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Bassmasters announces April return

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Governor Greg Abbott's rescinding of mandates regarding the wearing of masks and reduced crowds has had an immediate effect on Orange County.

The Bassmaster Elite at Sabine River, originally scheduled for April 8-11 but postponed because of COVID-19 restrictions, is once again scheduled for April 8-11, less than a month from now.

Chris Kovatch, board chairman of the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce, delivered the news to a meeting of the Orange City Council Tuesday morning.

Later in the day, County Judge John Gothia, a former Chamber chairman who was among those whose successful lobbying the world's greatest fisherman to Orange the first time, in 2013, passed the news along at a Commissioners Court meeting.



Gothia

"With the recent mask mandate change from the state of Texas, we were contacted by the people with Bassmasters and they wondered if we could host the tournament that normally was going to take place in April," Kovatch said.

The Chamber has been the local host of the nationally televised weekend fishing tournament that has become a regular visitor to the Sabine River.

"We did some research and went to our vendors, entertainers, all the different pieces of the puzzle. And the Chamber board voted to move forward with the tournament on the original dates," Kovatch said.

"We plan to have sanitizer stations out, have masks available to those in attendance, highly recommending social distancing. But we

are doing our best to balance safety but also people's need to return to fellowship and kind of get back into the routine of things and get to see your neighbors."

Previous Bassmaster Elite tournaments in Orange have drawn record-breaking

crowds that totaled 96,000 for three previous visits.

"We're happy to work with officials in Orange to get this event back on April's schedule," said Bruce Akin, CEO of Birmingham, Alabama-based B.A.S.S., the outfit that runs Bassmasters.

"These unprecedented times have truly emphasized the need to work with great partners, and the flexibility from officials and our hosts at the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce is deeply appreciated.

"Our priority is offering an

event that is responsibly operated and safe for everyone involved while still being fun and competitive."

Gothia revealed that the tournament had been rescheduled not just to October

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LCM tennis team hosts tournament, win medals



The LCM tennis team hosted their first varsity tournament on Friday and earned six medals in the B brackets. Dax Rodgers and Tex Collier brought home the Second Place medal in Boys A Doubles, Ella Roy and McKenzie Freeman won the consolation bracket for Girls B doubles, and Kaitlyn Ewing and Evan Barborek brought home the Second Place medal in Mixed B Doubles. Tracy Qi won the Girls B Singles consolation bracket and Richard Ammean won the Boys B Singles Consolation. Dakota Posey and Lizzy De La Fuente were not able to complete their finals game and will be playing Hamshire Fannett this week to determine First and Second in the Mixed A Bracket. Brett Nicholson is the LCM Tennis Coach.

Open access puts Covid vaccines in citizens' arms

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

The Orange County Convention and Expo Center set a record Monday when it played host to 650 COVID-19 vaccinations.

Then it broke the record Tuesday.

"I can't say yet exactly how many we saw today, but it was the most ever," a woman working the door said.

Last Friday, Orange County Judge John Gothia announced the county vaccine center would be available to all age groups, rather than only the 65-and-over bracket.

"Priority is still given to anyone 65 years of age or older that calls in," Gothia said. "We want to make sure we continue to take care of those people."

"But we weren't getting enough response from that group, fast enough."

Gothia reminded you first need to register for the vaccine list by going online at vaccine.beaumonttexas.gov, or by phone at 409-550-2536.

"If you can't get through on your first call, call it again until you do," Gothia said, noting it might take several calls.

The next key step is to answer the phone when a scheduler calls you back. The judge noted many people have quit answering

phone calls from numbers they don't recognize, a mistake if you're waiting to hear from a scheduler.

"Answer the phone," Gothia emphasized.

"We were averaging about 300 appointments per day. To do 300 appointments a day, they're having to make almost 500 phone calls a day."

Jefferson County, Hardin County, Orange County, Jasper and Newton County combined efforts to win 11,000 doses per week in vaccines from the state of Texas. Orange County is currently receiving 1,500 vaccinations per week from that allotment.

"We weren't making enough appointments to fill our allocation," Gothia said of the Southeast Texas group as a whole, "and the way that the state allocation works is that if you do not use all of your state allocation, you lose your state allocation."

"I'm not going to lose our state allocation. We fought too hard to get it, so we opened it up."

Late Tuesday afternoon the line to get in the ballroom doors at the north end of the Expo Center began at the southeast corner of the building.

And while it moved quickly, once inside the ballroom, the line snaked back and forth before arriving at one

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KC Fish Fry adjusts to COVID-19

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

If the year-long coronavirus pandemic has taught people anything, it's to think creatively.

So, after the Bridge City Knights of Columbus had to cancel their annual Lenten Friday Fish Frys in 2020 because of COVID-19 social gathering restrictions, they came up with a workaround.

They are serving the \$10 meals via a couple of drive-through lanes in the parking lot of their building at 770 Avenue A, just off West Roundbunch Road, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays March 12, March 19 and March 26.

They're at the halfway mark of their six-week run and it's on track to be their most successful.

"In terms of results, the first three weeks of this one is really trending higher than it has in the past," said Forrest Overstreet, Grand Knight - or president - of the Catholic men's organization.



Fred Hubert visits with Ruth Wallace from his truck as he awaits his dessert order from the Ladies of St. Henry Friday, March 5 at the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry in Bridge City. A \$10 meal including fish, fries, cole slaw and hush puppies is available from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays through March.

RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

"We've been averaging about 640 dinners sold per Friday."

The proceeds from the annual event are split between Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas, Orange Christian Services, Bridge City-Orangefield Ministerial Alli-

ance and the Richter Food Bank at St. Paul United Methodist Church.

"The basic premise of the thing is a good way to give back and let everybody know that we appreciate everything that they do for our members," Overstreet said.

"It's our largest fundraiser and probably our largest event where we can all get together and enjoy camaraderie. It's hard work but people look forward to the camaraderie as well as they

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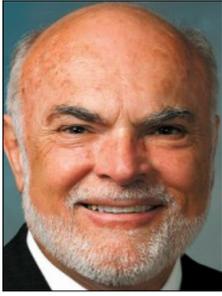


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My 5-Cents...

By State Senator Robert Nichols

Texas Independence Day is celebrated on March 2nd and commemorates the creation of the Republic of Texas in 1836 after our declaration of independence from Mexico. Sixty men signed the Texas Declaration of Independence including the legendary Sam Houston, who would go on to be president of the Republic of Texas, a US Senator after Texas joined the United States, and later the governor of Texas. His birthday also happens to fall on March 2nd.



Sen. Robert Nichols

Here are five things happening around your state:

1. Governor Abbott announces end to statewide mask mandate, other pandemic restrictions

The governor announced a new executive order that rescinds most of his earlier pandemic-related orders, including the statewide mask mandate and restrictions on business capacity.

Businesses may make their own decisions about mask requirements, capacity limits, and other safety measures in their establishments, a county judge within that region may implement additional health safety strategies. These new orders go into effect next week on

March 10. This all comes as the state is administering almost 1 million vaccines a week. By the end of March, the goal is for every senior who wants a vaccine to be able to get one.

Additionally, teachers have been included in the group now eligible for the vaccine.

2. Data Privacy bill filed

This week I filed SB 15, a bill dedicated to ensuring your private, personal information stays private. Over the interim, I found out that governmental entities are selling, disclosing, and allowing the resale of personal information, in particular the information attached to motor vehicle records and drivers licenses. That information includes your name, address, and driver's

license number. The bill I filed fixes that by restricting the disclosure of personal information to essential government agencies, and forbidding re-disclosure or resale of personal information to entities such as marketing and technology companies. This bill has been named as one of the Lt.

Governor's priorities this session, and I'm hopeful it will be signed into law.

3. Texas Parks and Wildlife saves sea turtles from frigid waters

Thousands of sea turtles were rescued from freezing waters by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and other organizations during the winter storm event last month. The Texas Game Wardens pulled at least 141 sea turtles out of the water and onto the decks of the PV Murchison in the Brownsville Ship Channel. The sea turtles become "cold stunned" in the water, meaning they become lethargic and unable to move into deeper water. This can result in stranding or drowning. The TPWD and other organizations transported the turtles to a proper facility to be cared for until the water temperature warms and they can be safely returned back to the ocean. A big thanks to our game wardens and other officials for watching over our nautical friends!

4. Texas wins Governors Cup for ninth year in a row

Site Selection Magazine announced that Texas won the Governor's Cup for the ninth year in a row, a new record. The Governor's Cup is awarded to states with top performance for job creation and capital investment. It's based on any new or expanded corporate facilities in the state. Texas has seen growth and continued investment from large businesses and industries despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Several large companies are moving their headquarters to the state and investing in new campuses and offices for that move. I'm

proud to live in a state that attracts job creators, innovators, and entrepreneurs; Texas continues to foster a business environment that empowers people to succeed.

5. TCEQ says nearly 12 million Texans were on a boil water notice due to winter storms

Nearly 12 million Texans were put under a boil water notice during the winter storm last month due to water levels dropping dangerously low. That means roughly 1 in 3 Texans had no access to clean water. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality said approximately 590 public water systems in 141 counties were reporting disruptions in service, leaving Texans with no potable water after enduring days of freezing and below freezing temperatures. The water quality issues were related to a lack of electricity at water treatment plants, frozen and broken water lines, and residents dripping faucets to prevent pipes from bursting. This is just another facet of the crisis the winter storms threw us into. The legislature is working diligently to solve these problems and ensure our electric grid is reliable and can endure extreme weather events.

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 clothes 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 make checks out to VFW AUX 2775.

American Legion Post #49 to hold Election of Officers

The Lloyd Grubbs American Legion Post #49 located at 108 Green Ave. in Orange will hold nomination for Officers on Saturday, March 12, 2021 at 2 pm. Election for Officers will be on Saturday, April 10th at 2 pm and Installation of Officers will be on Saturday, May 8th at 2 pm.

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ber, as B.A.S.S. announced last month, but had been pushed all the way back to April of 2022.

"We had rescheduled for August and we had actually changed it again, because there was some concern about the heat creating a fish kill. We were in the process of working out all those details and making an announcement when the governor lifted the order," Gothia

said.

"This is all because the governor lifted the mandate to limit crowd size. B.A.S.S. called and said, 'Can we do it on our original date?'"

"We told them we'd have to see if we could put the event on with the same schedule we had before. We spent the weekend doing that. We put all those pieces back together."

As was the sentiment expressed Tuesday at city council meetings in Orange and Pinehurst and at the county commissioners meeting, B.A.S.S. cautioned that people should still exercise caution in large gatherings and encourage measures such as social distancing and frequent hand-washing or use of sanitizer to reduce the spread of germs.

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Mel Campbell reaches from her car to take a meal home from the drive-through-only Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry Friday, March 5 in Bridge City. **RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers**

KC fish fry From Page 1

look forward to having great fish in Lent."

After sitting out the Lenten season a year ago, the KC held a first drive-through fish fry for five weeks last October.

The tasty food is made as before by a crew of 50 to 60 men, who package fish, cole slaw, hush puppies and French fries for diners.

The Ladies of St. Henry, a group of about 50 women who maintain the sanctuary and priests' vestments at St. Henry Catholic Church next door to the KC Hall, take charge of desserts.

Members bake cakes and sell generous pieces for \$1 each at the end of the drive-

through lanes.

"All the cakes are donated by the ladies," said Katy Latiolais, president of the Ladies of St. Henry. "We work real hard to make that money."

Funds they raise pays for cleaning the altar linens and robes used in church services.

"We buy wine for the church also," Latiolais said.

Before COVID, the Ladies of St. Henry held bake sales in the foyer of the church for the Valentine's and Thanksgiving holidays.

"We do make a good amount of money," Latiolais said.

The group spends some of the money on Christmas gift

boxes of toiletries for sailors visiting the International Seafarer's Center in Port Arthur.

"People used to line up for fish fry to-go orders, or go in (the KC Hall) and eat together," Latiolais said. "We've been doing it this way (via drive-through) since COVID."

The Knights of Columbus even deliver Friday fish to area plants.

"All the plants have the same lunch hours, so it's a challenge," he said. "But this is Texas. We've got a lot of pickup trucks and a lot of them have lids on the back."

"So we've been able to do that."



The line of people scheduled to receive the COVID-19 vaccine Tuesday afternoon at the Orange County Convention and Expo Center wrapped halfway around the building but the line moved quickly and efficiently as the county anticipated more than 600 shots given. **RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers**

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of four vaccination stations where the needle met the flesh -- painlessly for most.

A person arriving at 4:15 p.m. for a 4:30 appointment was not vaccinated until 5 p.m. -- a 45-minute wait, but as most of it was indoors, with chairs available, it seemed to go faster.

The people in Tuesday afternoon's line seemed to be split almost evenly between those in their 20s and 30s and those 65 and over.

"The vaccination program is moving very well," Gothia said.

"We want to make sure that we get as many shots in the arm as possible to our East Texas citizens. That's our goal."

The judge noted that all of Orange County's school teachers wanting a vaccine had received one, as well as people in commercial nursing homes.

But because of staffing shortage, Gothia said he has to wait for the arrival of the newly approved Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which requires just one shot, not two,

before sending nurses door to door for the homebound."

said "To do homebound with two shots is very tough."

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From The Creaux's Nest

COVID-19 RELIEF PACKAGE

Cash should start flowing after the relief bill gets the final okay from the congress Wednesday and should go to the **President** this week for signing. Millions of **Americans** should see checks up to **\$1,400** land in their bank accounts in a few weeks. The one-time payments are part of **President Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion COVID-19** relief package. The **Internal Revenue Service** hasn't indicated how soon it will start to distribute the money. Analysts said the checks should appear in bank accounts via direct deposit in a couple of weeks. Not everyone who got a relief check last time will be eligible this round. Lawmakers changed the eligibility rules after complaints from **Republicans** and some moderate **Democrats**. The faster phase out will mean that as many as **6.5 million Americans** who got checks in the first two rounds would be left out this time. The **IRS** would probably use tax returns on file to calculate how much money people would get. For those who've already filed a return for 2020, the aid check would probably be based on their income from last year. Otherwise, 2019 returns would probably be used to determine the amount. I believe history will show that **President Joe Biden** is just the right person at just the right time. Just like **FDR** was after **President Hoover**. **Biden** is the most experienced person to serve as **United States** president. He has vast experience in both domestic and foreign affairs. His roll out on the **COVID Vaccine** is a masterpiece that was stuck in idle after a bad rollout before **Biden** took over. **Trump** never really was on the frontline to fight the pandemic and never urged the **American** people to listen to the experts and abide by the rules they set out. Under **Trump** the virus would have kept escalating with no end in sight.****I believe **Judge John Gothia** made just the right decision by opening up vaccinations to everyone at this time. It would be great to have **75% of Orange County** vaccinated by the end of May.

OVN BORN ON ST. PAT'S DAY 50 YEARS AGO

The upcoming **St. Patrick's Day**, March 17, marks exactly the day, 50 years ago, in 1972, that the **Dunn** family launched its newspaper, **The Opportunity Valley News**. It went on to become a very successful publication that is still talked about today. The **Dunn's** also published the **Consumer Beacon** in **Beaumont** and the **Community Post** in **Port Arthur**. The family also owned **Triangle Press** in **Beaumont**. The three publications and printing press that grew from that one publication were sold to **Cox Enterprise** in 1980. **Cox** owned the **Port Arthur News** and later **Orange Leader**. The **OVN** existed until 1986 under the **Cox Company**. Several years later the family went back into the newspaper business and today still publishes the **Penny Record** and the **County Record** in **Orange County**. Next week a lot more will be printed about the **Opportunity Valley News** as this publication celebrates the 50-year anniversary of one of the most popular area publications. During those years the publication was invited to the **Super Bowl** as guest of the **N.F.L.** and also attended the **Muhammad Ali/Leon Spinks** return fight. **Ali** recaptured the championship title.

MAYO LEBLANC, 94, ONE OF A KIND

Mayo J. LeBlanc passed away March 2. Funeral services will be Saturday, March 13, at St. Henry Catholic Church. We have known Mayo since the early 1950's when he had moved to Bridge City in 1948. Mayo bought three or four lots to be able to have a cow, chickens and farm a large garden. He was employed by Gulf Oil. At that time many plant workers in Port Arthur moved to the Bridge City area which was unincorporated. This enabled them to avoid high city taxes and have animals, like goats, sheep, etc. Most of those people, like Mayo and Gus Garza became pillars of the community. Mayo was raised in the LeBlanc Community in Vermillion Parish. The school was named LeBlanc School. Most residents and the general store were called LeBlanc. In fact, Mayo married Juanita LeBlanc, a very distant relative. Roy LeBlanc, who ran the general store was Mayo's cousin and Roy Dunn's step-father. Most of the Leblanc's claimed Dudley J. LeBlanc, the Hadacol man, as a relative. Mayo was a good man. He and Juanita raised a great Catholic family. They are now back together. May this Godly man rest in peace. Please see obituary.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2011

Well, the surprise of the week came when **Judge Carl Thibodeaux** announced, at Commissioner's Court, that he was making a motion that **Dist. Judge Pat Clark** be appointed to fill the County Court-At-Law judgeship left open by the retirement of **Judge Mike Shuff**. **Judge Pat** would have to give up his 128th District Court judgeship, leaving an opening in that court. The governor appoints district judges. Almost always the appointee is someone from his party but not necessarily. The appointee could agree to run for the post, in this case, as a Republican. It's anyone's guess what's going to happen. In the past the state senator usually pulled that string. **Orange County** has two state representatives, a Democrat and a Republican. **Hamilton** will have some input but that's about it. I believe the person with the most influence will be **former**

State Rep. Ron Lewis, who is the closest to **Gov. Perry**. If **Lewis** can't get an appointment he can certainly stop one; that I would go to the bank with. One thing is for sure, they will want to appoint someone who they feel can get elected against a strong Democrat. They wouldn't want the first Republican appointee to go down in defeat.****Congrats to **Ray and Virgie Fontenot**, who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on March 5. That's not a record but it's a darn good average. For several reasons, health, etc., only one in over 10,000 marriages will last that long. **Roy**, a World War II veteran from the Greatest Generation is also retired from DuPont. Best wishes. Keep on keeping on.****Congratulations to Bridge City senior **Mary Nguyen**, who last week set a new school record in the 3200 meters in 12:17, at the Pirate relays. She also captured the 1,100 meters. Bridge City's **Meagan Shockley** won the 800 meters in 2:33.4. Some claim she gets her athletic genes from her grandmother **Judy**, however, it's fair to note that her granddad **Don "Cochise" Shockley** is a direct decent of the great Indian runner **Jim Thorpe**. Congrats also to **Bree Fontenot**, who captured the 400 meters in 1:00.78. To all of the winners, we say, "Way to go."******Judge David Peck** is getting high marks as the new Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1. What a lot of folks don't know is that he also is a good singer. He claims however, his best talent is cooking. Over the weekend, he cooked a feast of fried red fish and all the trimmings for a meal hosted by **Constable Mark Philpott** and his lovely wife, **Babette**. Again, the eating champion was the smallest in the group, **Judge Janice Menard**, who attended with **son Neil**. She can put away the vittles and never gain a pound.******McDonald Memorial Baptist Church** will celebrate their 80th anniversary in May. It has a new pastor. **The Rev. Joel Warren**, 28, accepted the call to become the new pastor beginning March 27. He is a native of Jacksonville, Texas.**** In 1876, **Alexander Graham Bell** received a patent for his telephone. It was 75 years later before my family got one.**** Our dear friend **Rosalie Clark** is still battling staph infection, even though improved; she's not well and will seek more treatment in Houston.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN Obituaries 10 Years Ago-2011

Johnny Preston Courville had been sick for some time and had heart surgery in December. He passed away at St. Elizabeth Friday, March 4. He leaves behind his wife **Sharon** and four children, **Leslie, Scott, Michael, Lisa** and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.****

Shirley "Nannaw" Broussard Arceneaux, 75, of Orange, died Tuesday, March 8. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 10. Shirley is survived by her husband of 32 years, **Gary Arceneaux**; sons, **James "Butch" Broussard**, **Wade Broussard**; daughter, **Debbie Broussard Helton**; and step-daughter, **Shelly Arceneaux**; grandchildren, **Nicole Helton Pollock**, **Jarred Helton**; step-grandson, **Ty Arceneaux**; great-grandson, **Gavin Pollock**.******Randy Wilkerson**, 53, of Orange, died Friday, March 4. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, March 11. Randy is survived by his wife, **Donna Wilkerson**; son, **William Marcus Wilkerson**; daughter, **Casey Ann Wilkerson**; son, **Michael Christopher Wilkerson**; grandson, **Dennis Wilkerson**.**** **Kendall A. McKay**, 57, of Orange, died Monday, March 7. Funeral services were Friday, March 11. Kendall is survived by his parents; brothers, **Mark McKay** and **Kevin McKay**; sister, **Jean Gunter**.

22 Years Ago-1999

Joe DiMaggio, New York Yankee great and national legend to generations of baseball fans died Monday, March 8, 1999. "**Joltin Joe**" turned 84 on Nov. 25. He had won three MVP awards and led the **Yankees** to eight World Series championships. In 1941, from May 15 to mid July, he hit safely in 56 consecutive games. Retiring at age 36, with a lifetime batting average of .325. The Yankee Clipper was born **Giuseppe Paolo DiMaggio, Jr.**, in Matinez, Calif. In 1914. His younger brother **Dom** was also an all-star with the **Boston Red Sox** and older brother **Vince** was with the **Pittsburgh Pirates** and **Cincinnati Reds**. **Joe** started with the minor league **San Francisco Seals** in 1934. He hit successfully in 61 straight games with a .341 average. The **Yankees** acquired **Joe** in 1936 for \$25,000. His rookie season, he led the majors with .323 average and 46 homeruns. In 1954, he married **Marilyn Monroe**, the nation's sex symbol. They divorced nine months later. After her death in 1962, he laid flowers at her grave annually. **Joe** was immortalized through **Simon and Garfunkel's** song, "**Mrs. Robinson**." With a line "Where have you gone **Joe DiMaggio**?" He is considered by many to be the best all-around baseball player in the history of the sport. He put his baseball career on hold for service in WWII. (Editor's note: I never saw him play but upon his return from the war, I listened to many Yankee games. He was a hero. Do you remember who the youngster was that replaced him when he retired in 1951? It was **Mickey Mantle**.)******Paul Davis**, a Bridge City native, has been appointed captain of the DPS Beaumont office. **Paul** is the youngest captain in DPS history. (Editor's note: He went on to become a DPS Major and is now police chief of his hometown.)******Vivian Dorman** celebrated her birthday with family. **Sister Margaret** and husband **Preston Conway**, brothers **Louis Dugas, A.J.** and **Richard Broussard and wives**. Also, all of her children, grandchildren and one great-grandchild.****Spotted at Heath's Golden Coral were former judge **Pete Runnels**, mayor of Pinehurst, judge **Grover Halliburton**, **Rev. Leo Anderson**, **Roy Dunn** and judge **Claude Wimberly**. (Editor's note: that was the Lunch Bunch in the early days.)****Bridge City track stars are **Nick Judice**, **Shane Peveto**, **Brad Miller**, **Matt Nguyen** and **C. Curtis**.

42 Years Ago-1979

The home of **Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Conn**, on Cherokee Trail, in Little Cypress, was completely destroyed by fire. **Inez Conn** died in the fire. **Jimmy** suffered second and third degree burns. (Editor's note: Since then, **Orange County** humorist **Conn** has also died.)******Waggoner Carr**, former Texas attorney general, is in town to present **W.T. Oliver the "Citizen of the Year"** award. **Judge Pete Runnels** proclaimed March 16 as "**W.T. Oliver Day**" in **Orange County**. Meanwhile, **W.T.'s** in-laws, wife **Ann's** sister **June** and brother-in-law **Earl**, lost their daughter **Mary Ann**, 16, in an auto accident. (Editor's note: After **W.T.'s** death, **Ann**, remarried **Miles Hall**. All those folks were great people and good friends.)******District Attorney Sharon Bearden** announced that **Assistant D.A., Don Burgess**, will resign March 31. **Bearden** is expected to appoint **Bill Wright** or **Joe Alford** to replace him.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

John Zerko, of Pinehurst, is a county treasure. **John** is a pure, down-to-earth guy who truly likes people and loves his community. I was glad to see that the city named some of **Peacock Street**, the place where he was raised, to **Zerko Lane**. **John** recalled the early days when it was a dirt road maintained with a grader. I was also raised on such a street. When it was dry, it was four inches of dust and when it rained, it was six inches of mud. **Zerko** has many wonderful memories of his growing up days in the place were for nearly two decades he has served on the city council. If you ever meet **Zerko** you won't forget him. Great guy.****A few folks we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **March 10**, a guy we have known since he was in short pants, **Robert Harvey**, celebrates.******March 11**, a guy raised in our neighborhood, **Attorney Paul Fukuda**, is a year older today.**** **March 12**, Happy Birthday to **Carol Kimbrow**.******March 13**, longtime friend, artist, creator of caricatures of **Breaux** and **Creaux**, pretty **Vickie Brown** celebrates. Sharing birthdays also are, **Kyle Dubose** and **TV's Angel San Juan**.******March 14**, Bridge City councilperson, the lovely **Lucy Fields**, celebrates, also **Jill Peveto** and **Bud Briggs**. Today starts **Daylight Savings Time**.******March 15**, **Julie Myers**, **Amber Doiron** celebrates. **Ricky Glenn Robert's Jr.** turns 19 today.******March 16**, **Blaine Slaughter**, **Amy Peveto**, **Chelsea Coleman**, **Colton Sterling**, **Cody Edwards**, **Karli Anderson** and **Buffy** and **Jordan Doiron** celebrate. **Happy Birthday to all**.****Spotted getting their **COVID-19** vaccination at the **Expo Center** were **J.B. Arrington** and wife **Mary**, also **Bill Klein**, who we had not seen in a long time. **Joyce Dowdle** was seen in a long line for her first shot. The **Texas National Guard** was busy directing the lines and everyone distributing the vaccines was very courteous and helpful. A lot of folks called my name but I didn't recognize them with their mask on.****I heard from **Quincy Procell** who told me there has been a lot of sickness in his family. His brother is still at the **Meadows** trying to get over a long fight with **COVID-19**.******John Heard**, who raises the best oranges and grapefruit in the county, said he is not sure what the freeze has done to all of his citrus trees.****I know no one who is more enthused about his job than **Lamar Orange** president **Dr. Tom Johnson**. He gets so excited talking about what's coming at the campus that he gets me excited and I don't excite easily. **Dr. Tom** is a good man who will do to ride the range with. We are fortunate to have him as the replacement for **Dr. Mike Shahan**.****I discovered **Patty Collins** is one of **Dr. Johnson's** right hands. It so happens I've known **Sue's** little girl **Patty**, since before she entered first grade. She tells me her brother **Mike** and family now live in **New Braunfels**. Great folks I've known for many years.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

March 10: Country Singer **Carrie Underwood**, 38; Actors **Chuck Norris**, 81; **Sharon Stone**, 73; **Jon Hamm**, 50.******March 11**: Actors **Terrence Howard**, 52; **Alex Kingston**, 58; **John Borrowman**, 54.******March 12**: Politician **Mitt Romney**, 74; Actors **Liza Minnelli**, 75 and **Jamie Alexander**, 37; Folk Singer **James Taylor**, 73.****

March 13: Actors **Emile Hirseh**, 36 and **William H. Macy**, 71; Rapper **Common**, 49; Pop Singer **Charo**, 80.******March 14**: Basketball Player **Stephen Curry**, 33; Gymnast **Simone Biles**, 24; Actor **Billy Crystal**, 73; Music Producer **Quincy Jones**, 88.******March 15**: Actor **Eva Longoria**, 46; Model **Fabio**, 62; Rock Singer **Bret Michaels**, 58.******March 16**: Actors **Erik Estrada**, 72; **Victor Garber**, 72; **Lauren Graham**, 54.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

While Tee-Boy Dartz, him, was putting his stuff in da trunk after shopping at Home Depot, two nice looking, young, womens came over to his car and start wiping his windshield wit a rag and some Windex. Dere breasts was almost falling out of dere skimpy T-shirts. Tee-Boy couldn't help himself from looking. He offer to pay dem a tip. Dey say, "No tank you." Instead dey axe if he would give dem a ride to da McDonald. Tee-Boy say, "Mai Yea."

Dey boat get in da backseat. On da way, dey start undressing. Den one of dem beauties climb over the front seat and starts crawling all over him while da utta one steals his wallet.

About ten days later he went to da police. Officer Calvin Badeaux axe, "Wat can I help you wit Mr. Dartz?"

Tee-Boy, told him about dem women steal his wallet and now dey left town.

Policeman Badeaux axe him when did dey steal his wallet?

Tee-Boy say, "Well, dey took it on Feb. 3rd, den on Feb. 5th, twice on da 8th and on da Feb. 14." "I paid \$2.99 each for dem wallets at da Walmart and had \$20 in each one."

C'EST TOUT TRUMP'S ACTIONS RUNNING OFF GOP SENATORS

A fifth Republican senator decided to pass up a 2022 reelection bid. **Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo**, who turned 71 in January, announced his retirement via video Monday. **Blunt** said, "I won't be a candidate for reelection to the **United States Senate** next year." In declining to run in 2022, **Blunt** joins retiring Republican **Sen. Toomey**, of Pennsylvania, **Richard Shelby**, of Alabama and **Richard Burr**, of North Carolina. The party is waiting on decisions by other GOP senators, such as **Ron Johnson**, of Wisconsin and **Chuck Grassley**, of Iowa. **Blunt** and other retiring Republicans avoid a congressional election in which ex-President **Donald Trump** plans a major role, forcing GOP candidates to take a stand on his divisive presidency. **Bunt's** retirement creates the possibility of a "messy" Republican primary involving **Trump**, his supporters and anti-**Trump** campaigners. For **Trump**, who has demanded that all of his supporters not send any money to the **National Republican Committee** or any **RNC Pac**. He is urging that the donations be sent to his **Pac** instead. For **Trump**, its self preservation. He wants to milk the "**Cash Cow**" and control use of the donations to help only candidates of his choice. He can also administer vengeance to those not totally loyal to him and control the power. Some political experts believe **Trump** wants to control the **Republican Party** or else destroy it. I warned it would be this way if the senate didn't convict **Trump** when they had a chance. I'll bet now **Democrats** will pick up at least four senate seats in 2022.****Gotta go. Thanks for your time. Stay safe and continue to wear your mask. **God Bless**.

Deaths & Memorials

Isaac Gage Sipes, 17, Bridge City

Isaac Gage Sipes, 17, of Bridge City, Texas passed away on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at his home.

Isaac was born on October 12, 2003 to parents Charlotte Ann Nepveux and Charles Thomas Sipes Jr. in Fort Polk, Louisiana. He lived in the Bridge City area since 2006, he was a sophomore in high school at BCHS. Isaac was getting ready to begin studying and training to be an EMT followed by a career in Fire and Rescue.

He enjoyed the outdoors, camping at Boykin Springs, and visiting family in Oklahoma and Missouri. Isaac had a sharp and inquisitive mind, always intensely studying the world around him. He was gentle, caring, kind, and more thoughtful than most knew because of his quiet reflection. He had a bold and fierce love for equality and fairness. He loved playing video games, listening to music, watching movies, snuggling his cat Nilla Bean, goofing off with family and friends, and making everyone laugh.

He was loved by his family and friends exactly as he loved others; unequivocally. Isaac is survived by his mother and father, brother Isaiah Solomon Sipes, sister Norah Simone



Sipes, Great-Grandfather Richard Lee Henson Sr., Grandmother Linda Bornette, Grandmother Patricia Nepveux, Sharon Fouquier, Great-Uncle Richard Lee Henson Jr. and Great-Aunt Ramona Henson, Christopher Menard, Aunt Hilary Nepveux Ramirez and Uncle Aaron Ramirez, Uncle Fred Nepveux Jr. and Aunt Miranda Nepveux, Uncle Walter Nepveux, Uncle Daniel Verrett and Aunt Lacey Monceaux, Uncle Jeremy Armstrong and Aunt Shellie Armstrong, along with many cousins, family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his Grandfather Fred Anthony Nepveux, Sr., Great-Grandmother Lottie Marie Henson, Aunt Heather Lynn Nepveux, Great-Grandmother Joan Simon, Great-Grandfather Wallace Simon, Grandmother Bonnie Fay Sipes, and Grandfather Randy Bornette.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday March 10, 2021 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Clayton Thompson Funeral Home in Groves.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park near Bridge City, Texas.

Rayburn Max Matthews, 84, McLewis

Rayburn Max Matthews (Ray) of McLewis community in Orange, Texas, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, March 6, 2021, at the age of 84 after a valiant battle with ALS. He was born in Fayetteville, NC, on November 4, 1936, to Oscar Haywood Matthews and Maggie Ellen Lewis Matthews. He was raised in Grays Creek, North Carolina, and started working on the family farm at a young age.

He served in the National Guard in North Carolina from 1956 until he moved to Orange. He farmed until he moved to Orange in 1958 and began working at DuPont Sabine River Works in Orange where he worked for 37 years until his retirement in 1993.

Ray returned to North Carolina often to visit his family and friends and when there was a class reunion he was sure to schedule his visit "home" so he could attend. He attended Grays Creek High School in Hope Mills, North Carolina, where he was one of 16 graduates in his graduating class of 1955. He was voted "The Wittiest" in his class and he never lost his sense of humor.

Ray loved to tinker and he was a master mechanic often providing advice and expertise. There wasn't anything that he couldn't fix. He was an avid reader and could intelligently discuss any topic. He enjoyed playing golf and horseshoes, camping, hunting, fishing, and watching and attending Nascar races. He loved riding his Harley-Davidson and was a long-time member of the Cowboy HOG Chapter, often making road trips with his bride. He loved to travel having visited all 50 states and traveling to Europe.

In his retirement years he enjoyed playing dominos with his friends and boating and fishing with his friend, James Hennigan. He loved to garden as he was always a farmer at heart and loved being outdoors in his shop.



He loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren dearly. When they were younger they could often be found at Granny and Pappas and when they were older he could always be found in the stands at their sporting events and at their activities.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Charles Allen Matthews, his granddaughter, Rachel Taryn Ford, his brothers, Harold, Gilbert (Gib), Gerald (Jerry), and his sister, Joanne Wood.

He is survived by his wife of over 65 years, Eva Delores Privette Matthews, (Delores) of McLewis, his son, Jeff Matthews and wife Nancy of McLewis, his daughter, Gail Maddox and husband Steve of Orange. He is also survived by 3 grandchildren, Charlie Matthews, Patty Crocker and husband James, all of Orange, and Daniel Ford and Lynae of Kerrville and 4 great-grandchildren, Jackson and Emily Crocker of Orange, and Ryleigh and Taryn Ford of Kerrville. He is also survived by his nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family in North Carolina.

The funeral will be held at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange on Saturday, March 13, with visitation from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm and the service immediately following at 2:00 pm with the Reverend Bobby Spross officiating.

Pallbearers are Charlie Matthews, Daniel Ford, James Crocker, Stephen Maddox, Jr., Robb Maddox, and Bo Delaney.

Honorary pallbearers are James Hennigan, Prentice Scarber, Mark Wood, Bruce Skinner, Davis Privette and Greg Eastwood.

A special thank you to the Texas Home Health Care and Hospice and his caregivers that provided loving and compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ALS Foundation at www.donate.als.org

Khris "Mann" Taylor II, 18, Bridge City

Khris "Mann" Taylor II, 18, of Bridge City, passed away on March 2, 2021, in Houston.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 8, 2021, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Visitation was held Sunday, March 7, 2021, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in Beaumont, Texas, on March 14, 2002, he was the son of Christopher Taylor and Cheryl Taylor. Khris could be best described as an old soul, with wisdom beyond his years. From the moment he was born, he brought joy into every room he entered. Khris was a talented football player, playing his entire life, playing at West Orange Stark during high school.

He graduated from Bridge City, where he excelled in academics, being the class clown, and forming friendships wherever he went. Khris adored his family and centered his life around them. He could often be found dotting on his sisters and spending every chance he got with his grandparents.



His happy place was at crawfish boils, surrounded by his family. Khris was a car and shoe connoisseur, often admiring the finer things in life, but still taking great pleasure in all the simpler joys of life.

He left an impact on everyone he met and will be deeply missed, but lovingly remembered for years to come.

He is survived by his father and step-mother, Khris and Cheryl Taylor; mother, Brandye Bishop; grandparents, Tommy & Debby Wheeler, Charlotte Seals, Jim McQuerry, Mike & Kelly Meriwether, and Kenneth & Judy Taylor; siblings, Trinity Taylor, Braxton Wortham, and Addisyn Taylor; and uncles, T.J. Taylor, Andy Taylor and wife Kerrie, and Craig Walters and wife Amberlee, along with numerous cousins, extended family and loving friends.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Craig Walters, T.J. Taylor, Andrew Taylor, Braxton Wortham, and Jackson Tims.

Mayo J. LeBlanc, 94, Bridge City

Mayo J. LeBlanc, 94, of Bridge City, passed away on March 2, 2021, in Orange. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 13, 2021, at St. Henry Catholic Church in Bridge City. Officiating will be Father Ernie Carpio. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will begin prior to the service beginning at 9:00 a.m. with a rosary to follow visitation at 9:30 a.m., at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Leading the rosary will be Deacon Chris Penning. Born in Vermillion Parish, Louisiana, on February 16, 1927, he was the son of Oneal LeBlanc and Elena (Reaux) LeBlanc. Mayo was an avid gardener and enjoying growing his own vegetables. He was one of the founding members of the volunteer fire department in Bridge City and a Knights of Columbus Third Degree member. Mayo faithfully served his Lord at St. Henry Catholic Church for the majority of his life. He was a Merchant Marine for 2 years and went on to work at Gulf Oil where he later retired



from. Mayo was incredibly hard-working and took great pride in being able to provide for his family. He was known for making and bottling his own famous hot sauce. He was a loving father and adored his grandchildren whom lovingly referred to him as "Pa-Pop". Mayo will be deeply missed by all those who loved him. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 69 years, Juanita LeBlanc; four brothers; and his sister. He is survived by his children, Lenora Sayers and husband Brenner, Sharon Ellis and husband Buddy, Carl LeBlanc and wife Sherry, Nita Daigle and husband Barry and Carroll LeBlanc; 10 grandchildren; 21 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and brother, Chester LeBlanc. Serving as pallbearers will be Chad Ellis, Rodney Daigle, Wesley LeBlanc, James LeBlanc, Kenneth Harris, and Bryan Droddey. Serving as honorary pallbearer will be Mario Gonzalez. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Patty Dupuis, Mayo's close friend and caregiver.

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39

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Will QB swap satisfy Houston?

KAZ'S KORNER - JOE KAZMAR
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

Last week's column about the possibilities of where J.J. Watt would end up was already in the paper ready to be printed to hit the streets when the blockbuster news he had signed with the Arizona Cardinals was announced.

I scrambled and added a couple of paragraphs near the end of the column and sent the column on its way to be published.

There's a good chance the same thing might happen with this week's Korner as many media outlets agreed with the column in Sunday's Houston Chronicle about merely trading Texans disgruntled quarterback Deshaun Watson to join his buddies and former teammates—J.J. Watt, DeAndre Hopkins, Jonathan Joseph and Angelo Blackson—to the Arizona Cardinals.

In return, the Texans would get the Cards starting quarterback Kyler Murray—Arizona's No. 1 overall pick in the 2019 draft—who has guided his team from the worst team in the NFL (3-13 in 2018) --to improvements of 5-10-1 and 8-8.

It's not as far-fetched an idea as it sounds and Watson would jump at the chance to play for an offensive-minded head coach like Kliff Kingsbury. And he would love throwing passes once again to his favorite of all time target DeAndre Hopkins.

The Texans would probably balk at the idea of the trade, but if they can get a good package of starting players and draft picks from Arizona, they could probably live with it.

It's no secret that Watson is much more advanced than Murray at this stage, but both quarterbacks are coming off their best NFL seasons in 2020.

They are similar by not being afraid to take off and run the football if their targeted receivers are covered and they are both as fast a greased lightning.

According to Sunday's Chronicle, Murray threw for 3,973 yards last season for a 67.2 completion average, threw 26 touchdown passes and 12 interceptions and finished with a 94.3 rating compared to Watson's 4,823 yards, 70.2 completion average, threw 33 touchdowns and 12 interceptions and finished with a 112.4 rating.

Murray would probably balk and squawk at the idea at first because he would be leaving an up-and-coming team in Arizona, but he would enjoy being the centerpiece of a rebuilding team in Houston, which is the main reason Watson wants out.

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2nd Amendment Rights Pursued

OUTDOORS
Chuck Uzzle
For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

If you are a regular reader of this column or most any outdoor publication its not a far stretch to say you should be concerned with new gun law proposals generated by the current president. Throughout his campaign he had made it clear that he would go after gun owner's rights and "take on the National Rifle Association and win". Sportsmen everywhere need to be informed about the legislation and its far reaching effects because some of the items hidden in the bill are, let's just say, very scary.

The basic intent of the majority of the gun proposals surround certain firearms and their bullet or shot capacities. Joe Biden made it very clear that he could not see any reason for any private citizen to own a firearm with a "high capacity magazine". Language like that leads straight into the debates surround assault rifles and many hand guns. Biden had originally said during his campaign that he would enlist Beto O'Rourke to help him take on gun control but that fizzled out after O'Rourke was defeated by Ted Cruz. In the mean time organizations like the NRA, Gun Owners of America, and The National Shooting Sports Foundation have turned up the call to gun owners about fighting for their rights.

According to Mark Oliva, the public affairs director of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the number of background checks tied to the sale of firearms was 21 million in 2020 which is the highest year on record. The previous record was 2016, with 15.7 million checks. Oliva was quoted in The Washington Examiner saying "I think the new administration is very aware that 2020 was a precipitous



Heavy taxes on ammunition may become a reality for many hunters under some of the new gun law proposals.

change. 21 million people voted with their wallets on how they feel about gun ownership, 8.5 million of those were first time gun owners. When you start talking about a 58% increase in African American gun ownership, and 40% among women, I think that's part of what they're seeing."

More key points to the Biden gun control legislation include sky high

taxes on ammunition and high capacity magazines so if they can't legislate them out they can make them so expensive fewer people will be able to afford them. Biden has also softened on the idea presented by O'Rourke which was to have police come door to door as part of a "buy back program" for

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Perfect storm slows early progress in track and field

Tom Halliburton
SETX High School Track & Field

The early analysis of our area's high school performances would be labeled lukewarm at best. But the obvious factors should offer easy explanations at this point.

Many of the stronger teams have participated in one or two meets and have worked with very limited practice time due to cold and wet weather conditions.

There are considerable improvements and personnel changes likely with so many relay teams that it's hard to guess how strong our area will be in those events.

Then there's basketball and lengthy seasons unfolded at Beaumont United and Silsbee.

Therefore much is dramatically going to change in the next two weeks, especially if warmer weather should arrive.

Thursday's meet at Vidor ought to showcase most of Orange County's serious track athletes. Kollyn Brown and Anabelle Fisher are quite serious in the Little Cypress-Mauriceville area.

Those two athletes already are improving upon last year's season-best outings. Vidor has encouraging competitors too.

One of the most interesting events at Vidor may be the girls high jump if Vidor's Jaden Lee should battle for the gold medal. A Vidor sophomore, Lee owns the area lead.

It's also safe to believe that Mike Pierce's will be an improved squad this spring due to more maturity in that Mustang senior class.

Do not be surprised if some special performances also should emerge on Thursday from the Hamshire-Fannett and East Chambers athletes who travel to Woodville.

Friday morning offers an early-bird special at Nederland with field events starting at 10 a.m.

A high-quality field is expected with Port Arthur and both Beaumont ISD schools, as well as the Mid-County athletes and Bridge City and Barbers Hill.

Two very Mid-County jumpers may compete in the girls long jump with Sanaria Butler of PN-G and Ke'Asia Hall of Nederland.

Can Port Arthur drop into the 41s on the sprint relay. The Titans ran a 42.07 at Crosby and veteran mentor Darrell Granger and his staff feel they can go lower. One of Granger's old staff members, West Brook boss Kendrick Johnson has the Bruins buzzing and awaiting brighter days.

Last but not least, keep sending those results to tombubba@gt.rr.com. My thanks to Gary Stelly, Van Wade and Alie Crommett for their help last week. And good luck to all the runners and jumpers this Thursday and Friday.

Remainder of 2021 Area Track & Field Schedule

Date	Event	Site
Mar. 10	Kountze ISD Lion Relays	Kountze
Mar. 11	Vidor Pirate Relays	Vidor
Mar. 11	Hargrave Falcon Relays	Huffman
Mar. 11	Woodville Eagle Relays	Woodville
Mar. 12	57th annual Nederland Relays	Nederland
Mar. 12	Humble ISD Zoe Simpson Relays	Kingwood
Mar. 18	Gid Campbell Relays	Anahuac
Mar. 18	59th annual Bulldog Relays	Jasper
Mar. 19	Memorial Titan Relays	Port Arthur
Mar. 25	43rd Barbara Rainey Relays	Evadale
Mar. 25	Eagle Relays	Newton
Mar. 25	C.L. Hanna Gator Relays	Dickinson
Mar. 26	Bayshore Olympics	La Porte
Mar. 26	51st Dayton Bronco Relays	Dayton
Mar. 26	27th annual Battlin' Bear Relays	Little Cypress
Mar. 26	79th annual Rockhold Relays	Baytown
Mar. 29	District 22-4A prelims & field finals	WO
Mar. 30	District 21-4A prelims & field finals	Splendor
Mar. 31	District 22-4A running finals	West Orange
Mar. 31	District 21-4A running finals	Splendor
Apr. 1	East Chambers Buc Relays	Winnie
Apr. 5	District 22-3A prelims & field finals	Anahuac
Apr. 7	District 21-5A prelims & field	Mont Belvieu
Apr. 7	District 21-6A prelims & field finals	Humble
Apr. 7	District 22-3A running finals	Anahuac
Apr. 8	District 21-5A running finals	Mont Belvieu
Apr. 8	District 21-6A running finals	Humble
Apr. 14	Area 4A championships (Districts 21&22)	WO
Apr. 14	Area 3A championships (Districts 21&22)	Wville
Apr. 23-24	Regional 3A championships	Waco Midway
Apr. 23-24	Regional 4A championships	League City
Apr. 30-May 1	State TAPPS championships	Waco
May 7-8	109th UIL state track and field championships	UT-Austin

Take note that the Texas Relays recently announced it decided to leave out the high school divisions for health reasons.

2021 AREA OUTDOOR HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD LEADERS

DISCUS — Girls: Emily Williamson, Silsbee (senior), 103-8; Boys: Kollyn Brown, LC-M (senior), 153-9.

SHOT PUT — Girls: Kyra Owens, Bmt West Brook (freshman), 36-9; Boys: Kollyn Brown, LC-M (senior), 56-7.5.

HIGH JUMP — Girls: Jaden Lee, Vidor (sophomore), 5-4; Boys: Colin Dorsey, Hamshire-Fannett (junior), 6-7.

LONG JUMP — Girls: Sanaria Butler, PN-G (junior), 17-3.25; Boys: Maleek Jones, PA Memorial (senior), 21-1.

TRIPLE JUMP — Girls: Sanaria Butler, PN-G (junior), 36-9.5; Boys: Maleek Jones, PA Memorial (senior), 43-5.

POLE VAULT — Girls: Morgan Louvier, Bridge City (senior) and Katherine Page, PN-G (freshman), 9-0; Boys: Harrison Gauthier, Bridge City (junior), 13-6.

100 METERS — Girls: Amya Barfield, Hardin-Jefferson (freshman), 12.50; Boys: Tyrence Augusta, PA Memorial (senior), 10.76.

200 METERS — Girls: Ke'Asia Hall, Nederland (junior), 25.81; Boys: Brayden Guillory, East Chambers (senior), 22.93.

400 METERS — Girls: Sanaria Butler, PNG (junior), 60.63; Boys: Cyrus Jacobs, PN-G (senior), 50.02.

800 METERS — Girls: Amelia Wright, Vidor (senior), 2:31.91; Boys: Ayden Chatman, PAM (sophomore), 2:03.77.

1,600 METERS — Girls: Anabelle Fisher, Little Cypress-

What a weekend for bass fishermen

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For The Record



I cannot recall ever getting as many reports of personal best bass as I did this past week and most of them were caught either Saturday or Sunday. Of the reports I received, six were caught on Rayburn, eight on Toledo Bend and one in a pond just north of I-10. All of which bade the question, "How many more were caught that we don't know about?" Jackson Lefebvre got it all started with a 7.2-pound bass that he caught Saturday morning. J.J. caught his bass fishing a plastic cricket that his Mother, Faye, had tied on the business end of his fly rod hoping he could fool enough bream for supper. He had, in fact, already put three bream in the bucket when the bass very nearly jerked the fly rod out of his hands. "I thought it was a catfish," said Faye, "but I got as excited as J.J. when I saw it was a bass. I know I made him nervous with all of my screaming, but I was so afraid he was going to lose it and his Dad would never believe our story."

The big bass and three bream were eaten that night, but not before a trip to the grocery store to weigh J.J.'s catch. A seven pound bass doesn't raise many eyebrows anymore, but it does when the angler is only five years old and gets it done all by himself. "It would probably have weighed even more," added his Mom, but he scaled one side of his fish dragging it back to the car!

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. For more information contact Mary Snapp(409-697-0380).

I had hardly gotten off the phone with the Lefebvres when Gerald Krater texted me a picture of a 10.7-pound bass he caught on T-Bend. Then it was Lloyd Garrett with a 10.1 bass and Kyle Merit with an 11.44-pound bruiser. All but one of those fish were live released.

I thought it was finally over when the phone rang Monday morning. Now don't take this wrong as any double digit bass is a once in a lifetime fish for most anglers, but catching it in a tournament makes it even more memorable. That is exactly what Gavin Cooper did in the Texas Fallen Heros event hosted out of Jackson Hill on Sam Rayburn. I think this was the last tournament of the year for the clubs fishing the East Texas High School Series and Gavin and his team mate, Justin James finished it off in style.

The LCM duo walked off

with first place honors with a stout 22.97-pound catch anchored by Gavin's personal best 10.88-pound lunker. The youngsters had a great game plan that was obviously a tad different from the rest of the field and they made it pay off. Undoubtedly, the decision had been made in advance, but the following morning Gavin's Mom, Laura, joined the boys to fish a Mom's Madness tournament on Rayburn and their program proved just as effective as the day before. They blew away the field with a 21.08 stringer that was anchored with Justin's new personal best, an 8.22-pound fish. The rumor is that Mom also caught her first bass ever.... so that makes her fish a personal best as well!

It came as no surprise that the common denominator on both lakes was that nine of the anglers willing to share more than a picture

said they caught their fish in at least ten feet of water. On Rayburn that means fishing just outside most of the moss lines and on T-Bend it would likely mean fishing an isolated hump, outside creek bank or secondary point. Two of the fish fell for a Carolina rigged lizard, four ate a jig and pig and three were taken on Traps or deep diving crankbaits. The same day Jason Lee caught a 10.75-pound bass he also caught four other bass between five and seven pounds. "I fished a half ounce jig and caught all of my fish between 12:00 and 3:00 o'clock," said Lee. "Not one of those fish came off the same spot because I was scouting for a tournament, but they all came off points on the outside edge of the same flat." The following day he weighed in only one bass, but it weighed just over seven pounds. There are no guarantees in bass fishing!

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gun owners who did not want to register their "military style" weapons. Biden has since changed his stance to having that program become totally voluntary after major push back from gun advocacy groups.

The point at this moment is for all shooting enthusiasts to be as informed and in the know as possible. If you are not currently a member of any of the aforementioned gun rights groups take a moment to check them out and become a member. Continue to stay up to speed on poten-

tial bills or laws that may greatly affect how you do things going forward, like hunting, shooting, or just protecting your family as well as your belongings. Joe Biden's idea of home defense is a opening a window and shooting a shotgun blast in order to scare away any intruders, or as he added during a town hall on ABC News, "just shoot them in the leg". Do not be misled into thinking that a select few politicians are not currently trying to change some very fundamental rights and

privileges because that's exactly what's happening. Just think about it like this for just one minute, in order for you to legally buy a gun or even purchase a hunting license you must provide identification. Those people who are against gun owners rights think it is okay to not have to show that same proof of identification in order for you to vote. Let that sink in a minute. Be Pro-active, be informed, and by all means be in the know.



Lady Bear Powerlifters Compete At Regional

The LCM Lady Bear Iron Powerlifting team of Chloe Jacob, Evelyn Aldaco, Abbigail Hudnall, and Haylee Lebouef competed in the regional meet in Bay City last week. They all put forth great effort, and Evelyn Aldaco placed 5th within her weight class.



The Orangefield High School Sophisticats competed in the Galveston Island Festival this past weekend and received the following awards: Sweepstakes winners for both officers and team, Judges Awards for Officer Jazz and Officer Contemporary, Judges Awards for team jazz, team contemporary, and team novelty, Best Overall officers received a bronze, Best Overall team received a bronze, Small Division Best In Class for officers, Small Division Best In Class for team. Out of 20 Soloist, Breea Hubbard received 2nd runner up, Shea Pietz received 1st runner up and Ashleigh Greenwood was the winner of the small division.



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Mauriceville (sophomore), 5:49.05; Boys: Caleb Wilson, Bmt West Brook (senior), 4:38.36.

3,200 METERS — Girls: Annabelle Fisher, Little Cypress-Mauriceville (sophomore), 12:31.31; Boys: Caleb Wilson, Bmt West Brook (senior), 10:29.35.

100-METER HURDLES — Girls: Caryss Carpenter, Bridge City (junior), 15.94.

110-METER HURDLES — Boys: Jaden Jones, West Orange-Stark (senior), 15.22.

300-METER HURDLES — Girls: Rori Stevens, East Chambers (senior), 51.08; Boys: Jerren Terrell, West Orange-Stark (senior), 42.72.

400-METER RELAY — Girls: Beaumont United 51.15; Boys: PA Memorial (Jahmar Sanders, Tyrence Augusta, Jaylon Guilbeau, Edward Brown), 42.07.



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Kaz's Korner From Page 1B

Although Murray is loved by his Cardinal teammates, the fans and the media much like Watson is in Houston, one factor that might persuade him to like and accept the deal would be that Murray has a chance to return to his home state.

Another possibility for a quarterback swap would involve the Texans and the Seattle Seahawks where quarterback Russell Wilson has hinted that he wants out of Seattle mainly because he is continually getting sacked due to a weak offensive line that he feels the organization isn't interested in fixing.

It's no secret that Wilson has carried the team on his back for the past decade, and his body is getting pretty beat up where he can't be as effective scrambling and running as he was early in

his career.

If this trade were to happen, Houston would not be able to get the same kind of package of players and draft picks they would get from Arizona.

But the Texans would get the franchise quarterback they are looking for in Wilson, who should have five or more good years left in his career.

The article pointed out that Houston has figured some trade scenarios with Carolina, Denver, Chicago and San Francisco, but the ones making the most sense involve teams such as a quarterback swap with the Miami Dolphins' quarterback Tua Tagovialoa or possibly even the New York Jets' Sam Darnold, who own the second overall draft pick they could throw in the deal.

It must be remembered that whatever route the Houston Texans take in getting rid of Watson for a franchise quarterback, it must satisfy the fanbase because the franchise has to sell sponsorships, suites, club seats and season tickets, the article concluded.

And a franchise quarterback is a must because if practice were to begin this week, the Houston Texans have only one quarterback under contract—Watson's back-up A.J. McCarron.

KWICKIES...

Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are working on a contract extension worth \$50 million per season for either one year or two.

The Lamar Cardinal football team improved some-

what from their 55-0 shellacking by Nicholls State two weeks ago to be trailing only 28-20 late in the third quarter Saturday only to fall 42-20 to Incarnate Word after "running out of gas" in the final period. The 0-2 Redbirds will try to beat Southland Conference rival McNeese State Saturday in Lake Charles.

The state's No. 1 Class 4A girls' basketball team, the Hardin-Jefferson Lady Hawks (29-0), will take on No. 2 Canyon (29-1) at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the state tournament at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

The Houston Astros former No. 1 draft pick, often-injured right-hander Forrest Whitley, sprained an elbow ligament in spring training last week and may need Tommy John surgery, which would put him out for the rest of this season and a portion of next year.

The only bogey Bryson DeChambeau got in Sunday's final round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill was on the first hole as he used his massive drives to overtake and outlast Lee Westwood and win by a single stroke. He needed to make a tricky five-foot putt on the 72nd hole for the win. DeChambeau 67,71,68,71—277 claimed the first-place money (\$1,074,000) while Westwood, whose fiancée caddies for him, earned a not-so-paltry \$1,013,700.

Congrats to the Beaumont Kelly Bulldogs for defeating Plano John Paul II 2-1 to win the TAPPS state soccer title last weekend in Round Rock. It is believed to be the program's first state title since 1989.

JUST BETWEEN US...

The 68 teams for this year's NCAA Men's College

Basketball Tournament will be selected Sunday evening after all of the conference championships have been determined. According to ESPN's Bracketology Monday, it has as its No. 1 seeds Gonzaga, Michigan, Illinois and Baylor, which has won all 10 home games this season. No.2 seeds include Alabama, Iowa, Ohio State and Houston while the Texas Longhorns were a No. 3 seed. Closer to home in the Southland Conference, thanks to finishing the last four games of the season with victories, the sixth-seeded Lamar Cardinals earned a first-round bye and will play the winner of Incarnate Word and Houston Baptist today at the Merrill Center in Katy. And the No. 4-seeded Lamar Lady Cardinals will get a double-bye after finishing 9-6, including 5-2 on the road, in the SLC.

Biologists advise cleaning bird feeders

Texas Parks And Wildlife News Release

AUSTIN – With spring around the corner, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) biologists are asking residents with bird feeders to routinely clean them, and the areas surrounding them, in order to help slow the spread of potentially deadly diseases among bird species.

Seeds and seed hulls that accumulate on feeder trays

and on the ground below feeders can become moldy or start decomposing, especially after heavy use or wet weather, and can make birds sick. Bird droppings, and other contaminants around and on feeders can spread infectious bird diseases.

"The key is to keep the feeders clean, keep the area around the feeders clean, and fully shut down feeding if dead or sick birds are found at the feeder," said TPWD Ornithologist, Cliff Shackelford.

"If folks do not, diseases could continue to spread."

It's advised that bird feeders be cleaned once every two weeks or if there have been reports of salmonella in the area. To properly clean a bird feeder, first take the feeder apart. Wash all of the feeder parts with regular soap and boiling water or allow the parts to soak for 10 minutes in a diluted bleach solution, or an hour in a weak vinegar solution. Afterward, scrub the parts with

a clean bottle brush. Rinse the feeder thoroughly or wash in a dishwasher on a hot setting. Allow the feeder to dry completely before refilling it with seeds. Do not use any harsh chemicals or sprays.

Biologists note that bird feeders are purely supplemental food sources for birds and don't serve as sustenance. Even without feeders, birds can survive purely on the seeds and other food sources they are able to find

in nature.

Shackelford says that early March is the time of year when many siskins, goldfinches, Purple Finches, Chipping Sparrows, and other favorite "feeder birds" have a tendency to be near.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010626001

APPLICATION. City of Orange, P.O. Box 520, Orange, Texas 77631, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010626001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0073423) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a combined annual average flow of 7,000,000 gallons per day for Outfalls 001 and 002. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 402 South 10th Street, Orange, in Orange County, Texas 77630. The discharge route is from the plant site via Outfall 001 directly to Sabine River Tidal and via Outfall 002 to Adams Bayou Tidal. TCEQ received this application on January 5, 2021. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Orange Public Library, 220 5th Street, Orange, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.
<https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd360f8168250f&marker=-93.7423%2C30.0865&level=12>

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "(I/we) request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep.

Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Orange at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Michael Kunst at 409-883-1055.

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS FOR THE BAYOU WATERWAYS DEBRIS REMOVAL PROJECT

March 1, 2021

Prospective Contractors ("Offerors") are notified that the Orange County Drainage District ("District"), located in Orange County, Texas, will receive Competitive Sealed Proposals for the Bayou Waterways Debris Removal Project (the "Project"). The successful Offeror(s) shall furnish all labor, material, transportation, tools, supplies, equipment, and appurtenances for the satisfactory completion of the Project.

PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS ("DOCUMENTATION"). Parties interested in submitting a Competitive Sealed Proposal to provide services for this Project will find the required documentation for this Project on the District's website at: <https://www.ocddtx.com/Bayou-Waterways-Debris-Removal-RFCSP-2021-01> and on CIVCAST, <https://www.civcastusa.com> (on CIVCAST, search for "Bayou Waterways Debris Removal Project"). Offerors utilizing CIVCAST must register on that website in order to view, download and print the documentation along with any addendums and other important information related to the Project. There is no charge to view, download or print the documentation from either the CIVCAST or District's website.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE. The District invites Offerors to attend a voluntary pre-bid conference to be held at the offices of the Orange County Drainage District, 8081 Old Highway 90, and Orange, Texas 77630 on **Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

DEADLINE. Competitive Sealed Proposals for this Project will be received **until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2021**, at the District's Administration Building, located at 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas, 77630, at which time and place such proposals will be publicly opened.

BID BOND OR OTHER SECURITY. The Offeror shall provide a certified or cashier's check on a responsible bank, or a bid bond, in the amount of thirty-four thousand six hundred dollars (\$34,600.00), which represents two percent (2%) of the estimated project budget set forth in the documentation. Checks or bid bonds submitted by unsuccessful Offerors will be returned when award is made. The bid bond of the successful Offeror will be returned when the formal contract and the required performance and payment bonds are received and approved.

QUESTIONS. If you have any questions regarding this Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals, or are in doubt as to the meaning of any part of these documents, or find discrepancies in, or omissions from, any of the documentation referenced herein, please contact **Joe Escobedo, District Purchaser** at: jescobedo@orangecountydrainage.com and include "RFCSP No. 2021-01-Bayou Waterways Debris Removal Project" in the subject heading of the e-mail. Offerors may submit questions online through CIVCAST at: <https://www.civcastusa.com> which shall be the equivalent of contacting the District directly. The District will attempt to provide a response to such inquiry within three (3) business days.

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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: **Jerry V. Pennington Attorney at Law**
State Bar No.: 15759000
108 N. Seventh Street
Orange, TX 77630

Dated the **4th day of March, 2021.**

Jerry V. Pennington

Jerry V. Pennington Attorney for: **Darian Louis Armfield**
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **ROBERT P. STACEY**, Deceased, were issued on the **February 10, 2021**, in Cause No. **P18705**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Elizabeth Nash**.

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 March, 2021.**

Tommy Gunn
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Attorney for: **Elizabeth Nash**
State Bar No.: 08623700 202
S. Border Street
Orange, TX 77630
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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c/o: **Paul M. Fukuda Attorney At Law**
312 Border Street
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DATED the 3rd day of March, 2021.

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Attorney for: **Patricia Ann Taylor**
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The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on MARCH 3, 2021, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Rex Holder Steele 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 4, 2021.

BRANDY ROBERTSON,
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ORANGE COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

Third Sunday of Lent: Cleanse our hearts and minds

Jem Sullivan
Catholic News Service

Over the course of this pandemic year, local parish communities has seen a dramatic increase in the number of families who come in search of basic necessities from parish food pantries.

Like many faith communities across the country, local parishes went from serving about 200 families before the pandemic to a weekly line of over 500 families who need basic food items to feed the adults, children and infants in their struggling homes.

The pastors remind the parish communities that their outreach to those in

need is one way to live the commandments of God. By caring for the needs of struggling families, faith communities extends the sacred space of the church building into the lives and homes of those who must struggle with the social and economic consequences of a pandemic.

In the first reading from the Book of Exodus, the people of Israel are given the commandments as a sign of their covenant relationship with God. In response, the Israelites accepted God's commands as a guide to their daily way of life.

But as the history of salvation shows, the people of Israel had to work against the

temptation to reduce the commandments to a laundry list of rules to be observed out of fear of God or a sense of obligation. The heart of the commandments was love of God and love of neighbor, as Jesus would teach his disciples, and us, when he spoke of discipleship.

Perhaps this is why Jesus is angry when he sees the Temple, the holiest place of worship, reduced to a marketplace of idolatry and economic exchange.

It's not often in the Gospels that Jesus expresses anger to the point of rage. It's a wake-up call to see Jesus angered to point of making a whip out of cords to drive

out those in the Temple area and overturning the tables of the money changers so their coins are spilled over. "Take these out of here," Jesus said, "and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

God continues to be present in the commandments of the law and in those sacred places set apart for the praise and worship. At the center of every Christian house of prayer is the central symbol of Christianity, the cross of Jesus Christ. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we "proclaim Christ crucified," whose weakness on the cross is stronger than human strength.

As we continue on our

Lenten journeys, God invites us to cleanse our hearts and minds of those attachments, small and great, that weaken our living out of the commandments of love.

Again and again, God calls us to recognize those ways in which we can manifest the

love of God in our families, communities and particularly to those struggling through the consequences of a pandemic. As we join the psalmist in gratitude for the love of God at the heart of the law of God we pray, "speak to me, Lord."

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