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Shangri La shrugs off winds, freeze



Kathy Schnepel points out a turtle in the pond to Amari Schnepel as Darrin Schnepel looks on as the visitors from Forney, Texas, tour Shangri-La Botanical Gardens Friday, March 12.

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DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

The Big Freeze that swept across most of Texas on Valentine's Day weekend took a toll on Orange County gardens big and small.

Shangri-La Botanical Gardens, Orange's world-class stress-reliever presented free to citizens and tourists alike by the Stark Foundation, was no exception.

"We have a year-round winter routine," said Jennifer Buckner, Director of Horticulture. "This winter has just required more work than normal."

The park, which is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, was hit hardest recently by Hurricanes Laura and Delta last August and September.

"We lost a lot of trees in Laura, so some of our landscapes have changed," Buckner said. "We were gearing up to do some replanting projects that the hurricanes created, and the ice storm caused the big projects to get delayed."

"We like to get new plants in during late winter and early spring, especially for the larger things, while they are still dormant. That way we can get them established."

When the ice storm hit, Buckner and her staff (eight

at the garden, six at Stark properties downtown and a greenhouse on 16th Street) were as prepared as could be.

"We kind of knew ahead of time that we were going to have a freeze, so we started preparations. We put down extra mulch and our frost

cloth. We turned off the water and drained the lines," Buckner said. "We still had water breaks we've been getting fixed."

And they lost some flowers and plants.

"Most of the shrubs and trees weren't harmed, but we

had a lot of perennials to clean up. We attacked the mush first, leaves on plants that had already turned to mush. If you don't remove those, you might have issues with fungus.

"Our bamboo took a hit. Our azaleas got hit pretty

hard. The older buds got zapped by the freeze. The younger buds survived. Now you can see green leaves replacing the brown ones.

"Soon you won't be able to tell we had 13 degrees and

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Newsman's dream job marks 50th anniversary

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

It's been 50 years to the day – St. Patrick's Day, 1971 -- since Roy Dunn went into the newspapering business with the first edition of the Opportunity Valley News.

It was a free weekly tabloid newspaper delivered to every home in Orange County. Its purpose, pronounced editor Lee Grimsley Jr., was "to keep you informed of events that are taking place right here in our rapidly growing community ... our fertile industrial valley between the Sabine and the Neches."

Dunn, now 86 and publisher of the Penny Record in Bridge City and County Record in Orange, was like a Texas wildcatter risking it all on an oilwell.

He struck a gusher. And in just nine years' time, he built a Southeast Texas community news and advertising goliath, sold out for a bundle on his 46th birthday and retired to a ranch in South Texas.

"I started off knowing absolutely nothing about newspapers, other than I'd read a few. But it was phenomenal, the instant success of people wanting that thing," he said.

"Right after the first edition, it got so popular, people would be waiting for each issue to come out of the press."

Son Mark Dunn, then 15, recalled the electricity in the air.



Roy Dunn, founder of the Opportunity Valley News, looks through one of the first editions of the free weekly newspaper that was distributed to every home in Orange County beginning on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1971.

RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

"It was the original social media for Orange County," he said. "When the papers came in, it was like feeding chickens. We couldn't give them out fast enough."

The first edition of the Opportunity Valley News was topped by a large photo of its sports editor and Bridge City native and University of Texas All-American Steve Worster on the occasion of Worster receiving a painting of himself in action from his days leading the Longhorns to national titles in 1969 and 1970.

The sports editor? Pete Runnels, who went on to be-

come Orange County Judge and, later, Mayor of Pinehurst.

Roy Dunn says Runnels' weekly sports column entitled "Strike Two, Third Down" made his name very famous around Orange County."

Lots of famous faces graced the pages of the Opportunity Valley News.

Dunn has always said he knows a lot of people in Orange County. But he just knows a lot of people, period.

In 1972, Dunn's newspaper was invited to Super Bowl VI in New Orleans'

Tulane Stadium by the NFL, where the Dallas Cowboys downed the Miami Dolphins 24-3 for their first world title.

MVP Roger Staubach threw for two TDs, one to Lance Alworth, another to Mike Ditka. Running back Duane Thomas ran for 95 yards and a score.

Dunn and his wife, Phyllis, were guests of Muhammad Ali's attorney Gene Wright and among the biggest indoor boxing crowd ever as Ali won back his heavyweight title from Leon

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LeBouef settles in as PH Police Chief

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Jimmy LeBouef's first week as Pinehurst Chief of Police was a bit of a shock to the veteran lawman's system.

"Right now I'm trying to get my feet back on the ground. I've been out of full-time policing for about two and a half years."

LeBouef, who spent almost 28 years as a deputy with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, was named Pinehurst Police Chief Tuesday, March 9.

He replaces Fred Hanauer, who retired from Pinehurst at the end of February after 12 years on the job and 27 years as an Orange County peace officer.

Hanauer has accepted a new job as an investigator for the Texas Child Protective Services.

LeBouef was one of three finalists interviewed during a closed session at the end of the March city council meeting.

Others were John Brown, a City of West Orange patrolman, and Lt. Jocelyn Trussell of the Pinehurst PD.



New Pinehurst Police Chief Jimmy LeBouef at his desk on Tuesday.

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After he retired from Orange County's Sheriff Office in 2018, LeBouef worked a couple of years for the Regional Police Academy at Lamar Institute of Technology in Beaumont.

That allowed him to know three of his four Pinehurst patrol officers before taking the job.

He taught Matt McDonald and Adrian Figueroa at the academy and worked in a part-time role with Israel Carrillo at the Lamar Uni-

LEBOUEF Page 3A

Pastor seeks BCISD seat, bullying solution

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Rev. Paul Zoch said he wants to take bullying out of Bridge City schools.

"A lot of parents are pulling their kids into home schooling because of bullying issues," he said recently when asked why he is running for a seat on the BCISD school board in the May 1 election.

His opponent for Place 1 is incumbent Patty Collins, Executive Director of Col-



Zoch

lege Affairs for Lamar State College Orange. Zoch, the pastor of Bridge City's Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and Collins were classmates that graduated from Bridge City High School Class together in 1980.

Zoch earned an accounting degree from Lamar University, which took him to

work in Houston. While there, he earned a masters from the University of Houston but decided accounting was not his be-all, end-all.

"I got the call to be a preacher," he said, explaining that he was ordained as a Lutheran minister in 2016.

"Being a pastor, I hear some of the issues in the community. I want to study more intently how we can work on the issue of bullying, find some programs we can apply to schools that would kind of alleviate the prob-

lem."

Bullying has been around probably since the dawn of mankind and can cause physical injury, social or emotional problems and, in some cases, death by suicide.

Its prevention has become more and more a point of emphasis in education, especially with the addition of the internet and cyberbullying.

Former First Lady Melania Trump's "Be Best" campaign

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Newsman's dream: Opportunity Valley News From Page 1

Spinks at the Superdome in 1978. Seven months earlier, in advance of their first fight, Dunn had interviewed Spinks correctly predicted that Spinks victory in print.

The paper presented multi-page spreads on the events.

"One time me and Sandi [Mobley] were in the office and Roy was on the phone with Muhammad Ali, and we were on all the other lines listening in," recalled Debbie Fusilier, who began, along with Mobley, working half-days for the Opportunity Valley News, as a DECA student in 1973. "Of course, we heard his stories about Bob Hope."

Houston Oilers coach Bum Phillips and comedian Bob Hope hosted a charity golf tournament in Port Arthur for several years and the newspaperman's home contains gifts from each.

Dunn was as home around them as he was with area celebs like A.J. "Crazy Frenchman" Judice, with whom he raced crawfish and Kountze newspaper owner/editor Buddy Moore, who performed a wedding ceremony for armadillos.

But he was hardly a one-man band when it came to getting the paper out.

Grimsley, Dunn said, "was the only one we had that knew anything about newspapers."

But the staff had the knack for delivering the goods readers wanted. Local history and lots of local names.

"We had Nina Hardin working for us, a great historian," Dunn said. "She interviewed a lot of people over 90 about what the area was like when they were coming up."

Beginning with its second week's edition, a regular inclusion was "Person of the Week." The first was Red Garrett, who was to receive the Distinguished Service Award at the Greater Orange Area Jaycees' banquet headlined by Texas Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes.

A few weeks later, the "Person of the Week" award went to James Quigley, owner/publisher of the Orange Leader, Dunn's local competition for ad sales and readership.

"I wrote a feel-good story about Mr. Quigley," Dunn said.

Regular contributors included columnists Gordon Baxter, Harold and Sheila Beeson and Don Jacobs.

Arlene Turkel, who recently retired as an English professor at Lamar State College Orange, wrote an advice column called "Ask Arlene."

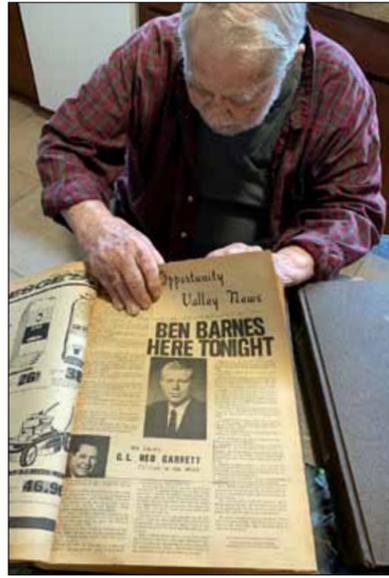
"It was like a Dear Abby column," explained Turkel's ex-boss.

A big feature of Dunn's papers has always been his gossip columns. The first was called "Ear To The Ground by the Office Hound."

"I carried a lot more gossip because I was young and going out," Dunn said. "I knew



The front page from the first edition of the Opportunity Valley News, dated exactly 50 years ago -- March 17, 1971 -- was topped by a photograph of Bridge City and University of Texas All-American football star Steve Worster and OVN Sports Editor Pete Runnels admiring a painting commemorating Worster's leading the Longhorns to two national championships. Runnels left to become Orange County Judge and later Mayor of Pinehurst.



Roy Dunn flips through the pages of the first issue of the Opportunity Valley News, the paper he founded in Orange County on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1971.

Dunn recalls. "We had no equipment. I'd buy the Houston Chronicle and Houston Post and we'd cut out letters and paste them down for our headlines.

"We developed our film in the bathroom." By the time Fusilier started, the OVN office had moved to Sixth Street.

Jackie Harmon, one of the owners of the Harmon Chevrolet dealership, sold Dunn a building on 6th Street in downtown, next door to the Orange Mercantile. He took out Dunn's payments in advertising.

"Having that building made a big difference," the still-owner of that downtown real estate said.

Dunn owned three liquor stores when he started the Opportunity Valley News. He closed one and sold the others to keep the paper afloat in its early days.

"I was making enough not to be losing money, but I just wasn't getting enough money," he said. "I was selling full page ads for \$80."

Classified ads were free. So were obituaries.

"Free classified ads were a big draw," Fusilier said. "You could even phone them in."

Eventually, the OVN carried advertising from all the major grocers of the day like Krogers, Market Basket, Weingartens and the Texas Avenue Grocery owned by Dick Bevins. They won contracts for inserts from national chains like Sears and Western Auto.

what was going on.

"I came up with the idea that if you were caught out messing around, you had to send us a cake. I'd run hints, like, 'the owner of the black car seen parked in front of a certain house on Country Club Drive while his wife is out of town should send me a damn cake.'"

Dunn's offices have always included a table with fruits and vegetables and homemade bread brought by friends dropping by for morning coffee. And a goodly number of cakes.

Phyllis Dunn, or Ms. Phyl as she's known around the office, maintained order in the business and was no stranger to the cutting and pasting, doing whatever needed to be done.

Mark Dunn, as well as Roy and Dunn's other two children, Karen and Allen, pitched in.

"Roy did a lot of writing, just kind of running the show," Fusilier recalls. "In the early days, we only had five, six or seven employees all together."

When the paper opened, it was housed in a room at Frank Manchac's Green Avenue insurance office in Orange.

"We laid out the paper on the floor using scissors and cans of glue to cut and paste,"

"We just flat stole all that business from the Orange Leader," Dunn recalled.

The paper grew to be as large as 100 pages. But one complaint he shared with other small newspaper owners centered on cash flow. The printer insisted on being paid up front for each issue, before the newspapers could collect from advertisers.

An ingenious solution was hatched.

Dunn joined the owners of the Vinton, Lumberton, Winnie, Cleveland and Kountze papers in forming a partnership and bought the printer's business out from under him, leaving the printer as a partner. Later, a loan at Bridge City Bank allowed Dunn to buy out all his partners. When the printer refused to sell, Dunn fired him. Then he sold.

Dunn expanded his business into Beaumont and opened the Consumer Beacon, which he ran from 1977 to 1979 in addition to the OVN.

"Beaumont was too big to work as a total distribution newspaper," he said. "With 50,000 to 60,000 households, I couldn't hire enough delivery people. So we moved."

The Community Post in Port Arthur opened on Gulfway Drive in September of 1979.

Mark Dunn, with nearly a decade's experience, moved over to work as editor and production manager.

"With all the success the Opportunity Valley News had, the Community Post was just amazing, the way it took off," Roy Dunn said. "It was taking so much money from the Port Arthur News that after nine months, they got ahold of me to buy it."

Cox Enterprises, owner of the Port Arthur News then and eventually the Orange Leader, made an offer the Dunns couldn't refuse.

The deal included a five-year non-compete clause for Roy Dunn while Mark Dunn worked briefly at the News, then opened Mark Dunn Advertising.

In 1992, Roy Dunn joined in a partnership to purchase the Bridge City Penny Record, which had been around since 1960. He eventually became sole owner of the Penny Record and founded the County Record in 1995.

And since re-entering the news business one of his top advertisers has been Kenneth Smith, who was a 14-year-old working for the Texas Avenue Grocery when it began advertising with OVN.

"Kenneth ended up owning that store and another in Bridge City. Today, he owns K-Dan's in Orangefield," Dunn said.

But it's just another story from the community Dunn loves.

"When we were struggling to get going, the community came out to help us. We got volunteers to deliver the paper," he said. "Look what I started with \$500 and a typewriter. What came of it was awesome."

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Shangri La shrugs-off winter From Page 1

snow.”
On a guided tour of the now one-way path around the gardens – part of Shangri-La’s coronavirus health protocols – plants were blooming and beginning to flash color last week – especially the pink and red azaleas and the purple Japanese magnolias.

A couple of hundred yards from the entrance, the multi-tiered display of potted plants was doing its best to offer a botanical version of a stiff upper lip.

“This is where we have our highest concentration of subtropical plants and it took a hit,” said Buckner, a 13-year Stark Foundation employee with a bachelors in horticulture and masters degree in floriculture, both from Texas A&M.

“But it won’t be long and it’ll look good again,” she vowed.

The best news is that the property only lost electricity for eight hours during the



Jennifer Buckner, Director of Horticulture, points out azalea blooms adding some color to Shangri-La flower beds frozen by the ice storms of Winter Storm Uri in mid-February.

RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

February storm and propane heaters were available to keep things warm in the greenhouses.

“Our orchids, bromeliads and other tropical plants came out fine,” Buckner said. Shangri-La has adopted an

entrance policy it calls “time ticketing” for staggering park entry times. Visitors planning ahead are asked to reserve spots by going online to shangrilagardens.org/visit.

Buckner noted that visitors are being allowed in if they forget to make a reservation.

But everyone must bring a mask and wear it at the entry gate and when inside buildings.

“All admissions are free but we still have health protocols. There are limits in the common areas to accommodate social distancing, and some tighter paths are closed, because it’s hard to social distance on those,” Buckner explained.

“We have a phased opening scheduled to hopefully get back to normal. Everything has its season. We’ll pick up and clean up and keep going.”

LeBouef settles in as Pinehurst Chief From Page 1

iversity Police Department.

The fourth patrol officer at Pinehurst is veteran Leonard Roff, who the new chief knew from local law enforcement circles.

Others in the department include Dawanna Kibodeaux, administrative assistant, and dispatcher Leslie Warner.

Trussell worked seven years on patrol before replacing Keith Reneau as the department’s investigator when Reneau went to work as Sheriff Lane Mooney’s chief deputy.

LeBouef, who worked as a Criminal Investigation Division investigator for 15 years at the SO, said he had been volunteering a day a week at Pinehurst to assist Trussell when he heard there

might be an opening at the top.

“It was a good opportunity for me and I had a lot of support from people at Pinehurst,” LeBouef said.

While a sheriff’s deputy, LeBouef said, he did everything there except work in narcotics. He’s overseeing it all in his new job.

“I’ve been doing a lot of administrative stuff, looking at grants for new body cameras and dashboard cams, bullet-proof vests, just making sure we’ve got the right equipment,” he said.

“Those grants are real important.”

The Vidor High and Lamar University grad lives in Vidor.

“I enjoy being back in Orange County,” he said.

Zoch vies for BCISD board From Page 1

supported anti-bullying programs and mental health for young people.

“Every generation is different,” Zoch said. “Is there a different understanding of bullying now? Did we go through bullying and we had enough strengths or social protections that it didn’t hurt us?”

“I just know it’s a national issue.”

Zoch said he hears other issues from church and community members.

“Other people say, ‘They’re not listening to our complaints,’ and, ‘They’re not following through.’

And, as a property owner, he’s intent that the school board spend his tax dollars wisely.

But the bullying issue has his attention.

“A lot of times we have a slogan, like ‘Low Tolerance



Rev. Paul Zoch, pastor of Bridge City’s Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, works on the serving line of the soup kitchen at Orange’s First Presbyterian Church recently.

RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

on Bullying.’ But how do we make that really happen?” Zoch asked.

“If we just tell that to kids, they don’t really understand

what they’re doing, so how can they modify their behavior, so that we do actually have no bullying?”

“Sometimes they’re just

sent to ISS [In-School Suspension]. Have we dealt with the issue that’s really going on? That kid has an issue because they’re bullying, so how can we address that issue?”

The reverend said he realizes the increased burdens placed on schools these days.

“I know that society has put a lot on our school system, but I think that if we intentionally put funds in [anti-bullying programs], we can do that.”

“What I find is if we don’t do this now, it seems like we’re having issues in society after they graduate.”

If we had just addressed those problems early on, I think we’d have healthier kids, they’d be better educated, and, in the long run, maybe we can alleviate some of the social issues we’re having now.”

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SHOCKING SAD NEWS

Around 8:00 A.M. Monday morning I received a call that was truly shocking. **Connie Smith**, **Kenneth's** wife, who was in a Houston hospital for a heart procedure had passed away. **Kenneth**, who had taken her to Houston, was alone when he received word that his wife had died. This news made me feel sick all over and my heart aches for **Kenneth**. I imagined him being alone when he received such terrible news. I felt so sad for him. He and **Connie** were exceptionally close. They were married when they were youngsters and had one daughter **Lauren**. For several years **Connie** had been a school teacher while **Kenneth** ran his business. The **Smith's** were partners in their everyday life; they were inseparable and bound together by their Christian faith and love. Our condolences to her family and friends. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 17, at Liberty Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 18. Please see obituary.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2011

The **128th District Court Judge Pat Clark** has not accepted the County Court at Law job yet. There is no reason to believe he won't but first he must finalize his retirement from Dist. Court. Meanwhile, a few attorneys are jockeying for the appointment to replace **Clark**. **Judge Troy Johnson** will not be one of them. **Attorney Alan Sanders**, a lifelong Democrat, has joined the Republican Party. Not particularly for an appointment to the 128th Dist. Court but likely be a candidate, as a Republican, for the post in 2012. **** We were sorry to hear about the death of **Odette Simar**, age 100, who died March 13. Services will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Orange. Saturday. We had known this good woman many years. She was an active member of Catholic Daughters of America, sang in St. Mary's choir and was a Red Cross Motor Corps volunteer for years. She is survived by her grandchildren **Paul**, **Gina** and **James** and great grandchildren **Jessica**, **David** and **Jennifer**. **** **Sonora Broussard**, 85, passed away on March 13. She was the widow of the late **Pat Broussard**, her high school sweetheart and life-time partner. Service was held Wednesday, March 16 at 10 a.m. at St. Henry's in Bridge City. **** We were sorry to hear about the death of **Judge Pat Pate**, attorney **H.D. Pate's** brother. **Judge Pate** died last Thursday. **H.D.** is attending a memorial services in Oklahoma this week. Our condolences. **** We understand that our lifelong friend, **C.J. "Rom P" Trahan** is not doing well and is under Hospice care. He is a native of Abbeville. Our prayers go out to he and **Dixie**, whose first husband, **Joe Dupuy**, died of cancer in the 1980's. **** We ran into **Lyndia Permenter** at the Big Tots store a few days ago. She is such a nice lady. I was so tired, plum worn out, and remember little of our conversation. I apologize for that. Meanwhile, she and **Mayor T.W.'s** grandson, **Brian Latiolais**, recently returned to the states from Afghanistan, where he serves in the Army. **Brian** attended the Lunch Bunch with his grandfather. **** The **Lunch Bunch** gathering drew over 30 people last week. Even **Bobby Fillyaw** and former mayor **C.J. Huckabay** came. Did you know **Bobby** and **Ron Lewis** grew up together and both of their dads served on commissioner's court in Newton. **Bobby's** dad was also county judge. **Ron's** dad, **Bo**, was a longtime commissioner. **** **Judge Joe Parkhurst** will be the new interim Pinehurst city administrator. Meantime, he'll work with **Robert Ewart** who is retiring. **Parkhurst** looks forward to the challenge. He'll do well, he works at his job. Meanwhile, **Judge Derry Dunn**, J.P. will take over duties as city judge. **** **David Self's** **Hometown Ford** has been doing good business during the ongoing dealership wide promotion, "Selling for less to keep people at home." **Babette Philpott** is one who took advantage of the great prices and purchased a new pickup from **Brandy Slaughter** at **David Self's**. **** The **Bum Phillips** Charity Golf Tournament to benefit **Hughen School** in Port Arthur will be held April 14 to 17. Former Oilers, **Dan Pastorini**, **Willie Alexander**, **David Carter**, **Roger Hurst** and others will be in attendance, also **Jordan Babineaux** and **Kevin Millar**. Entertainment by **Clay Walker**, **Neal McCoy**, **Zona Jones**, with more to be added. **** **Al Judice** and **Donnie Beard** were knocking out boiled crawfish at **Peggy's** on the Bayou Saturday night. **Lyle Overman** does the entertain-

ing. **Peggy's** arm is in a sling but it hasn't slowed her down. She has fallen twice lately and a few months ago she broke an ankle, now it's the shoulder. **Al's** wife, **Michelle**, was in New York visiting son, **Nick Judice**, who flew in from his home in London to celebrate his mom's birthday in the Big Apple. We also hear that **Ms. Lois**, **A.J. Judice's** widow, has taken up painting again. That's a good thing because she's good at it. She's such a lovely lady. **** Congratulations to **Ray** and **Virgie Fontenot**, who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on March 5. **Ray** was an Air Force veteran in WWII. They have one child **Belinda Cormier**. **** Congrats to our buddy **Matt Degeyter** and **Jennifer Leblanc**, who plan on spending their lives together, starting with their wedding Saturday, April 9. We wish for you both as many years as the above mentioned 70 years of the **Fontenot's**. **** Special folks celebrating birthdays this week. **Hubert Meadows**, turns 91. **** **Corky Harmon** celebrates another one as does **Harold Scales**, **Stephanie Hughes** and **Roman Carpenter**. **** Facebook friends having birthdays are **Marv Howland**, March 18, also **Ashlee Vespucci**; On March 19, **Lori Landry-Johnson**; March 20, **Robin Vercher** and March 21, **Krispen Choate**. **** We were glad to hear that our longtime friend **Roger Reineart**, who is in St. Elizabeth, has been upgraded from critical to serious. Wife **Wanda Beth** has been by his side through this difficult time. Our prayers are with them. **** **Rosalie Clark** will have surgery in Houston and expects to be hospitalized six to eight weeks. She's one of our favorite people. **** It was no surprise that coach **Steve Roccaforte** was let go as head basketball coach at Lamar. It's a shame it didn't work out for him, he's a good coach. Sometimes no matter what you do it just doesn't come up to the level that is required. **** The Bridge City/Orangefield area will get two new restaurants. **Romano's**, now on 16th St. in Orange, will open on Roundbunch at Hwy. 408. Also, the **Rusty Rooster**, that has been on Hwy. 12, at Mauriceville, will open in Orangefield, on Hwy. 408 in the old Quality Meat building, near the Post Office.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN 10 Years Ago-2011

Charlie J. Dial, 81, of Bridge City, died Thursday, March 10. Cremation was under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home. **Charlie** is survived by his daughters, **Sandra Taylor** and **Alice Castille**; sons: **Charlie L. Dial** and **Paul Dial**; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild. **** **Mark Cady**, 53, of Bridge City passed away March 9. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, March 12. He is survived by his parents, **Ruvian** and **Jerrie Cady**; brother, **James Cady** and **Stephen Cady**; sister, **Deborah Caldwell** and nephew, **Devin Caldwell**. **** **Jake Wallace Jr.**, 59 of Bridge City passed away March 10. A memorial service was held on Monday, March 14. **Jake** served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was a part of the 82nd Airborne. He was a member of Steel Workers Union for 34 years. He is survived by his wife, **Tina Buford Wallace**; children, **Mandy Fregia-Smart**, **Ricky Garza** and **Lacey Agerton** and grandchildren, **Trenton Garza** and **Laila Agerton**.

22 Years Ago-1999

Louisiana music legends, promoted by **Tim Courville**, perform at VFW. Several Swamp Pop artists appeared. Abbeville native **Warren Storm**, a session musician who had started his career as a drummer in his father's band. He promoted a new release, "Take Me One More Time." Also appearing was **Lil Alfred**, a former member of **Cookie and the Cupcakes**, from Lake Charles, **Charles Mann**, a native of Welsh, whose signature song was "Red, Red Wine." **Warren** is a high school classmate of **Roy**, just like the late **Bobby Charles** and **Ned Theall** were. **** Celebrating birthdays are **Curtis Lee**, **Euel Norwood**, **Micah Ivy**, **Eric Matthews**, **Pam Latiolais** and **Jack Luther**. **** **Eddie Blarkley**, publisher of the Port Arthur News, was let go after 17 years, with the purchase of the News and Leader by Community newspapers. **** **Margie and Harry Stephens** are in Lake Tahoe. It is the first time they have been able to get away in a long time. **** **Shane Dronett's** wife, **Christy**, is pregnant with their third child. **** Former J.P. **Marlin Shelton** was hired as right-of-way agent by Orange County Drainage District. **** **Chrissy Knox** became the bride of **Tracy Sorge** on Saturday, March 13 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The bride is a 1994 grad of Orangefield and has an associate degree as a legal assistant from Lamar. The groom is a 1990 Bridge City and Lamar Police Academy grad. He has a degree in Criminal Justice and is an Orange County Department Sheriff.

42 Years Ago-1979

Don Campbell, **Junior Clark** and **Jimmy Conn** are all in the hospital. Things were much quieter in town **Campbell** was in an auto accident, **Clark** was hospitalized with a bad flare up of ulcers and **Conn** was in the hospital for burns suffered in a home fire that killed his wife **Inez**. Ironically, all three of the very vocal guys are from East Texas. (Editor's note: All of them are now deceased. **Clark** was **Judge Pat Clark's** dad.) **** **Dr. David Olson**, the husband of **Barbara**, was named Bridge City Rotarian of the Month. He has been a dentist in Bridge City since 1973. **Dr. David** still practices in Bridge City. **** **Tommy White**, a good man, who pioneered many worthy causes, has died. **** Bridge City coaches played the Houston Oilers in a basketball game to benefit the Fellowship of Christian Athletes trip. Bridge City coaches playing were **Al Barber**, **Randy Arnaud**, **Charles Miller**, **Terry Steubing**, **Tom Wooley**, **Barry Thibodeaux**, **Bruce Taylor**, **Sid Bratton** and **Randy Godsey**. (Editor's note: I remember those guys. Don't know what became of most of them. **Arnaud** died.) **** **Amos Roy** has live crawfish for sale at his farms in Mauriceville. Just 75 cents a pound. **** **Dee Dee James**, Bridge City grad and **Tyler Jr.** College star was nominated for "College All American Basketball Team."

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Has it really been 50 years? The OVN's first issue was published March 17, 1971. With the **Luck of the Irish** it went on to be the first successful weekly newspaper in Orange. **Buddy Moore** and **Ed Lovelace** had both started weeklies that failed in a short time. Glancing at the first "Ear to the Ground" column, here are some of the names I came across. **Corky** and **Betty Harmon**, **Joe Williamson**, **KOGT** boss **ed Lovelace**, **Jim** and **Nell Hicks** and 11 others were seen dining at **Leo** and **Willies** in Port Arthur, Attorney **Bill Sexton**, his wife and friend **Charlie Reynolds** were in the crowd. **** **Mrs. J.D. Watson** was elected president of **Stark High PTA**. Other officers named were

Mrs. M.T. Koonce, **Mrs. George Broom**, **Mrs. Vera Reimer**, **Mrs. M.D. Richardson**, **Mrs. Lonnie Harper**, **Mrs. James Walters** and **Mrs. Jack Tully**. I'm not sure if any are still living. **** **Margaret Mendoza** is in Orange Memorial. **** **Kay Lynn Koonce** becomes **Mrs. Morris Collier, Jr.** **** **Inez** and **Joe Runnels** will be grandparents again by way of son **Pete** and wife **Carrol**. **** Seen sporting around in a brand new car was **Phyllis Tolar**, a gift from husband **Rod**. Some folks will surly remember them. **** **Frank Manchac**, **Coastal Insurance** agent, has been attending a meeting in Houston and Austin over the weekend. **** **Buddy Rhodes** is spending more time at his **Bengal Café** since turning over his two taverns to son **Luther**. **** **Deacon Ed Bacon's** service station was broken into. **Ed** is convinced it wasn't hippies because they didn't take the peace sign **Don Campbell** gave him. **** **Lee Brown**, owner of **Brown's Hearing Aid** and his lovely wife **Dorothy** are planning to tour France and Spain next month. **Phyllis Dunn** has agreed to babysit their baby until they return. **** **Fred Saperstein** forgot to show up for he and **June's** anniversary party Sunday. He's sleeping in a different bedroom this week. **** **Melissa Hattton** was chosen **Lion's Club** princess and will compete for district queen in Houston, May 1 and 2. **** Seen out Friday night kicking up their heels were **Jimmy** and **Gloria Molly**, **Larry** and **Janie Bergeron**, **Don** and **Betty Guillory**, **Andy** and **Ann Guidry**, **Calvin** and **Bobbie Stakes**. **** **R.B. Slocum** was spotted riding a large motorcycle, wearing a hippie jacket, boots and helmet. No one would guess he's a banker. **** **Janette Perkins** was named cashier at Orange Bank. **** Of all the above mentioned people very few are still with us but they have left many offspring. Just a glimpse at 50-years-ago on St. Patrick's Day. Where has the time gone? **** A few people we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **Kellie Miller** celebrates March 18. **** **Carol Bearden** and **Roman Carpenter** celebrate March 19. **** **Ashley Ashworth** and **Kamela Latiolais** celebrate March 20. **** **Alayna Jacobs** and **Johnny Dillon** celebrate March 21. **** **Lovely Lisa Guyote**, one of our loyal helpers who gets this paper to you FREE every week, has a birthday March 22. She deserves a good one. **** Longtime friend **Euel Norwood** celebrates along with **Natalie Sarvar**, **Renee Dillion** and **Helen Clark**. All have birthdays on March 23. By the way that is **National Puppy Week**. Happy Birthday to all. **** Congratulations to **Jimmy LeBouef**, longtime lawman, hired as new police chief of Pinehurst. It is a great town and we wish **Chief LeBouef** the best. **** My hearing aids shut down last Friday of all times. It looked like I would be without ears for the weekend. They wouldn't keep a charge. I called **Nancy Gillis** who kindly told me it was late but if I could get there by 4:40 she'd see what she could to. Fifteen minutes later I was on my way home listening to the radio. That's the good thing about dealing with **Brown Hearing Center**, you can't beat the service. It turned out that my charger was the cause of my problem, not my aids. If you have a hearing problem I strongly recommend them. They are local and caring.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

March 17: Actors, **Rob Lowe**, 57; **Kurt Russell**, 70; **Gary Sinise**, 66. **** March 18: Singer **Adam Levine**, 42; Actors **Queen Latifah**, 51; **Vanessa Williams**, 58. **** March 19: Country Singer **Carrie Underwood**, 38; Actors **Sharon Stone**, 63; **Jon Hamm**, 50. **** March 20: former president's son, **Barron Trump**, 15; Director **Spike Lee**, 64; Actor **David Thewlis**, 58. **** March 21: Actors **Broc Eastwood**, 35; **Rosie O'Donnell**, 59; **Matthew Broderick**, 59; **Gary Oldman**, 63. **** March 22: Football player **JJ Watt**, 32; Actors **Reese Witherspoon**, 45; **William Shatner**, 90. **** March 23: Blogger **Perez Hilton**, 43; Country Singer **Brett Eldridge**, 35; Actress **Keri Russell**, 45; R&B Singer **Chaka Khan**, 67.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Alex Dugas, who da peoples call "KuKu" around da little town of St. Martinville, he's a half bubble off and considered da village idiot. Even though **Dugas** is a few brick short of a load, sometime he can be fairly sharp him. One day **Clovis Comeaux** and **Roy Trahan** were strolling up to da city hall wen dey spot **Dugas** fishing out of da water fountain in front. **Clovis** him, he wink at **Roy** and say, "Watch dis." He walk up to **Dugas** and he say, "KuKu" you catching any fish hanh?" **KuKu** answer, "Mai yea, I sure am Comeaux, you da turd mullet I catch in da last hour."

C'EST TOUT

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, THOUGHTS AND HISTORY

The Shamrock is more than just a lucky charm symbol when connected with **St. Patrick**. Legend has it that **Patrick** used the shamrock to describe the **Holy Trinity** to the Irish. Just as a shamrock has three leaves that grow together from one stem, he explained that **God** was also three divine people, **the Father**, **the Son** and **the Holy Spirit**. The reason everyone is a wee-bit Irish on St. Patrick's Day is because the Irish play important parts in our American history. The Irish made up nearly one half of the troops in the American Revolution, including 1,492 officers and 26 generals. Eight Irish Americans signed the Declaration of Independence. Here at home, we remember the Alamo but should also remember the Irish. Twelve of the men who gave their lives to the defense of Texas in the Alamo were from Ireland. Seventy Irish born received the Medal of Honor during the Civil War. In World War I, 202 Irish born soldiers received the Medal of Honor. Seven Union generals were Irish born, 151,000 Irish Americans fought for the North in the Civil War, 80,000 Irish fought for the South. Six Confederate generals were born in Ireland. The first two casualties of the Civil War were Irish. Let's not forget **Dick Dowling**, the Irish hero at Sabine Pass. With just 47 Irish immigrants, six cannons and a surgeon, **Lt. Dowling** faced 5,000 Union troops who approached the pass on three ships. **Richard William Dowling**, an immigrant who fled to America during the great potato famine, opened a saloon in Houston and was also a semi-pro boxer. He was told to gather his own troops. He chose the Irish because they would fight. Union forces knew if they could capture Sabine Pass, they could cut off Texas from the rest of the South. So it is that our two nations have been united by history. Despite division by distance, no people ever believed more deeply in the cause of Irish freedom than the people of the United States. On St. Pat's Day we're all proud to celebrate the Irish. As for me, I'm a little bit Leprechaun. You've got to keep your eyes on me. **** Well, I've got to move on. Like the Leprechaun, the shoemaker who treasures his shoe making, I treasure the written word. **** Thanks for tuning in. The luck of the Irish to you. God bless.

Deaths & Memorials

Connie Feverjean Smith, 62, Bridge City

Gracious, loving, compassionate, kind, and thoughtful are just a few of the words that describe

Connie Feverjean Smith, but the titles she loved most were wife to Smitty, mom to Lauren, and Mimi to her precious boys.

Connie was an incredible teacher, a precious friend, a wise mentor, a talented baker, a savvy shopper, a lover of travel and tour directing, an avid reader, a faithful prayer warrior, and most of all a servant of her great God. Everyone that knew her loved her and felt her love.

Connie was born on November 19, 1958, in Kaplan, LA, to Lovelace and Vivian Feverjean. She graduated from Bridge City High School in 1977 and went on to receive her Bachelor of Science degree as well as her Masters degree from Lamar University in Beaumont. Upon graduation, she taught in Bridge City ISD at both Hatton and Sims Elementary for twenty-eight years.

There, her life's work involved touching thousands of students' lives with her knowledge and wisdom, but most importantly with her love.

Connie loved each student and co-worker and friend and family member with the love of Jesus as she so effortlessly made each person feel like they were the most important person in the world to her.

Her world revolved, however, around her faith and her family. Connie married the



Connie Smith

love of her life, Kenneth Allen Smith in 1977, and they were married for forty-three wonderful years.

Kenneth lovingly recalls that she checked all the boxes of the wedding vows. Besides being a loving wife, Connie was most proud of her precious daughter, Lauren, her beloved son-in-law,

Kent, and her favorite grandchildren, Colton and Keller. Connie most loved being a Mimi and being with her precious boys. Whether it was playing games with them, reading with them, cheering them on in their activities, or taking them on adventures, she was all in.

Connie faithfully served her church, Liberty Baptist Church, and was the hands and feet of Jesus to people near and far as she sought to love others well and live with purpose. She wanted everyone she knew to love Jesus and to feel loved. Connie had the gift of hospitality, and she loved to gather with friends and family. After entering heaven's gates on March 15, 2021, at the age of 62, we know that Connie is rejoicing at the banquet table of her Savior today.

Connie is preceded in death by her mother and father, Lovelace and Vivian Feverjean; her brother, Randy Fe-

verjean; her sister-in-law, Diana Smith Guidry; her mother-in-law, Rachel

Smith; her father-in-law, Heubert Smith; and her brother-in-law, Grady Smith.

Connie is survived by her loving husband, Kenneth Smith, of Bridge City; her daughter, Lauren Smith Dosch and son-in-law, Kent Dosch of Bowie; and her precious grandchildren, Colton Dosch (12), and Keller Dosch (12), of Bowie, Texas. Connie is also survived by her brother,

Manson Feverjean, and wife Nelda; sister, Melinda Feverjean Holley; and brother-in-law, John Smith, and wife Denise; along with several beloved nieces, nephews, and great-nieces, and great-nephews that love her dearly.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Liberty Baptist Church. Officiating will be Jeremy Bradshaw and Terry Wright. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at Liberty Baptist Church.

Serving as pallbearers will be Kent Dosch, Colton Dosch, Keller Dosch, John Smith, Spencer Smith and Jordan Guidry.

Serving as honorary pallbearer will be Charlie Guidry. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Bridge City-Orangefield Ministerial Alliance or the Bridge City Public Library.

David Lee Trumble, 82, West Orange

David Lee Trumble, 82, of West Orange, passed away on March 9, 2021, in Port Arthur.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 15, 2021, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating was Pastor David Millner. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange. Visitation was held Sunday, March 14, 2021, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in Naples, Texas, on September 30, 1938, he was the son of Isham Lee Trumble and Erma Dee (Mauldin) Trumble. David served his Lord faithfully at Calvary Baptist Church for a number of years. He graduated from Little Cypress Mauriceville High School in 1957. While in high school he began driving the school bus in the eleventh and twelfth grade. After high school he began working at Siegler's gas station where he was a full-service attendant. He began his career at Dal Sasso Home Building and went on to manage the lumber yard at Coastal Lumber. After his time with the lumber yard, he began working at Levings-ton Shipyard; later, going on to work for the U.S. Postal Service delivering mail for over 31 years. David was known to frequently stop on his mail route and help out those in need. During his time with the Postal Service, he began working for Claybar Funeral Home, where he remained for over 46 years. Throughout the years of being a Claybar staff member, David grew into a loving member of the community. He formed many friendships that would go on to last a lifetime. David never met a stranger and was always willing to lend a hand in whatever way he could. He loved his faith, as it carried him through any trial and tribulation life brought him. David taught the Men's Sunday School class, a Sanctuary class and was a Sunday School Superintendent for a number of years. He was a volunteer firefighter in West Or-



David Trumble

ange and took great pride in his service to the community. David could fix anything and came to his family's rescue with his handy-

work on numerous occasions. He was a jokester through and through and was often found playing practical jokes and laughing at the stunts he'd pull. David was an avid domino player. He was a talented cook and enjoyed tending to his garden. David adored his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and made them the center of his whole world. David left a lasting impact on everyone he met through his life's journey and will be deeply missed for years to come.

He was preceded in death by parents, Isham Lee and Erma Dee Trumble; grandparents, Isham Stroud Trumble and Maggie Myers Trumble, and Forrest H. Mauldin and Nancy Price Mauldin; grandson, Derrick Kaufman; nephews, Bryce Allen Trumble, Jr. and Mark Farman; and recently, his two domino buddies, Rayburn Matthews and Robert Armstrong.

He is survived by his loving wife, Wanda M. Sharp Trumble; children, Tammie Lee Trumble Vallery and Milton of West Orange, Chet Allen Trumble and wife Terry of Lexington, Kentucky, Forrest E. Trumble and wife Susan of Tampa, Florida, Peggy LaNell Trumble Hudelson and hus-

band Todd of Oakdale, California, and Patrick Douglas Trumble and wife Amy of Orange; grandchildren, John Vallery and wife Kari, Wendee Vallery Smith and husband Stephen, Britney Eppler, Matthew Trumble and wife Sarah, Lacy Trumble Sonnier and husband Josh, Christian Trumble and girlfriend Alexis, Brett Trumble, Kylie Hudelson, Delany Hudelson, Cheyenne Durio, Ian David Lee Trumble, Ty Hudelson, Jacquelyn Meder, Sgt. Gage Rader, and Second Class Hunter Rader; great-grandchildren, Taylor Vallery, Dalton Vallery and girlfriend Heaven, Trey Tripp, Serenitee Smith, Gunter Sonnier, Phalen Sonnier and Sutton Meder; siblings, Bryce Allen Trumble and Janice of Linden, Texas, Melba LaVon Trumble Torongeau and husband Bob of Anderson, Indiana, Rosie Nell Trumble Miller of Anderson, Indiana; along with numerous nieces and nephews; and the rest of his beloved Claybar family.

Serving as pallbearers will be John Vallery, Matthew Trumble, P. Christian Trumble, Dalton Vallery, Ty Douglas Hudelson, and Ian David Lee Trumble. Honorary pallbearers are Trey Tripp, Bret Trumble, Milton Vallery, Troy Leshar, Randy Drounette, Mike Sughart, Tom Hanten, Billy Frederick, Michael Miller, Tony Dupre, and Wynne Sharp.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Calvary Baptist Church at 2402 Western Ave. Orange, Texas 77630.

Milton Jerdon Hubbard, 88, Bridge City

Milton Jerdon Hubbard, or "Big Daddy" as he was known by his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends, passed away at the age of 88 on March 11, 2021. Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 18, 2021, at First Baptist Church in Bridge City. Officiating will be Reverend Bob Boone. Burial will follow at Autumn Oaks Memorial Park in Orange, with military honors provided by the United States Air Force and the Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m., Wednesday at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Born in Orange, Texas, on March 16, 1932, Milton was the son of Roberta Eldora (Brown) and William Thomas Hubbard. After graduating high school, Milton joined the United States Air Force and served for four years during the Korean War. He was a top secret armament specialist, and spent most of his service at Royal Air Force (RAF) Wethersfield, England. He was discharged in 1955 with the rank of Airman 1st Class. He retired from DuPont Sabine River Works, where he worked as an operator for many years. Milton was a



Milton Hubbard

longtime member at First Baptist Church in Bridge City, serving as deacon and in the church choir. In his later years, he

volunteered at the Bridge City-Orangefield Ministerial Alliance. He was a world traveler who loved to travel with his family. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, searching for arrowheads, and was a talented woodworker, carving monkeys from peach pits and making crosses from cholla wood. He had a love of airplanes, especially those of the military, having attended several air shows showcasing the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, U.S. Navy Blue Angels, and RAF Red Arrows, and visited numerous air museums over the years. His most treasured moments, however, came from spending precious time with family. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, W.T. Hubbard and Ray Hubbard; three sisters, Doris Wilkerson, Shirley Bisson, and Elaine Stone; and his

grandchildren, Christian Meroney and Monikah Meroney. Milton is survived by his daughters, Nanette Trevino and husband Steve, Rebekah Meroney Croaker and husband Jimmy, Robin Liscano and husband Ricky; grandchildren, Steven Trevino, Candice Trevino and fiancé Drake Gordon, Nichole Brown and husband Skylar, Anthony Martin, Rochelle Liscano, Stephanie Gonzales and husband Matt, and Jarrod Croaker and wife Lacey; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous other family and friends. Serving as Pallbearers will be Steve Trevino, Steven Trevino, Anthony Martin, Butch Skinner, Skylar Brown, Eric Blackman, and Mike Dixon. The family would like to thank Cassie Harrison, Kristi Hartsfield, Matt Daigle, and Katy Craigen of Best Hospice Care of Texas for their compassion, love, and support. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Bridge City-Orangefield Ministerial Alliance or Parkinson's Foundation.

Dementia Care Givers' Support Group Meetings

The Dementia Care Givers' Support Group meets at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Canticle Building, 4300 Meeks Drive in Orange on the following days and times: Second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m., and Second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m..

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LEGENDARY

The Strutters Spring Revue is an exhibition of the Fine Arts programs at Bridge City High School. It will be held at the Julie Rogers Theatre in Beaumont. Tickets may be purchased beginning March 19, from ticketmaster.com for \$10.00 plus a service fee, or at the Julie Rogers Theatre Box Office for \$10. All online tickets are for reserved seats. Performances include Jazz Band, Cardinal Singers, Theatre Arts, Cheer, and Strutters as well as many guest performances from students and faculty. Our emcees are Noah Story and Zeke Champagne. Get your tickets now for this is "the best variety show in SETX."



Matt Huckaby's grant included a 12 inch, double-bevel sliding compound miter saw and 16" x 46" wood lathe for his building trades classes. Board members (from left) Tiffany Richards, Huckaby, Julie Barton and Chelsea Fountain presented his check.



Chere' Woods' science students have already used their "escape with science" grant to use higher level thinking skills to problem solve.

LCM Education Foundation Gives Over \$36,000 In Grants

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Education Foundation, Inc. was not able to hold its annual Prize Patrol, however, Board members did divide into smaller groups and each group delivered presentation checks to the teachers, most of whom have already received the grants for which they applied. The grants that were given this year are the ones that staff turned in prior to school going totally virtual last year. There were nineteen grants funded, totaling \$36,484.77. This year's grants bring the total number to 209 given since 2004 and the value of the grants since that time is \$299,394.96.

This year's Fun Run is scheduled, as always, the first Saturday in May. Sign up will be opening in the next few days and we look forward to seeing many of our friends on May 1, for this event that draws all ages." Check the LCM Education Foundation Facebook page for details on registering online or downloading the sign up page.

**ORANGE COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 21, 2021**

Previously called "Passion Sunday", next Sunday marks the beginning of Passiontide, a deeper time of Lent. This is the third Sunday of the scrutinies for the preparation of adult converts, and the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week. The Liturgy of the Word of this day speaks of recreation, resurrection, and new life.

The first reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34. In today's extract, the prophet is foretelling the setting up of a New Covenant, to replace the Old Covenant made between God and his Chosen People on Mt. Sinai, a covenant which the Chosen People had not kept. The New Covenant would not be written on tablets of stone but on each individual's heart. It would be a covenant of love rather than one of obligation.

The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews 5:7-9. The purpose of this letter is to confirm the converts

in the Christian faith which they have accepted.

The Gospel is from St. John 12:20-33. On the first Palm Sunday, as Christ entered Jerusalem not as a conquering king on a charger but "riding on an ass" to show that he was the humble servant of all men, he clearly foresaw the sufferings and torments that would be his in that city, before the week was out. Among those who waved palm branches to honor him and who sang aloud: "Hosanna to the son of David, Hosanna in the highest," there were perhaps some who, urged on by the leaders, would be shouting the following Friday, "away with him, crucify him," and "we have no king but Caesar." Such was the fickleness of human nature then. Unfortunately it has not changed much, if at all, in the two thousand years that have since elapsed. We are still fickle when it comes to choosing between Christ and the things of this world. Yet he knew all of this, and was still willing to car-

ry the cross for us who are such unworthy mortals!

This very thought should put us all to shame, for what repayment does the very best of us make for the incredible love he has shown for us? We grumble and complain when some small cross is laid on our shoulders; we are full of laments if life is not running smoothly for us; we cannot understand why God should let certain things happen to us, his friends! But see for a moment what the lot of his beloved Son was on earth. Born and reared in extreme poverty; insulted and offended by those he wanted to teach; quickly forgotten by those he benefited by his miracles; hounded by his enemies and betrayed by one who had been his disciple for over two years and who had sat at table with him that same night; deserted in his moment of trial by those very ones who had sworn undying allegiance to him. Then followed the torments wished on him by his enemies—those he had come to

save; the mock trial and illegal condemnation; the scourging at the pillar; the crowning with thorns; the carrying of the cross and finally the three hours of intense torture and agony while his body hung on the cross!

"He who loves his life loses it," this is a truth stated by Christ at the solemn moment when he was speaking of the purpose of his own painful death. He died so that we might live, not for sixty or even a hundred years on earth, but forever in heaven. We can, we know, lose the eternal life Christ won for us if we are too attached to our transitory, earthly life. If we love our own comforts, pleasures, temporal gains, our own worldly will, more than we love our unending, happy future, then we are loving our earthly lives wrongly, and we are gravely risking the loss of the future, true life.

If, on the other hand, we do our best to be faithful servants of Christ, we shall always judge all our actions with eternity in

view. We can use the things of this life which God gives us, and still be close followers of Christ. The lawful possession of the goods of this world, the enjoyment of the licit pleasures of life, are allowed to the fervent Christian. If these possessions and pleasures are accepted with Christian gratitude, they will become stepping-stones that will help us across the river of life to our everlasting home beyond.

Each one of us should look fervently and devoutly on the crucifix today, and try to com-

pare our willingness to suffer those crosses sent to us by God, with the crushing cross and passion our Savior Jesus Christ gladly accepted for us and not for his own sake. Do not let the conclusion you draw stun you into inactivity, but rather let it shock you into a new outlook on life; a new resolve to serve, follow and imitate our loving Christ more closely in future. So may it be for all of us.

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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Minor Leagues to test new MLB rules

KAZ'S KORNER - JOE KAZMAR
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

Major League Baseball has been trying to speed up the game for the past few decades, but unfortunately with very little success.

Last year's shortened 60-game season saw a couple of new ideas put into practice, but received mixed evaluations from various baseball people who have been around the game for decades.

Personally, I really liked the idea of having designated hitters used in both the American League (where it has been a fixture for nearly 50 years) and the National League, where it barely was even a thought since the days of the game's inventor, Abner Doubleday.

What the designated hitter does mostly is eliminate the "automatic out" when the pitcher comes to the plate. It also takes more time for the pitcher to dawdle en route to home plate and saunter back to the dugout after striking out.

And when the leadoff batter follows, he generally takes a strike after putting resin on his bat handle just to give the pitcher more time to catch his breath. The DH also makes the pitcher work much harder than when he's facing his opposing moundman. The DH in the National League was scratched for the upcoming 2021 season, which begins in about three weeks.

Two ideas that will be around this year is starting an extra-inning game with a base runner on second. This has proved to shorten these tied games that oftentimes have turned into marathons going into the wee hours of the next day. The longest game last season was 13 innings, with most games decided by the 10th inning.

The other new rule being held over this season is that a relief pitcher must face at least three batters after taking over the pitching chores.

At last week's MLB rules committee meeting, a couple of new ideas were agreed to be tried for 2021, but only in the minor leagues.

Old time dyed-in-wool baseball people just don't like seeing the second baseman playing in short right field when a left-handed pull hitter comes to the plate, with the shortstop moving over where the second baseman normally plays and the third baseman playing just to the left-side of the second-base bag.

Major League Baseball will limit defensive positioning of all Class AA affiliates this season, according to an article ap-

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Sometimes you just have to laugh

OUTDOORS
Chuck Uzzle
For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

From my perch on the poling platform I often have plenty of time to think while I push my little boat around the marsh. The standard stuff that goes through every fisherman's mind usually dominates my thoughts. "Where are the fish?" "Should I change locations?" "Is this the right bait?" Nothing out of the ordinary, just everyday fishing thoughts that happen to come to mind. Plenty of those moments routinely get interrupted by my fishing partner for that day and I snap back to reality. During one of my recent "brainstorming" moments I watched a client just absolutely beat himself up for not remembering to bring a particular piece of gear. The whole episode spawned a conversation between the two of us about our own misfortunes or "Murphy's Law moments" while fishing. Much to the delight of my client for the day I had plenty of those moments from which to choose from.

I don't care who you are or how experienced you are, if you have ever owned a boat you have forgotten your keys or lost them on the way to the launch at least one time in your career. Many folks don't consider how easy it is to have your keys blow out while trailering to your launch if you leave them in the ignition. I learned that lesson the hard way. Nothing makes you feel more foolish than committing a blunder like that in front of 3 clients, trust me. Luckily I was only 5 minutes from my house and was able to retrieve my spare so essentially it was no harm no foul. I have however seen the really bad version of this event unfold on an extended road trip 100 miles from home. The feeling of excitement



Very few things can interrupt a good trip like forgetting equipment or having a mishap.

one gets from the opportunity to fish a new body of water is quickly erased once everyone realizes there is no way to start the boat and no place to get a new key. Buzz kill does not begin to describe that ride home.

Speaking of forgetting things I have had clients forget all sorts of gear. I've had them show up with no rods. I've had them show up with no reels. More

than a couple of occasions they have also shown up without various pieces of wading gear up to and including waders, jackets, and most often boots. Typically I can accommodate folks because I keep several spare sets but on occasion it just doesn't work out when you try to put someone who is 6 foot 3 in waders made for those of us who are

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Fishing: Spring Spawn Still Going Strong

FISHING Capt. Dickie Colburn For The Record

The LCM bass club has dominated the southeast Texas high school circuits this year and they were at it again last weekend. As if to say, "We just like Rayburn a little more," the club took four of the top ten spots fishing Toledo Bend.

They have consistently posted impressive numbers on Rayburn and fish the majority of their tournaments on the older of the two impoundments. Last weekend they took their winning ways to T-Bend and Layne Pevey teamed up with Logan Freeman to best the eighteen team field with a 20.63-pound stringer. Their winning catch was anchored with a solid 7.33-pound largemouth.

Ethan Tant and Jermaine Woodson captured third place honors with their 18.33-pound catch barely nipping fourth place winners, Brendon Brones and Dakota Posey, by a razor thin .20-ounces. Garrison Byerly and Will Henson brought a 12.70-catch to the scales to nail down the ninth spot.

If you are a professional bass fishing junkie you need to start making different arrangements today. The Sabine River event originally slated for April 8-11 and moved to August due to the pandemic is back on for the original date. That doesn't give you long to change plans or re-schedule vacation days.

Governor Abbott's recent decision to rescind mandates in Texas was a game changer



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for both Orange County and Bassmaster Elite folks. The past three Elite events held out of the Orange Public Boat ramp drew nearly 100,000 fans and neither entity wanted to see those numbers diminish due to safety restrictions in place at the time.

Bass C.E.O., Bruce Akins, as well as County organizers are still encouraging spectators to practice social distancing and hand washing to reduce the risk of germ spreading. The past three tournaments have been as good as advertised and this one should be even more competitive with the earlier times slot.

Two more reports of double digit bass this week, both on Toledo Bend and both on the south end of the lake, indicate the spawn may still have a little life remaining. The shot at a double digit fish is the calling card for fishing the spawn and that opportunity is much narrower as those big sows get it done early.

"One of the two big fish, an 11.33-pound bass was caught at night free-floating a lizard in Buck Creek. The other, a 10.01-pound fish ate a Carolina rigged watermelon brush hog in Toro Bay. Night fishing can be a very good option during the spawn as there is less traffic and the larger fish are not as quick to move off their beds due to fishing pressure.

I cannot tell you how many times we saw big fish on their



LCM Bass Team winners were: 1st Place Layne Pevey and Logan Freeman won Big Bass 7.44; 3rd Place Ethan Tant and Jermaine Woodson; 4th Place Dakota Posey and Brendon Brones; 9th Place Garrison Byerly and Will Henson.

beds when I was guiding the Bend full time and could never draw the first strike. Under the cover of darkness it was not unusual to get your offering slammed on the first cast by that same fish!

Ironically enough, I found no better lure for locating these coveted bass at night than a black single spin spinnerbait, but the lure that invariably sealed the deal was a free-floated lizard or ten-inch worm. Thanks to a rigging tip shared by Bob Zavada, both our number of strikes and successful hook sets increased dramatically.

In spite of a howling wind

that seems to be a daily nuisance, the trout catching in Sabine Lake continues to be a little better than average. Just about the time I thought we had really figured something out, I sat and watched two bank fishermen walking the rocks on the north end of the revetment wall limit in less than thirty minutes!

Considering the fact that they had to climb back up the rocks to deposit each fish

in their trucks, that is a lot of fish catching in a hurry. One of the anglers was fishing a Vudu shrimp under a popping cork and the other was getting it done with a small Swim Bait. Every fish they caught appeared to be a 16 to 20-inch trout.

Even more interesting than the fact that they were just hammering the fish, was the fact that the wind in their face was soaking them with

spray off the white caps. I did not share their tenacity and settled for three flounder caught on the drier side of the wall.

Thanks to the wind there has been less traffic on the lake all week and that equates to less reports as well. The bite is still good when you can get out and best of all, we are still not seeing any dead fish.

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pearing in Friday's Houston Chronicle, part of an array of experimental rule changes headed to all levels of minor league baseball.

In Class AA, teams must have minimum of four players on the infield, and all must have both feet at least "on the front of the outer boundary of the infield dirt." This would not only eliminate defensive shifts, but also would eliminate a four-man outfield.

The league will monitor the results of this rule during the first half of the minor league season. Depending on its research, the second half of the season may feature a mandate that at least two infielders are positioned entirely on each side of second base, the article added.

"These restrictions on defensive positioning are intended to increase the batting average on balls in play," the league said in a statement.

All of the experimental rules introduced at last week's meeting are targeted at either increasing action, speeding up the pace of play or raising the batting average on balls in play.

Pitchers at all Class A affiliates will be limited to two pickoff moves per plate appearance while a runner is on base. In my opinion, being a pitcher during most of my early adult life, I would say this rule needs to be put in the trash bin.

A pitcher doesn't need to throw over to first base UNLESS the runner on first has a reputation of being a good base-stealer. All that base-runner would have to do is draw two throws and then increase his lead to 15 feet and walk to second with a stolen base.

And, last but not least,

MLB wants to increase the size of bases at Class AAA from 15 inches to 18 inches in an effort to avoid collisions. I certainly don't know how this change will make the game any safer!!!

KWICKIES...

Congrats are in order for Beaumont United for winning the Class 5A State Basketball tournament last week by nipping Dallas Kimball 71-70 in overtime and finishing the 2020-21 high school basketball season undefeated with a 31-0 record. The last BISD team to win a state championship undefeated was the Beaumont Ozen team in 2001 with a 36-0 record, led by future NBA star Kendrick Perkins.

After upsetting third-seeded Sam Houston State 70-69 in the quarterfinals of last weekend's Southland Conference Men's Tournament, the Lamar Cards were eliminated by eventual SLC champion Abilene Christian, who will meet the third-seeded Texas Longhorns Saturday in a game tipping off at 8:50 p.m. on truTV. It was the second straight SLC championship for No. 14-seeded Abilene Christian.

The Lamar Cardinal football team traveled to Lake Charles Saturday afternoon for a huge Southland Conference rivalry match against McNeese State. The Redbirds, seeking their first football victory in more than a year, sent the game into overtime in the fourth period and blocked an extra point in the overtime to present Head Coach Blane Morgan with his first collegiate victory, 27-26.

Justin Thomas rallied Sunday on the final day of The Players Championship to de-

feat popular Lee Westwood by a single stroke. It marked the second time in two weeks that Westwood began the final round as the leader and failed to come up with the victory. However, Westwood's two runners-up reward was probably a record--\$1,013,700 at the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill and Sunday's \$1,635,000—for not winning a tournament. Thomas, who shot 68 on Sunday's final round compared to Westwood's 72, pocketed a check for \$2,700,000.

Perhaps the worst-kept secret in the NFL was the announced retirement of New Orleans Hall-of-Fame-to-be quarterback Drew Brees last weekend. Brees, the NFL's leader in career completions and yards passing, decided to retire after 20 NFL seasons, 15 at New Orleans. He is the all-time leader in passing with 80,358 yards which could very well be threatened next season by 44-year-old Tom Brady who has 79,204 career yards passing.

JUST BETWEEN US...

The 2021 NCAA Men's College Basketball Tournament bracket is set for the 68 teams either earning a spot or being named by the selection committee last Sunday night. Action begins tomorrow with four games on tap, with the winner's rounding out the top 64 teams in the nation. First-round games begin Friday and Saturday and will be televised on truTV, CBS, TNT and TBS. Teams from the Lone Star State include No. 1-seeded Baylor, No. 2 University of Houston, No. 3 Texas, No. 6 Texas Tech, No. 13 North Texas, No. 14 Abilene Christian and No. 16 Texas South-

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Texas Spring Wildflowers are Predicted to Shine Bright

**Staff Report
For The Record**

AUSTIN – Spring is upon us and that means the start of Texas' amazing spring wildflower season. Late winter annuals and perennials lead the 2021 flora parade along Texas highways and state lands within our diverse ecoregions and vernal landscapes.

Texas bluebonnets typically peak at the end of March through mid-April. Bluebonnets often start blooming near Interstate 10 between San Antonio and Houston and then farther north toward the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. The native range of Texas bluebonnets is primarily the Hill Country and Blackland Prairie Ecoregions, although Texans have seeded these flowers well beyond.

"Recent Texas flora Facebook posts, and photos from native plant enthusiasts, that I received during the winter storm included blooming bluebonnets covered in ice in central Texas," said Jason Singhurst, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) botanist. "Believe it or not though, most native perennial or biennial plants such as bluebonnets fared just fine under the insulated snow and ice. If we can get some steady rain in the coming weeks and temperatures stay in mid-80's or below through April, it should be a great Texas bluebonnet spring."

During the early spring, Texans everywhere can expect to see a flourish of trout lilies, butter cups, many mustards, Dakota vervain, four-nerve daisy, spring beauty, violets, Texas rain-



Most native perennial or biennial plants such as bluebonnets fared just fine under the insulated snow and ice.

bow cactus, fishhook barrel cactus, Texas mountain lau-

rel flowers, among many others.

Singhurst says that he anticipates that this spring will

allow for a very promising wildflower season in the Big Bend and far west Texas region. Previous years have had extremely dry winters but this season will likely be more colorful due to increased wet weather over this winter. In central Texas, Singhurst anticipates that residents will see many vegetative bluebonnets, Engelmann's daisy, Blackfoot daisy, Drummond's skullcap, Lindheimer's paintbrush, Missouri primrose, prairie fleabane, and many others.

Texans who set out to view wildflowers this spring can log the flora they see on iNaturalist and contribute to biologists knowledge of the state's wildflowers. The platform also allows other plant enthusiasts to assist one another in identification of species throughout the state.

Area High School Track and Field News

**Tom Halliburton
Area Track & Field Correspondent**

Our weather improved and so did several of the area's HS track and field performances at the Woodville, Nederland and Vidor track meets last week.

The area scenes shift to Port Arthur, Anahuac and Jasper on this next-to-last March weekend and it's getting late early, as Yogi Berra once said about another spring sport.

It's getting late before the district meets yet early in the '21 season for coaches to sort out their relay teams into the best possible order.

With spring break in progress, the participation at the meets is quite uncertain. However a star-studded field of athletes is scheduled to converge on the Memorial campus artificial track for the Titan Relays.

Port Arthur coach Darrell Granger listed both BISSD schools, Nederland, Dickinson, Barbers Hill and Humble to join his host Memorial squad on Friday.

Kirk Moore and the blue-ribbon Anahuac coaching staff will host its annual Gid Campbell Relays on Thursday in Kyle White Stadium. East Chambers, Hamshire-Fannett, Orangefield and

Hardin-Jefferson are four area squads originally committed to join Anahuac on that one. The 35th annual Campbell event also will entertain Crosby, Liberty, Baytown Lee, and Evadale.

Little Cypress-Mauriceville included Thursday's Jasper meet on its pre-district schedule. LC-M is paced by the sophomore on the left Annabelle Fisher who continues to lower her best times in both the 1,600 and 3,200 meter events.

Vidor's girls and Orangefield's boys deserve congrats for the team title honors in the Pirate Relays. Barbers Hill's fine teams

swept both team trophies at Nederland. The name which got my attention in that meet was PN-G junior Sanaria Butler who garnered 35 points with three individual gold medals and a leg on a gold-medal winning relay squad.

My gratitude goes out to the stat crew at those meets for their outstanding help. We also wish to thank BC girls coach Jamie DeShazo for helping to fix some inaccurate stuff on last week's list of area leaders. Most of my time, as you know, is having to be directed to my wife who has cataract surgery on March 22 in addition to being a kidney dialysis patient. Otherwise, I would be at the meets as usual.

2021 AREA OUTDOOR HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD LEADERS

- DISCUS — Girls: Emily Williamson, Silsbee (senior), 109-6; Boys: Kollyn Brown, LC-M (senior), 153-9.
- SHOT PUT — Girls: Amaris Larkin, Bridge City (sophomore), 36-10; Boys: Tre'Vantae Caine, PA Memorial (senior), 57-6.75.
- HIGH JUMP — Girls: Raegan Stephenson, Vidor (freshman), 5-5; Boys: Colin Dorsley, Hamshire-Fannett (junior), and Layton Fielder, Hardin-Jefferson (senior) 6-2.
- LONG JUMP — Girls: Sanaria Butler, PN-G (junior), 17-5.25; Boys: Shawn Mouton, Bmt West Brook (senior), 21-2.
- TRIPLE JUMP — Girls: Sanaria Butler, PN-G (junior), 37-0; Boys: Maleek Jones, PA Memorial (senior), 44-1.75.
- POLE VAULT — Girls: Morgan Louvier,

Bridge City (sophomore) and Katherine Page, PN-G (freshman), 9-0; Boys: Harrison Gauthier, Bridge City (junior), 14-6.

• 100 METERS — Girls: Amya Barfield, Hardin-Jefferson (freshman), 12.37; Boys: Tyrence Augusta, PA Memorial (senior), 10.76.

• 200 METERS — Girls: Amya Barfield, Hardin-Jefferson (freshman), 25.66; Boys: Tony Brooks, PA Memorial (senior), 22.46.

• 400 METERS — Girls: Sanaria Butler, PNG (junior), 60.22; Boys: Cyrus Jacobs, PN-G (senior), 50.02.

• 800 METERS — Girls: Amelia Wright, Vidor (senior), 2:31.91; Boys: Cyrus Jacobs, PN-G (senior), 2:01.99.

• 1,600 METERS — Girls: Annabelle Fisher, Little Cypress-Mauriceville (sophomore), 5:41.0; Boys: Caleb Wilson, Bmt West Brook (senior), 4:37.94.

• 3,200 METERS — Girls: Annabelle Fisher, Little Cypress-Mauriceville (sophomore), 12:30.6; Boys: Payton Wrinkle, Orangefield

(senior), 10:27.9.

• 100-METER HURDLES — Girls: Caryss Carpenter, Bridge City (junior), 15.90.

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

• 300-METER HURDLES — Girls: Kaylyn Dosch, Bridge City (junior), 50.27; Boys: Jerren Terrell, West Orange-Stark (senior), 42.72.

• 400-METER RELAY — Girls: PA Memorial (Paris Martin, Antoinia Bohanon, Saniah Bethea, Alexia Lewis) 50.52; Boys: PA Memorial (Jah'Mar Sanders, Tyrence Augusta, Jaylon Guilbeaux, Edward Brown), 41.82.

• 800-METER RELAY — Girls: PA Memorial (Erial Fontenot, Antoinia Bohanon, Alexia Lewis, Jeryne McZeal) 1:49.20; Boys: Bmt West Brook, (Terrell Smith, Clifford Bradley, Travis Fredrick, Leedrick Senegal) 1:30.44.

• 1,600-METER RELAY — Girls: Lydia Garza, Katherine Page, Kyleigh Bushnell, Sanaria Butler) 4:15.17; Boys: PA Memorial (Edward Brown, Jaylon Guilbeaux, Jelani Chevalier, Ayden Chatman) 3:29.20.

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Prosperie issues statement of candidacy for Bridge City Council

The following is a political statement issued by Kenneth Prosperie a candidate for Bridge City City Council, Place 5:

I am not a politician. I am just a Bridge City citizen who wants to work hard for our community. I, Kenneth Prosperie, have filed to run for Place 5 on Bridge City Council. Our City Services such as clean, safe drinking water; good drainage; and good roads are what you deserve, and I have been actively working to get these issues repaired or improved through the City Council for years.

My wonderful wife of 38 years, Peggy, and I have lived in Bridge City for over 22 years at 819 Sunnyside Drive. We have enjoyed raising our three amazing children in Bridge City, all whom graduated from Bridge City High and completed bachelor de-



Kenneth Prosperie

grees at Lamar University. Our children have blessed us with 11 precious grandchildren.

Bridge City, to us, is a family oriented community, and I want to keep it that way.

I was very fortunate to be a product of my parents, a loving mother that took wonderful care of everyone, and my father worked at Gulf Oil for 43 years as a well-respected operator. My Dad also worked out of his garage for most of his life as Prosperie's Auto Air, and was one of the most honest, hard-working and meticulous mechanics I have ever known.

As a young boy, I was able to bring him a cup of coffee and sweep the floor. And

through the years spent in his garage, I learned many of his mechanical and trouble shooting skills. And for my Mom, Peggy and I were privileged to return her love and care during her failing health for the past 12 years in our home. Not only being a product of wonderful parents, but I was also lucky enough to be employed at Gulf Oil/Chevron where I retired after 29 years of working around highly skilled, old-school craftsmen and many exceptional operators who had a wealth of knowledge.

Along with mechanics, I have learned through those years how important it is for preventive maintenance. Bridge City was challenged with the recent ice storm, and we could have failed if it wasn't for one of our dedicated employees. He kept our water well from freezing up by setting up a portable fuel

heater on a part of the well system that started icing up when the temperature dropped to 16 degrees. City Council should always ask our City employees what tools they need to succeed. In this case, insulating and heat tracing for the future would be a good start. Citizens need to know that Bridge City is down to two wells from four, so we cannot afford to lose any more wells.

Also, why are City employees still scooping mud and water out of the water meters to read them when there is already technology installed on them to electronically send the readings to City Hall?

These are some concerns I would like to address because it takes at least two water department employees two days to go out and read meters, where they could be doing other necessary work.

If elected, I will also focus

on a safe community where our City Council and citizens say with one voice "No" to any drug houses coming to our neighborhoods. So many cities are dealing with this terrible problem, ruining good families with drug addiction and exposing our children to the dangers that go with drug activity.

Our City Council needs to meet with our Bridge City Officers and Chief of Police to see what we can do to support them in keeping our Citizens and Community safe.

I will work relentlessly to get your concerns dealt with. I want our City to be efficient and fiscally responsible. I will also keep a close eye out for any profit agenda items that are not in the best interest of our City, those that could affect the safety of our families and citizens. I will be independent, impartial, and responsible to our citi-

zens and always have unconflicted loyalty for the best interest of the citizens of the entire city!

I am not in any special interest group or have any affiliation with any company or other private or public organization, which is required by our City Council Standards.

If elected, I will be a very active Council member who will always show up, and check out all issues that arise. Some of the best ideas and solutions come from our fellow citizens, so I am always asking questions and listening. I can promise you if you allow me with your vote, I don't think I'll make a difference, I will make a difference!

Also, I would like to thank the Penny Record for letting all candidates have this opportunity to reach out to the Citizens of Bridge City.

My 5-Cents . . .

By State Senator Robert Nichols

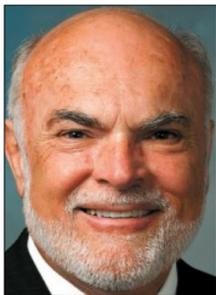
Twenty-seven of my colleagues and I signed a letter to the Public Utility Commission this week urging them to correct the billing errors related to last month's winter storm. According to the Independent Market Monitor, ERCOT allowed emergency pricing to continue for almost a day and a half longer than necessary, resulting in \$3.2 billion in overbilled charges.

Correcting these billing mistakes is a critical step in reforming the system.

Here are five things happening around your state:

1. Senate Bills 5 and 15 referred to Senate Transportation Committee

Last week, Senate Bills 5 and 15 were referred to the Senate Transportation Committee that I chair. I filed these two bills and they've been designated as priority bills by the Lt. Governor. Senate Bill 5 relates to the creation of a state broadband office and expanding broadband access across the state. Broadband access was also



Sen. Robert Nichols

deemed an emergency item by the governor. Senate Bill 15 relates to personal data privacy protection and is referred to as the Texas Consumer Privacy Act Phase I. This bill would ensure that certain state agencies that have access to your personal data cannot sell that data to third parties and would prevent anyone who has access to the data from re-selling it. Getting bills referred is an important step in moving these two critical pieces of legislation through the legislature. Now that they've been referred, the committee set a time next week for a public hearing. If they pass out of committee, then they'll be

heard by the entire Senate.

2. Bill filing deadline eminent

Friday March 12 marks the 60th day of the legislative session, which is the last day members can file new legislation. The only exceptions are for local bills and bills that relate to an emergency item set by the governor. This bill filing deadline marks an important turning point in session. Now, once bills are heard and voted out of committee, the Senate as a whole may begin voting on and passing legislation out of the chamber. As bills start to move, the pace of session accelerates and important decisions about pending legislation will be made. If there is a bill you are particularly passionate about, please reach out to one of my offices to let us know your thoughts.

3. TPWD seeking public comment on statewide hunting regulation proposals

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently re-

leased their new statewide hunting regulation proposals for the 2021-2022 hunting seasons. One of the proposed changes is removing the prohibition on trailing wounded deer with dogs in Angelina, Hardin, Nacogdoches, Orange, Shelby, and Tyler counties. Additionally, it would allow for the trailing of wounded deer with no more than two dogs on a leash in Jasper, Newton, Sabine, and San Augustine counties. The new regulations would also add crossbows to the definition of lawful archery equipment, among other provisions. Currently, TPWD is seeking public comment on these changes. The online comment portal closes March 24.

4. Operation Lone Star

launched by the state to address situation at the southern border

Texas Department of Public Safety and the Governor's office launched Operation Lone Star this month to combat the smuggling of people and drugs across our southern border into Texas. DPS officers will be integrated with Texas National Guard troops that will deploy to key areas that are considered high threats for smuggling activity. Air, ground, marine, and tactical border security assets will all be used in the effort. This move comes on the heels of a surge in immigrants at the border, especially in unaccompanied minors, in the past four months due at least in part to the Biden administration relaxing immigration policies the Trump administration had in place. With an increase in border crossings, both legal and illegal, the governor declared the situa-

tion a crisis.

5. TEA releases guidance for schools after mask mandate lifted, announces extension of hold harmless

The Texas Education Agency released guidance for school districts last week following the governor's executive order ending the mask mandate and other business restrictions in the state. School districts may continue their current health and safety protocols unless their local school board votes to proceed otherwise, which they now have the full authority to do. The state also extended the hold harmless provision for school districts. That means the state will fully fund school districts even if they have seen a drop in student attendance during the pandemic. Instead, they'll be funded on the number of students who attended before the pandemic began.

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"vertically challenged."

As far as waders go I have had my own difficulties and I have no one to blame but myself. For example a few years ago on a duck hunt I picked up a pair of my Gulf Coast breathable waders that I wear for both fishing and hunting, I had stuffed them in my wader bag for a hunt the following day. The morning of the hunt I reached in the wader bag and pulled out my boots first and then grabbed my waders, or so I thought. I unrolled the pair only to realize that they had no stocking feet on them! I had taken this particular set that I replaced and cut the feet out of them to leave in my truck for use as raingear or while training dogs at the pond. There was nothing I could do but take my medicine, wear them, and make the best out of it. Needless to say my hunting partners were extremely amused at my misfortune and all I could do was laugh

with them. Fortunately for me it was not really cold and I managed to make due. From that point on I have made it a habit to double check my gear. Lesson learned.

Another one of those laughable moments that comes to mind happened at a gas station. A good friend of mine, for whatever reason, accidentally put the gas nozzle in a rod holder on his center console and proceeded to fill up his boat. Yep, you guessed it, that was an eye opening moment the minute the bilge pump kicked on and started pumping gas out of the side of the boat onto the ground. Because of the angle the boat had while sitting on the trailer it allowed the bottom of the boat to gather 30 gallons of gas in it before the bilge kicked on and began pumping out.

Having a hull full of gas was bad enough but the big "OH \$(T)" moment was re-

alizing that when the bilge pump kicked on the real possibility of a spark and ignition was present. Fortunately nothing sparked and my friend was able to drain the gas out of his hull with no damage. We still scratch our head and laugh at that one while wondering how we didn't blow ourselves up.

Now there are plenty of other crazy things that have happened to me while on the water or at least on the way to it and I am sure there will be more. Each one has taught me a lesson and provided some sort of entertainment for those involved. It's easy to look back and laugh at all the mishaps because they trigger some great memories.

It's always been said "if you can't laugh at yourself then you may be wound too tight", I have no problem laughing at myself and I hope that some of my episodes will help keep you from your own mishaps.

Tickets go on sale for the BCHS Strutters Spring Revue on sale now

The Strutters Spring Revue is an exhibition of the Fine Arts programs at Bridge City High School. It will be held at the Julie Rogers Theatre in Beaumont, Texas, on April 1st and the show begins promptly at 6:30 with the Strutters opening num-

ber. Tickets may be purchased beginning March 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. from ticketmaster.com for \$10.00 + a service fee or at the Julie Rogers Theatre Box Office for \$10 and no service fee. All online tickets are for reserved seats. Performances

include Jazz Band, Cardinal Singers, Theatre Arts, Cheer, and Strutters as well as many guest performances from students and faculty. Our emcees are Noah Story and Zeke Champagne. Get your tickets now for this is "the best variety show in SETX."

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Kindergarten Roundup For Little Cypress Elementary

Kindergarten Roundup for Little Cypress Elementary is coming up in April. It is a two-part process. Parents can pick up registration packets from April 5 to April 9 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. We hope to provide more individualized attention when registering the children by dividing the Round-Up into smaller

groups. On Tuesday, April 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., we will register incoming students with last names beginning with letters A-M. Thursday, April 15, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., we will register incoming students with last names beginning with letters N-Z. Registration will be held in the school cafeteria, so please

park in the lot behind the school. If you have a conflict with the day scheduled for your child's last name, please let the school staff know when you pick up your packet so they will expect you at the other registration event. If you have questions, please call the school after spring break (March 15-19) at 409.883.2838.

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City of Orange Mayor Spears announces bid for Re-election

The following is a political statement issued by Larry Spears Jr. announcing his candidacy for re-election as Mayor of City of Orange,



Larry Spears Jr.

The City of Orange has been blessed immensely over the past several years with new business and employment opportunities as well as the addition of parks, pavilions and other family friendly events for all to enjoy.

The community has stepped forward to embrace and encourage a positive atmosphere that I truly believe has helped us to move forward. When this assignment began the first order of business was to rededicate and to

publicly confess that the Lord was in control of our purpose and direction. He alone has been our lead as we prepared to navigate through these uncharted territories. Some have said to me that religion has no place in politics. My response to that opinion is that "What we are doing here in Orange isn't politics, it's about loving people where they are for who they are and having faith that the Lord will take

care of the rest". Orange, Texas has endured Hurricanes, Ice Storms, Flooding and the current global pandemic that is Covid-19.

Time and time again we have joined together as one family in order to rise again and rebuild or replace what was damaged or lost. The resiliency of the people has been nothing short of amazing and now as we have stepped into 2021 many have asked, "Where do we go from here"?

The direction and path forward must address the elephant in the room and that is the amount of litter, trash and debris that has plagued

our city for far too long. Myl- es Munroe wrote that "Whatever you mismanage, you will lose", so how can we continue to ask God for blessings and opportunities if we can't properly manage or appreciate the blessings that we have now.

This effort will need the support of everyone within our city and surrounding community. Together we must take on the mission of appreciating what we have and cleaning up the street corners and abandoned properties.

City Council and Staff have taken steps to begin the process, but it will also take the Accountability and Re-

sponsibility of every individual to help us achieve the goal of a cleaner Orange, Texas. This predicament and current situation did not happen overnight, yet we must all do our part to start preparing for the future. I am sincerely seeking the help of every citizen to help us beautify Orange and to help us cleanup our city streets.

We must continue to be Proactive! Several other issues across the community are being addressed concerning Drainage as well as tackling the recovery efforts from Hurricane Laura and the recent Ice Storm. There is a lot to be done and the list grows longer, yet we are de-

termined to continue to strive for a better future and make Orange a better place for all to enjoy.

I sincerely appreciate your patience with us as we journey through this process and I want to publicly Thank and acknowledge every city employee, first responders, dispatch, member of staff and city council for going above and beyond time and time again. I do believe that the best is yet to come and I thank God for his continued blessings upon our city!

Sincerely,
Larry Spears Jr.
Mayor of Orange, Texas

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BID REQUEST: Administration/Annex Chiller Replacement
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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: Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. Local Time

Bid Opening: Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 10:05 A.M. Local Time

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

SEALED BIDS in duplicate, clearly marked and addressed to the Port of Orange, "Attn: Stephen LeBlanc: Administration/Annex Chiller Replacement", 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 April 1, 2021; and then publicly opened and read aloud in the Port of Orange Administration Office Boardroom, 1st Floor, for Administration/Annex Chiller Replacement. 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 sieblanc@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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Al-Anon can help if someone close to you has a drinking problem. Al-Anon meets Sundays & Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., North Orange Baptist Church, 4775 N. 16th St. (Rear), Orange, TX 77632. Call Angela at 474-2171 or Jane at 409-670-2887 for more info. Calls are kept Confidential.

The Dementia Care Givers' Support Group meets at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Canticle Building, 4300 Meeks Drive in Orange on the following days and times: Second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m., and Second Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm.

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The City of Orange is conducting a voluntary acquisition project for homes damaged during Hurricane Harvey. The project will be administered locally and overseen by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Community Development & Revitalization Program (CDR). The project is funded through a Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR).

The application period will open on March 17th, 2021 and is scheduled to close on May 17th, 2021.

The Intake Beneficiary Application, along with application instructions and frequently-asked questions are available on the City website at <https://orangetexas.net/>. Paper applications are also available at Orange City Hall at 812 N 16th St, the Neighborhood Facility, 303 N 8th Street, and at the Orange Public Library, 220 5th Street, all located in Orange TX 77630.

Completed applications can be submitted to the following address:
Grants Management, CDBG-DR
City of Orange
PO Box 520
Orange, TX 77631-0520

Or completed applications may be submitted online at grants.orangetexas.gov.

Citizens with special needs or those who would like technical assistance may contact 512-202-1306.

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El plazo de solicitud se abrirá el 17 de marzo^o 2021 y está previsto que se cierre el 17 de mayo^o 2021.

La Solicitud de Beneficiario de Admisión, junto con las instrucciones de solicitud y las preguntas más frecuentes están disponibles en el sitio web de la ciudad en <https://orangetexas.net/>. Las solicitudes de papel también están disponibles en el Ayuntamiento de Orange en el 812 N 16th St, el Neighborhood Facility, 303 N 8th Street, y en la Biblioteca Pública de la ciudad de Orange, 220 5th Street, todos ubicados en Orange TX 77630.

Las solicitudes completadas se pueden enviar a la siguiente dirección:
Grant Management, CDBG-DR
City of Orange
Po Box 520
Orange, TX 77631-0520

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **BARBARA LOUISE TUCKER MANGUM**, Deceased, were issued on **MARCH 11, 2021**, in Cause No. **P18981**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Jimmy (Jim) Wade Mangum**.

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: **Stephen C. Howard**
Attorney at Law
903 W. Green Avenue
Orange, Texas 77630

DATED the 11th day of March 2021.

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Attorney for:
James W. Crump
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **LINDA KAY CRUMP**, Deceased, were issued on **MARCH 11, 2021**, in Cause No. **P18981**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **James W. Crump**.

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- ACROSS**
1. Great divide
6. World's oldest national broadcaster
9. Pasturelands
13. Chinese fruit
14. #9 Across, sing.
15. Clemency
16. One in advertising
17. "_____ the land of the free ..."
18. Characteristic of birds
19. *Ongoing job in the garden
21. *Without synthetic fertilizers
23. 2nd tallest bird
24. Theatrical production
25. Curiosity killed it?
28. Additionally
30. Capital of Poland
35. Passage into a mine
37. Prefix in levorotary
39. Mid-century modern, e.g.
40. Toothy wheel
41. *Some are heirlooms
43. Make like a cat
44. Erasable programmable read only memory
46. Stanislavski's rifle, e.g.
47. Unwanted correspondence
48. Motionless
50. Catch-22
52. *Are you sure?" in a text
53. Freight horse cart
55. Opposite of don'ts
57. *6 or more hours of sunshine
61. *Radicchio or frisEe
65. On foot
66. Negative vote
68. 2020 NFL MVP
69. Morrison's "The _____"
70. Hockey great Bobby
71. Respectable and quiet
72. Sports award
73. Affirmative response
74. Infernos

- DOWN**
1. Old bathtub foot
2. Opposite of seek
3. Ne plus ultra
4. *Opposite of #57 Across
5. Minimum, pl.
6. Influencer's journal
7. *Stinging pollinator
8. Holiday song
9. Bulgarian money
10. Julia Roberts' Academy

CROSSWORD

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- Award-winning role
11. Popular smoothie berry
12. Update an iPod
15. Inhabitant of Hungary
20. Nothing, pl.
22. Like sashimi
24. Lack of money
25. *Tomato supports
26. Highly skilled
27. Miss America's head-dress
29. Slowly leak
31. Moves at the gym
32. Monument to Buddha
33. Orderly arrangement
34. *Wiggly plowers
36. Faster than a walk
38. *Some plants and flowers emit a good one
42. *Type of digger
45. Centers, old-fashioned
49. French vineyard
51. *Last of 3 numbers on a bag of fertilizer
54. Be a pest
56. Washington, e.g.
57. Grow dim
58. Extraterrestrial's rides
59. Pilot's stunt
60. Type of parrot
61. *Musical" constellation
62. Russian mountain chain
63. *Type of garden hose that saves space
64. Goes with "odds"
67. Am is to I as _____ is to we

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