopper" Richardson's death, along with Buddy Holly and Ritchie Valens, in a plane crash in Mason City, Iowa, in 1959. This Tuesday, Feb. 9, marked the birthday of Jivin' Gene Bourgeois. This is significant to me because we go back long before he got a guitar. I stayed with his family in Port Arthur. Ms. Agnes, his mother, took me in at all hours of the night and always fed me. Gene's grandmother lived in Abbeville and he always loved to visit and be around the boys that were honing their music style. There was Bobby Charles, who had released "See You Later Alligator." He later wrote and recorded for others including Fats Domino, Willie and a host of singers as well as himself. Warren Storm Schexnider played in his father's band and was venturing out on his own. Ned Theall was a music professor and later owner of the "Boogie Kings." Then came Rod Bernard, Joe Berry, Glen Wells, T.K. Hulin and others who were all part of the Rock and Roll Swamp Pop area. Gene teamed up with John Piggott, Butch Landry and formed the "Jokers." In 1958, Gene and his band cut their first record on the Huey P. Meaux's KPAC Radio Show. "Going out with the Tide," lit up

the switchboard. Then he recorded "Breaking Up is Hard to Do" in Crowley, LA. Bill Hall, Johnny Preston and J.P. Richardson's manager, took "Breaking Up" to Mercury Records who released it. That was Gene's big break. He and the Jokers toured throughout the country and made it to the Alan Freed Show. Alan was considered the Godfather of Rock and Roll.

I met Johnny Preston in Port Arthur many years ago. Johnny and I became friends when I owned a chain of package stores and Johnny was a whiskey salesman. As I sat in the Astrodome with Johnny, watching Elvis' final tour, I couldn't help but wonder what was going through his mind. He already had a gold and platinum record and was, by all accounts, going to be a big star, then suddenly gave it up. No other singer from this area came close to having his golden voice. Any of them will tell you that even today. It was always somewhat puzzling why he gave it up abruptly when no doubt he would have been a huge star. He never spoke much about it. He joined the Pipefitters Local 195 and after retiring, he took up his music career again. His God given talent and singing ability served him well. He toured Europe where he became a hit. Again his singing set him apart from others. His voice, since he was a little guy, has been his long suit but his friendly personality drew people to him. He was influenced by the music of Buddy Holly, Elvis and Chuck Berry. When he graduated from Bishop Byrne High School and while at Lamar State College, he formed a group with Butch Crouch, Johnny Wilson and Mike Akin. They would practice in the home of the Ben Plachette's, on 17th. St., in Port Arthur. Johnny was signed by Huey Meaux. He performed at all area clubs, such as Club 87, Super 73, Blue Jean Club, and Twilight Club. It was at the Twilight that he was approached by J.P. Richardson and his manager Bill Hall. J.P. had written the song "Running Bear" and wanted him to record it. Johnny said, "I didn't like the song but J.P. insisted it would be a hit." "We recorded the song at the Gold Star



Studios in Houston. J.P., Hall and yes, George Jones made the Indian sound effects in the background. George and J.P. worked together as disc jockeys at KTRM Radio. Believe it or not, Link Davis was the saxophone player on "Running Bear." Johnny said, "The Record took off, three million copies were sold and I started touring in England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany and the Philippines." The record became number one in the world and was Bill Board's number one for fourteen weeks. Johnny started recording albums and two more hit records went gold. "The Cradle of Love" and "Feel So Fine." He toured with Brenda Lee, Marty Robbins, Freddie Cannon, Jimmy Clanton and Conway Twitty. John said, "Conway had the most foresight. He told me that this music of ours was not going to last, that country and western music is where it's at." Conway switched from Rock and Roll when the Beatles came from England. Conway was right. Jivin' Gene said, "The Beatles took the Gulf Coast Sound and feelings, improved it and became super stars, which many felt destroyed the boys with the Swamp sound."

I believe they quit too soon but mostly the big blow came to Johnny, Gene and the rest in the 1960 Payola scandals. It hit the record industry like a bombshell. Disc jockeys, like Alan Freed and Dick Clark, were accused of



Jivin' Gene Bourgeois

receiving payments for promoting records. The scandal hurt Rock and Roll music and in some ways it never really recovered. The youngsters destined to be big stars decided to get out and get regular jobs. Today most of their songs are classics.

Johnny was under contract with Mercury for five years and with ABC Paramount for another five. Johnny said, "His friend Jerry Lee Lewis made the switch to country and prolonged his career. He was an interesting cat on tour. He was one hell of a performer, he would tear up the pianos and the audiences loved it."

Johnny told a story about performing his hit "Running Bear" in Red Cloud, Montana, located in the middle of a large Indian reservation. "We played for a crowd of 900 Indians, dressed in full ceremonial regalia, buckskins, feathers and blankets. We must have played "Running Bear" at least 50 times. When we first arrived there no one was around then suddenly all of these Indians appeared out of nowhere. We enjoyed it and the packed house of Indians loved it and started joining in."

I have just barely scratched the Johnny Preston story. I recall, while visiting with he and wife Sharon at his home, seeing those Gold Records. He was always threatening Sharon with selling them every time gold prices went up. They would be worth a lot at today's prices but I don't know what became of them and all of his other awards. It's been an honor for me to know such a talented, great guy. March 4, 2021 will mark the 10th anniversary of Johnny's death. I've lost track of what became of Sharon. I've really been blessed by the times and the talent that surrounded me as I traveled Down Life's Highway. Those were special times in this long life.

## Deaths & Memorials

### Arthur "Art" Wayne Ferguson, 69, Orange

Arthur Wayne Ferguson, 69, of Orange, passed away on February 3, 2021 in Port Arthur. A private family memorial service will be done at a later date. Born in Port Arthur, Texas, on September 1, 1951, he was the son of Edward Ferguson and Pernecie (Rowe) Ferguson.



Art started working for Texaco at the age of 18 and stayed with the company as it transferred over to Motiva. He later retired after 37 years of hard work with the company. Art enjoyed going to concerts, fishing, and watching movies. He was a family man who enjoyed bringing his family out for steak or to a crawfish boil. Art also known as "Paw Paw Art" was a wonderful provider for his family and never missed a moment with them.

He will be dearly missed by those who

knew and loved him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Pernecie Ferguson; brothers, James Capps and Dennis Ferguson; as well as his beloved dog Nemo. He is survived by his loving wife of 17 years, Grace Ferguson; children, Robin Thibodeaux and long-term boyfriend, Paul Sachitano of Winnie and Misty Thurman and husband Jimmy of Beaumont; grandchildren, Taylor McDonald and husband Jake, Preslea Thibodeaux, and Luke Thibodeaux; sister, Katherine Schuebel of Cypress; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family and friends. Cremation will be under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home. People are welcome to leave condolences and memories with Art on Claybarfuneralhome.com.

### Theresa Marie Wolf, 84, Bridge City

Theresa Marie Wolf, 84, of Bridge City, passed away on February 4, 2021, at her home. Cremation will be under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home. Born in Port Arthur, Texas, on November 30, 1936, she was the daughter of Eddie Boheme and Mollie Boheme. Theresa was a very talented painter and also enjoyed baking the best cakes for her family. She married her loving husband, Arthur in 1962 and they spent 59 happy years together. Theresa adored her family more than life and loved being grandma to her

grandbabies. She left an impact on many lives and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eddie and Mollie Boheme. She is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Arthur Wolf; children, Dr. Dwight Wolf and wife Tammy of Galveston and Dr. Dwayne Wolf and wife Stacey of Houston; grandchildren, Nina Wolf of College Station, Rosa Wolf of Galveston, Cira Wolf of Fort Bliss, and Norland Wolf of Port Arthur; and sister, Sue Noack of Groves.

### VFW Auxiliary Spring Garage Sale

The VFW Auxiliary 2775 Orange will be holding their Spring Garage Sale in the VFW Hall at 5303 N.16th St on Saturday March 13, 2021 from 8:00AM to 2:00PM. The cost per table is \$15.00, each cloths rack will be an additional \$5.00. For more information contact Mary Snapp(409-697-0380). Payments can be mailed to Mary Snapp at 7927 Sandra Lane Orange Tx 77632. Please makes checks out to VFW AUX 2775.

### OC residents directs film presented at LifeShare event

Beaumont Community Players (BCP) Boomtown Film and Music Festival and LifeShare Blood Banks have partnered to create a community event this Valentines Night. From 6-9 pm on Sunday February 14th the three organizations will host a blood drive and drive-in movie night in the parking lot of the Betty Greenberg Center for Performing Arts at 4155 Laurel Ave in Beaumont.

The event is free of charge and will feature several local films as well as a preview of BCP's latest online production; Together- A cell phone musical. Films that will be shown include; Love Potion Directed by Marilyn Alyse, Not Like the Commercials Directed by Gordon S. Williams, Over a Threshold Directed by Christopher Dombrosky,

The Bach-Roulette Directed by Travis Myers and the Texas premiere of Shhh! Directed by Penny LeLeux of Orange County.

Patrons that wish to make an appointment to donate blood should visit the LifeShare website.

Parking begins at 6 pm capacity is limited and there is additional seating outdoors for patrons wishing to bring their own chairs and park across the street. Social distancing, masks and all necessary COVID protocols will be required in seating areas. Local food trucks have been invited and the BCP movie concessions stand will be open for delivery service.

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The Little Cypress Junior High 7th grade A Basketball Team won the District Championship Monday night. They had an undefeated season. Pictured first row from left are Jaden Scales, Justin McCa-rver, J'Lynn Morris, and Darrion Morris. On the back row are Carson Kelley, Rylan Pelt, Parker Freeman, Khayden Reed, and Braylon Lewis. The Coach is Hunter Gonzales.

## 5 Hobbies to Keep Your Body and Mind Healthy

(StatePoint) As the pandemic continues to restrict many of the places you are able or inclined to go, finding ways to stay active is important for keeping the body and mind healthy and happy. Here are some ideas for new hobbies to try.

- Learn a language: Bonjour! ;Hola! With an array of online language classes and tutorials available at your fingertips, learning a new language is more accessible than ever. Start now while you fantasize about a post-pandemic vacation overseas.
- Play an instrument: Learning to play an instrument is not only a great distraction for the current moment, it can provide you with years of joy as your skill develops. Consider starting your musical journey on a Casiotone keyboard. By connecting the keyboard to the free

Chordana Play app, you can easily learn to play your favorite songs from downloaded MIDI files. Once you've mastered the instrument, the portability of the keyboard will come in handy, whether you play solo or join a band.

- Become a home chef: From sushi to soufflé to dumplings, there are likely a range of dishes you have never attempted making at home. Tackle your culinary bucket list, one-by-one.
- Go hiking: There is no better hobby for staying fit and communing with nature than hiking, which works every muscle of the body, boosts cardiovascular health and even improves mood and mental well-being. Track your hike using a wearable tech tool geared for outdoor enthusiasts, such as a watch from the Casio's Pro Trek line. Quad Sensor technology packs all the measurements you

need into one compact hiking watch, including a compass, altitude/barometer and temperature measurements, along with an accelerometer that tracks step count. Calorie calculations use both step count and altitude information to take upgrades and downgrades into consideration, and data is recorded by the Pro Trek connected app.

• Volunteer: At a time when many people are struggling, consider volunteering your time to serve those in need. There are plenty of safe, socially distant volunteer opportunities, from delivering meals to the homebound, to video conferencing with socially isolated seniors to helping boost adult literacy via remote tutoring.

Amid the ongoing pandemic, staying busy and positive may take creativity.

## ORANGE COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY OH HOW GOD LOVES YOU

PASTOR CHARLES EMPEY  
Columnist  
For The Record

### THE LORD'S LOVE AND PROTECTION

The Lord's love and protection  
Are never so far,  
That he cannot reach us  
Wherever we are.  
His arm outstretched  
Like an eagle's wing,  
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And comforting power,  
We may rest and be assured  
Every day, every hour.

Teresa C. Hates

Hebrews 13:5 "...for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Can we get our hearts around this? If you can, you will have found the ultimate peace of mind and



Pastor Charles Empey

heart. With this truth of God's love for you, you can face the world. The Almighty God, Jesus Christ, your Lord and Savior, your all in all, says, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." He will go with you into the darkest experiences and not leave you, and bring you victory every-time. He will go along with you in your most hurtful and darkest times in life. You may even feel great fear, and wonder if He is there, but read the promise of love, "I will never

leave thee, nor forsake thee." He is not there necessarily to deliver you from it, but for sure to deliver you through it.

I like what Jesus said in John 13:1 "...having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end." Are you in a dark moment in your life? Are the world affairs swirling around you, robbing you of your peace, wondering where God is in all of this? Or are you in the midst of a stormy relationship, a family uproar, trouble at work? What is it that is trying to distract you from that peace of mind? Think upon the God of saving grace and the salvation of His Son, Jesus, that has brought to you that which you can never lose because of His promise..."for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

At 74 years of age, I look back over my life and I'm not pleased with everything I remember, but since April of

1965 the one thing that reigns over it all is that when I trusted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, no matter what, He has never left me, nor forsaken me. There was a lot to clean up in my life and there remains clean up work and there will always be more for Jesus to do in clean up work. When He took you on, at that point and time you were established with Him to be your Lord and Savior by faith. He agreed to be your Savior and work on you the rest of your life to clean up the bad and ugly of it. He has not and will not forsake you because you are too much for Him. He has not and will not forsake you because you have too much wrong with you, or you have too many problems, or you are just a drama freak making the smallest problem in your life bigger than it is. You and I are a mess and the world is a mess. Hence, the reason each

and everyone of us need Him as the Savior and Lord of our life. Only He can bring the right and best outcome to it all. We step around or through sinful garbage in our public and personal lives, but He walks with us to get us eventually beyond this messed up world, and maybe messed up personal life. He says "they are MY sheep." John 10:27-30 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish,

neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and my Father are one." "Greater love has no man" than the love God has for His children of His Kingdom...born again believers. "... he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

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

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# Brady's offense, Todd Bowles' defense stymies Chief's in SB LV

KAZ'S KORNER - JOE KAZMAR For The Record



Joe Kazmar

I was one of the perhaps 90 per cent of sports analysts who picked the Kansas City Chiefs to successfully defend their world championship in Super Bowl LV Sunday night incorrectly, doubting Thomas Brady could notch his incomparable seventh title, but not figuring how great the Tampa Bay defense really would be.

CBS, which televised the annual football extravaganza, figured out after the game that Kansas City quarterback Patrick Mahomes scrambled 497 yards from the pocket after taking the snap from center in an attempt to avoid the pass rush devised by Tampa Bay's defensive coordinator Todd Bowles.

The end result was Mahomes completing only 26 of his 49 passes for a net 243 yards and zero touchdowns with two interceptions and strapping the brilliant 25-year-old quarterback with his first double-digit loss and the fewest points of his four-year career as the Brady-led Bucs won an easy 31-9 Super Bowl victory.

The Buccaneers' defense put pressure on Mahomes 29 times of his 56 drop-backs which is a Super Bowl record.

With Kansas City missing four of its starting offensive linemen, Tampa Bay reverted to a "smash-mouth" brand of football and easily won the battle in both the offensive and defensive trenches.

And as was heard on Monday morning's "First Take" program on ESPN, Brady had enough time in the pocket to phone his wife and tell her what he wanted for supper.

Although the Chiefs trailed 21-6 at the half, it was no cause to panic as Head Coach Andy Reid had trailed numerous times in the playoffs over the years and still devised a formula to rally in the second half and pull out an easy victory.

But this time was different. Maybe it was because Andy's son was involved in a serious auto accident Friday in which two children were seriously injured and he was suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and it was a huge distraction, or that the Chiefs played a sorry game.

The Chiefs chalked up 11 penalties—offsides, unnecessary roughness, unsportsmanlike conduct, pass interference and lots of holding-- for 120 yards, which is very uncharacteristic

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# LC-M Bears dominate Rayburn

FISHING Dickie Colburn For The Record



The LCM bass club took advantage of the ideal conditions last weekend and again dominated the top ten in the second of five SETX High School events. While Toledo Bend continues to garner most of the attention lately, you will have to excuse the bears for being in no hurry to leave Rayburn!

The team of Cameron Dougharty and Braxton Rambo bested the field with a winning five fish stringer that weighed 18.33-pounds. Dougharty's thick-shouldered 8.89-pound lunger anchored their first place catch.

Two more bear teams joined the winners with top ten finishes. Dakota Posey and Brendon Brones finished sixth and McKee Ridgeway and Dylan Istre claimed the tenth spot. Aside from earning thirty percent of the top ten spots, three more Bear teams finished in the top 45.

The next event is scheduled for Feb.20th on Toledo Bend followed by the final two back on Rayburn. Championship Weekend is set for May 1st and 2nd on Rayburn.

"Had I known the Super Bowl was going to be so crummy," I'd have waited to come home Monday night," moaned Allen Johnson. "I had my way with the bass for two days and my daughter and son-in-law caught the heck out of the crappie. They didn't have any of the slabs I'd been hearing about, but they had 22 nice keepers the first evening and 31 the day after."

"We didn't catch any big bass, but that was probably my fault," said Allen. "I know what you have to do to catch them, but we were catching so many solid bass on Traps and a spoon bill Rebel that we just never switched gears!"



The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bear Bass Team competed in the SETX Tournament #2 held at Lake Sam Rayburn. The team of Braxton Rambo & Cameron Dougharty won out of 470 teams with 18.33 bag and Cameron's 8.89 pounder won big bass.

He added that their best bite was in the late afternoon in four to six feet of water. "The bite was a little deeper most of the day, but they would head to the shallows in the evening. Sexy shad and gold-black back were the only two colors we tried."

of the crappie are already spawning, but I have gotten several reports from folks I trust. Hands down, the best bite has been on shiners fished two to three feet under a cork. Lawson tried several colors in curly tail jigs both

I remain surprised that at least some

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# Game Warden Field Notes...

## Staff Report For The Record

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

### Small World

A Polk County game warden was contacted by a woman on social media asking if he had any meat to donate for her family of six. The warden donated deer meat and after getting to know the family, learned the dad was a disabled veteran and hadn't been hunting in over 10 years since before the military. The warden then reached out to local landowners and got a hunt donated for him and one of his children at Rocky Creek Ranch. The veteran took his eldest daughter of 13 on her first hunt and during the hunt, the warden found out his kids were from the same town the warden grew up in. Small world, great memories.

### Giving Back

Recently, Polk County game wardens reached out to local landowners to find ways to give back to their community through the outdoors. The decision was made to organize a disabled veteran and youth hunt. A drawing was held on social media to select qualifying participants for the hunt, which in turn created great support from local businesses and community members. A father (retired Navy veteran) and son (first time hunter) were selected to participate in the hunt. The father and son joined Game Wardens on the Simon Peter Bend Ranch for an amazing hunt. Both hunters and the landowner were thrilled about the experience, and now plan to keep in contact with one another. Moye's Processing donated full processing of the meat, and McQuilkin Taxidermy donated a full shoulder mount of the deer. A big thank you to Scott and Toni Cochran-Hughes for the Texas hospitality and amazing meals, as well as fully supporting our nation's heroes.

### Brotherly Love

A Cass County game warden was contacted by a landowner about a man he caught on his game camera carrying two rifles. The warden recognized the person and contacted the suspect's brothers to confirm the location of the suspect and to help set up an interview. Wardens interviewed the suspect, who admitted to hunting from the roadway and shooting a pig. The pig ran onto a hunting lease and the suspect admitted to searching for the pig on the lease with both guns. Charges Pending.

### Safe Harbor

Cass County game wardens received a call from a couple of duck hunters who were unable to get back to land from the Sulphur River. Wardens responded with a flat bottom boat, attempting to locate the hunters. Both hunters were located and transported to paramedics, who were waiting nearby. One hunter was hypothermic due to exposure to the cold water and the other was checked out and later released.

### Tractor Pull

A Cherokee County game warden came upon a hunter on a tractor attempting to dump the carcass of a doe deer. The subject stated that he was not aware that doe days had closed on Nov. 29. Upon questioning, it was determined that the subject's friend who was back at camp had also had some success that morning and had taken a buck. Upon arrival at the camp, the warden discovered an untagged buck that also failed to meet antler restrictions. Cases pending.

### Dove Tales

A Real County game warden received a call from a group of people who were trying to fish on their own property. The caller stated while they were fishing, they were peppered by shot gun pellets and were seeing a lot of dove flying in the area. The warden arrived at the location and met a truck leaving the property, asking the driver if he had been hunting. The driver said he had been dove hunting and killed seven birds. The warden informed the hunter that dove season in the Central Zone ended on the 14th. The hunter was cited for Hunt Dove in Closed Season and his birds were seized and

donated. Case pending.

### Ineligible

A Webb County game warden and Duval County game warden completed an investigation on an individual who had entered a deer into the local Muy Grande Deer Contest. The individual who shot the deer was from out of state and did not possess a license. She then bought a license five hours later after entering the deer into the contest. The deer scored 172 5/8 Boone and Crockett Score. Cases and Civil restitution pending.

### Decoyed

While checking duck hunters along the Frio River, a game warden contacted a boat containing four duck hunters. The "so-called" guide stated he did not have a hunting license, identification and failed to have enough PFD's for his hunters on board. While inspecting the ducks, one hunter attempted to awkwardly pick up a pile of decoys and move it away from the warden. When the warden asked the hunter what was under the pile of decoys and why he tried to move them in such a weird manner, the hunter stated he found a large alligator skull on the bank. He attempted to hide it as he was unsure if it was legal for him to possess. The hunter was informed he could not possess the skull which was found on the Daughtry Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Multiple cases were filed for hunting without a license, insufficient PFD's and illegal possession of an alligator. The alligator skull is expected to meet or exceed the record for the largest alligator documented on the Choke Canyon.

### Citizen Assist

A Lubbock District game warden received a call regarding hunters being on the Dimmit Playa WMA in Castro County. The Dimmit Playa WMA is a drawn only hunt property and the informant that called was a hunter who had won the drawn hunt and was currently scouting the property for the upcoming weekend. The informant told the warden that when he arrived at the Dimmit Playa there was a pickup parked at the gate of the property. As he got closer, he noticed three hunters firing shotguns inside the property. The Castro County Sheriff's Office was dispatched and arrived on scene first due to logistics. After interviewing the suspects, the sheriff discovered they had killed five pheasants. The warden coordinated with the sheriff and all five pheasants were seized and civil restitution was filed. The suspects were also cited for the following violations: Taking or Possessing species from a Wildlife Management Area, Failure to have an Annual Public Hunting Permit and a No Upland Game Bird Endorsement Violation.

### The Munchies

Wardens were patrolling in Childress County for state law violations when they observed a vehicle with a Louisiana license plate traveling East on a rural highway. A traffic stop was conducted and during the initial contact with the driver, the warden's pointed out that there was a small purple box with a marijuana leaf insignia on it that appeared to have "THC" written on the box. Warden's had the driver exit his vehicle and questioned him about his trip across the U.S. During the investigation, the driver admitted to having some marijuana and THC edibles inside the vehicle. A probable cause search of the vehicle yielded several containers of THC wax, THC edible candy, marijuana and several drug paraphernalia items. The driver was booked into the Childress County Jail without incident and charged with possession of a controlled substance PG2 4<400G, possession of marijuana less than 2oz, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

## Unintended Consequences

A Williamson County game warden received an Operation Game Thief call regarding a buck shot out of season. The warden contacted the hunter who admitted to shooting a small four-point whitetail deer on Jan. 9. He said it was unintentional and thought it was a spike. The hunter was asked for his hunting license and he went inside his house to retrieve it. When the hunter gave it to the warden, he noticed the harvest log was not filled out and upon inspection one buck tag was missing. The warden asked to see the tag since the hunter stated he processed deer at home. The hunter took out the tag from his shirt pocket and gave it to the warden. The tag was not filled out and the dates were not cut out. Citations were issued.

## Outdoor Essentials

A Bastrop County game warden attended a youth program hosted by a local church. The program is called, The Outdoor Zone, and the motto is "No Child Left Inside". This program encourages kids to spend more time outdoors and they meet monthly to learn about outdoor activities including hunting, fishing and camping. They focus on boys from single parent homes, but any child is welcome to participate. This month's program consisted of four activities; how to use a compass, how to cook with a Dutch oven, building a fire, what a game warden is, and why they do what they do. They really enjoyed all the activities, however, learning about game wardens was voted their favorite activity. Some even mentioned that they would like to become a game warden. The Operation Game Thief trailer was a big hit and may have played a role in their voting.

## Friends of the Orange Depot meeting

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Orange Depot will be held at the Depot on Thursday, February 11, 5:30 PM. A casual BBQ dinner will be served before the meeting begins. All safety protocols will be upheld: masks, unless eating, social distancing in the large room.

Members and guests will be able to view the brand new scrim shades coving the windows in the reception room. This is the product of Phase One of our museum projects. The public will be able to see them at a later date, when the depot will be open for tours. The scrims are printed with historic pictures of Orange and all have a story to tell.

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# Big fish step up as temps begin to climb in spring

## OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

Big fish step up as temperatures climb

As far as I am concerned February and March have to be some of the best times on the calendar for a wide variety of reasons. Spring is closing in and everything starts to heat up, especially the fishing.

Anglers all over the state look forward to this month with great anticipation every year because in just about any body of water you fish, fresh or salt; you stand an excellent chance of doing battle with a career fish.

Freshwater anglers have long known the magic that can happen on those days when the winds lay and the temperature climbs. Big fish climb up from the deep-



er water and make their home for the next few weeks on the inside grass lines where they will eventually spawn.

Before too long they will be fighting for space as it seems like the crappie usually beat the bass to the punch as the warmer temperatures push these fish up shallow. That space between the grass and the bank is going to get crowded really soon and that spells success for most fishermen.

Now the freshwater folks won't be the only ones taking advantage of the warmer temperatures, saltwater anglers will be reaping the benefits as well. Over the past several days the water temperatures steadily increased in many places. The warmer surface temps have triggered a better bite, especially the one on topwater plugs. Now the mainstay throughout the winter was the unbelievable redfish bite and that continues on an al-



Expect plenty of crappie to be caught in the coming weeks along with some big fish from both salt and fresh water.

most daily rampage. The ridiculous numbers of redfish have diehard big trout hunters pulling out their hair and cursing aloud as it seems these fish are nowhere to be found when the redfish show up.

This winter has been one of the quietest ones I can remember in a long time as far as big speckled trout are concerned. The norm during the winter months is to take advantage of the warmer days ahead of oncoming fronts and be on the water just prior to the weather change. Now with the more consistent temperatures the pattern should hinge on greater tide activity so if you are looking for an advantage there you have it.

If there is any draw back to fishing in the spring months it will be the wind and you can bet there will be plenty of it. The stretch of shore line from Blue Buck to Willow Bayou will get plenty of traffic due to the predominant

winds coming from the southeast. On the days when the wind decides to lay down it's always a great idea to get back closer to deep water, the river and intracoastal. The islands that border the deeper water will be a haven for these big fish as they move up on the flats to feed and I can't think of a better place to start. Good strong tide movements and a little presence of bait should certainly get you in the game.

If at all possible when fishing with more than one person be sure to cover the different water columns. Use a topwater to help locate fish and probe the deeper water with a slower sinking plug or even soft plastic lure.

If you are fortunate enough to have all the factors come into place that next strike you get may be the best fish of your life and that is exactly what makes this time of year one of the best.

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days after running out of shiners," said Allen, "and never got the first strike."

Anne Peet will not soon forget Super Bowl weekend as she caught and released the largest bass of her long fishing career. Anne's fish hit a Carolina rigged watermelon craw worm in fourteen feet of water. "I guess I've just been trying too hard all these years," she surmised. "I wasn't even holding my rod when it hit. I was digging around for my cell phone and I saw the line move side-ways."

Her bass weighed 9.20-pounds. "I've been fishing Cow Creek for forty years and never caught a bass over three-pounds," said Anne. "My stretch of the creek is almost impossible to fish now

so we have been driving up to Indian Creek once or twice a month. It's fun, but there's no wading up there!"

There was, however, some successful wading taking place on Sabine Lake over the weekend. Two groups I talked with took advantage of a big outgoing tide and just hammered trout up to three pounds.

The waders I spoke with that fished the main lake caught their trout swimming red shad five-inch Assassins in three to five feet of water. They also picked up a few solid reds, but caught and released trout until dark.

Easily the most encouraging report came via two Beaumont anglers. They were in no hurry to draw a map or post GPS numbers,

but they did share one very important piece of information.

Both anglers said that they had never waded the Intra-coastal side of the islands, but that may have been a mistake. It will take another successful trip to bear that out, but they caught at least thirty trout doing just that Saturday afternoon. They caught every fish on a lime colored Corky Fat Boy.

The only thing still missing are the trophy sows we took for granted for years. Reduced limits and lighter fishing pressure has obviously helped our trout rebound quicker than expected and we might just be in the process of growing another generation of bragging-size specks!

## Kaz's Korner From Page 1B

of a Reid-coached team.

And 50 years from now, it still will be remembered that Patrick Mahomes got completely outplayed by a 43-year-old goat who beat him twice in a Super Bowl.

The Buccaneers became the sixth team since the Super Bowl Era which began in 1970 to win their final three playoff games as an underdog and the first team to defeat three Super Bowl quarterback MVPs—Drew Brees, Aaron Rodgers and Mahomes—in a post-season.

Tampa Bay also was the fifth wild card team to win a Super Bowl since 2000 and the first team since the 2010 Green Bay Packers.

Head Coach Bruce Arians, who was encouraged to return to the NFL by his 85-year-old mother, is the second-oldest coach (68 years, 217 days) to win an NFL title since George Halas did it long before the Super Bowl era.

Bucs tight end Rob Gronkowski, who was encouraged to un-retire by Brady, caught two touchdown passes in the first half, giving him 14 post-season TD receptions from Brady.

And speaking of Brady, who won his seventh Super Bowl and fifth Most Valuable Player award, Sunday's victory will really hurt New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick's legacy.

Instead of keeping Brady around and letting him retire as a Patriot, Belichick felt Brady's usefulness was severely diminished at his age and put him out to pasture.

Brady, out to prove that was a huge mistake, declared for free agency and hoped to hook up with another NFL team. But sadly, 30 of the 32 franchises adapted Belichick's way of thinking and

passed on him. Only the LA Chargers and Tampa Bay expressed an interest.

Needless to say, the Buccaneers and Brady worked out the contract and the rest is history.

I'll bet that Tampa Bay season tickets will be hard to find in another couple of weeks!!!

### KWICKIES...

Kansas City's stellar tight end Travis Kelce, who caught a Super Bowl record 10 receptions for 133 yards, should be a sure-bet to be inducted into the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio after his playing days are finished.

Brooks Koepka, who spent the past 18 months recovering for knee and hip problems, looks like he has come back as good as ever last weekend. He rallied from five strokes down to Jordan Spieth and Xander Schauffele in Sunday's final round of the PGA Tour Waste Management Phoenix Open to record two eagles and fire a six-under 65 to finish 19-under and beat Schauffele and Hyoung-Hoon Lee by one stroke.

Houston Astros shortstop Carlos Correa avoided an arbitration hearing by agreeing to a \$11.7 million contract for the 2021 major league season, the final year before free agency. In January, Correa asked for a \$12.5 million salary and the Astros countered with \$9.75.

To no one's surprise Tennessee Titans running back Derrick Henry was named The Associated Press 2020 NFL Offensive Player of the Year award for his 2,027-yard rushing season, the eighth player to surpass the magic 2,000-yard mark. Five of the

previous seven to manage the feat won the award.

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# Area Student Selected As Texas All-State Musician

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Two Little Cypress-Mauriceville High School senior choir members, Nick Hanson and John Paul Sulak, progressed through a lengthy and highly contested All-Region, All Area, All-State competition, both getting to the All-Area level, with John Paul earning the prestigious honor of being named a Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State Musician. Over 50,000 students initially entered the TMEA All-State competitive process and 1,860 students have been named to 2021 All-State organizations, including choirs, bands, jazz ensembles, orchestras, and mariachi ensembles. John Paul was chosen for this impressive honor through a competitive process that began last fall



PHOTO From left; Nick Hanson and John Paul Sulak.

and included District, Region, and Area levels. John Paul and Nick sing with the LCM Choir under the direction of Nikki

Hanson, a member of the Texas Music Educators Association. This is John Paul's second time to be selected as a

member of a TMEA All-State organization. His parents are Robert and Cathi Sulak. Nick's are Nikki and Brandon Han-

son. TMEA sponsors the Texas All-State audition process to promote students' dedication to their musical knowledge and skill and to encourage educators to support their students in this development. All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive. The performance nor-

mally takes place during the Annual TMEA Conference during February, but because of the impacts of the pandemic, TMEA will not host a 2021 performance event this year. To learn more about TMEA and its rich 100-year history, go to [www.tmea.org/centennial](http://www.tmea.org/centennial).

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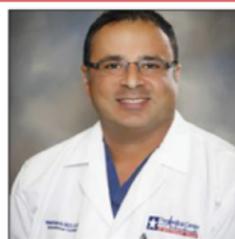
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(StatePoint) 2020 was more than just a health crisis, it had ripple effects on nearly every aspect of our lives, including our long-term financial plans. Research from Lincoln Financial Group shows that personal finance concerns have intensified over the past year.

"If you are nearing your retirement years, the events of this past year may have been especially concerning, and if you are rethinking your retirement plans altogether in light of 2020, you're not alone," says John Kennedy, head of Retirement Solutions Distribution at

Lincoln Financial Group. Kennedy offers the following tips to pandemic-proof and own your financial outcome in 2021:

1. Talk with a financial professional. If you're not already, consider talking to a financial professional about your goals,

roadblocks and concerns, especially given today's circumstances. Lincoln's research shows that nearly a third of Americans agree that now is a good time to talk with one.

2. Protect your income. Your advisor may suggest diversifying your portfolio to include an annuity, which is a financial product that can provide you with protected income in retirement. Solutions like an annuity can help you feel better prepared to navigate volatility, protect the retirement savings you've worked hard for, as well as provide a legacy for loved ones.
3. Stay the course. New research shows that an unpredictable market concerns more people than actual investment losses. But while market twists and turns may take you for a ride, it's important to resist the temptation to jump off altogether.

As you look ahead to a new year, it can be empowering to shift focus onto matters within your control.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT INTERIM FUEL REFUND

On February 5, 2021, Entergy Texas, Inc. (ETI) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to implement an interim fuel refund to refund over-collected fuel and purchased power costs as of October 31, 2020 (Application). This filing was made pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin Code § 25.237(a)(3)(B). ETI's filing affects only the recovery of fuel and purchased power costs and does not affect base rates that are currently in effect. All residential, commercial and industrial customers whose electric service rates include charges for fuel pursuant to Rate Schedule FF, entitled "Fixed Fuel Factor and Loss Multipliers," in all territories served by ETI, are affected by the Application.

The total amount of over-recovery balance to be refunded through the proposed interim fuel refund is approximately \$74.5 million, including interest. According to the Texas Utilities Code and Commission rules, ETI may not earn a profit on fuel and purchased power expenses and may only pass actual fuel and purchased power costs through to its customers. ETI proposes that customers on Rate Schedules GS, LGS and LIPS at a delivery voltage of 69-kilovolts (kV)/138-kv or 230 kV, LIPS at a primary delivery voltage and seasonal agricultural customers be given a one-time credit (or assessed a surcharge, if applicable) during the billing month of March 2021, based on each customer's historical usage. ETI proposes to implement the refund for all other Rate Schedule FF customers over a six-month period, beginning with ETI's first March 2021 billing cycle.

The effect of the refund on customers' bills will vary depending on the rate schedule under which they take service. For a residential customer using 1,000 kWh a month, the interim refund will result in a \$9.08 reduction in the customer's bill for each month of the refund, or a net decrease of approximately 7.5 percent as compared to current charges. Additionally, transmission voltage level customers and seasonal agricultural customers as a group will receive a net refund; however, certain individual transmission voltage level and seasonal agricultural customers may experience a surcharge based on historical usage. ETI's fuel and purchased power expenses will be subject to final review by the Commission in a future fuel reconciliation proceeding.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact Entergy Texas, Inc. at Attn: Customer Service – Fuel Refund, P.O. Box 2951, Beaumont, Texas 77704, or call 1-866-981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the filing is available for inspection at ETI's Beaumont office located at 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 51762 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding or who wish to express their comments regarding this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Consumer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120, or toll free at 1-888-782-8477. Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) at 1-800-735-2989.

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/>.

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### INVITATION TO BIDDERS

**BID REQUEST:** New 1½-Ton Long Wheelbase Dually Flatbed Gas Pickup Truck

**OWNER:** Orange County Navigation and Port District; dba Port of Orange

**Location:** Port of Orange Administration Building  
1201 Childers Road  
Orange, Texas 77630

**Bid Deadline:** Monday, March 1, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. Local Time

**Bid Opening:** Monday, March 1, 2021 at 10:05 A.M. Local Time

**Location:** Port of Orange Administration Building - Boardroom  
1201 Childers Road  
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SEALED BIDS in duplicate, clearly marked and addressed to the Port of Orange, "Attn: Debbie Britnell: 1½-Ton Flatbed Gas Pickup Truck", Orange County Navigation and Port District (the "Owner"), will be received at the Port of Orange Administration Office, 1201 Childers Road, Orange, Texas, 77630 until 10:00 A.M., local time on March 1, 2021; and then publicly opened and read aloud in the Port of Orange Administration Office Boardroom, 1st Floor, for 1½-Ton Long Wheelbase Dually Flatbed Gas Pickup Truck. Bids received after 10:00 A.M. local time will be returned unopened. Owner is located in Orange County, Texas. It is the bidding party's sole responsibility to provide for the timely and proper delivery of its bid.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Orange County Navigation and Port District, 1201 Childers Road, Orange, Texas 77630. These Documents may be faxed or emailed to a party interested in potentially submitting a bid, upon request by calling (409)883-4363 or by emailing [dbritnell@portoforange.com](mailto:dbritnell@portoforange.com).

All Bid Proposals must comply with the Contract Documents. No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days, subsequent to the opening of bids, without the written consent of the Owner.

The Owner is a sales tax-exempt local governmental entity. A sales tax exemption notice will be issued to the successful bidder when the purchase is awarded.

The Orange County Navigation and Port District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in bidding to the fullest extent permitted by law. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in any bid, the OWNER reserves the right to consider and accept the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid.

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c/o: **James R. Dunaway**  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 100  
Orange, TX  
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Dated the 8th day of February, 2021.

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

c/o: **James R. Dunaway**  
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Dated the 4th day of February, 2021.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **EDWARD LORMAND, JR.**, Deceased, were issued on **FEBRUARY 3, 2021**, in Cause No. **P18901**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Shirley Monk Lormand**.

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.

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Dated the 4th day of February, 2021.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **LIONEL TURNER**, Deceased, were issued on **DECEMBER 3, 2020**, in Cause No. **P17947**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Rhonda Michelle Turner**.

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Dated the 8th day of February, 2021.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **GEORGE L. BECKHAM**, Deceased, were issued on **FEBRUARY 3, 2021**, in Cause No. **P18916**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Tasca Renee Allain**.

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.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **HOWARD WRIGHT PENDERGRASS**, Deceased, were issued on **FEBRUARY 3, 2021**, in Cause No. **P18934**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Robert L. Pendergrass**.

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.

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Dated the 8th day of February, 2021.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of **ESTON PRES BURNETT, SR.**, Deceased, were issued on the **December 21, 2020**, in Cause No. **P18812**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Eston Pres Burnett, Jr.**

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

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

Dated the 3rd day of February, 2021.

**Tommy Gunn**  
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### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas  
To any and all Unknown Heirs and all Persons Interested in the Estate of

**Jerry Glenn Hughes Sr., Deceased**  
Cause No. **P18957**  
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 FEBRUARY 01, 2021, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Jerry Glenn Hughes, Sr., 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 March 15, 2018.

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