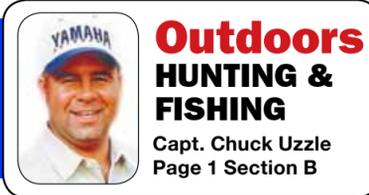




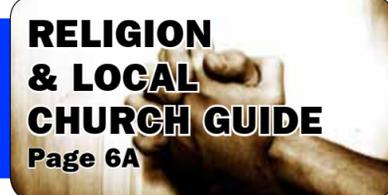
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CP Chem preps land, but no decision yet

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Commuters between Bridge City and Orange have probably noticed a lot of activity on the pasture land between Texas 87 and Foreman Road.

The owner of the 1,700-acre property located across Farm to Market 1006 from the original Chemical Row, is, of course, Chevron Phillips Chemical.

The petrochemical giant based in the Houston suburbs began acquiring the land in 2018 and announced in early 2019 that it was considering building a \$5.6 billion

multi-unit ethylene plant expected to generate \$50 billion in area economic output over 20 years.

In February of 2020, Orange County Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a 10-year, 100% tax abatement contract with the company if the company decides to expand here.

CPC's Chaney Moore predicted a go or no-go decision by the company in late 2020 or early 2021.

Then, within weeks, the entire world pretty much shut down because of the coronavirus pandemic. It caused material shortages

and high prices at the same time a glut of unregulated oil resulted in massive shut-downs and layoffs in petrochemicals.

So CPC has been a holding pattern when it comes down to an FID, or final invest-

ment decision along with their partner in what they call USA Gulf Coast Petrochemical Project 2, Qatar Petroleum.

"We have not taken up the FID at this time," said Steve Wardle, executive director at

CPC. "We have successfully completed our FEED (front end and engineering design) phase.

"Along with Qatar Petroleum, Chevron Phillips Chemical and our stakeholders continue to monitor eco-

nomics developments, which have had some uncertainty caused by COVID-19 and the price of crude" oil.

Back in February 2020, Moore, real estate and prop-

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Four-event Sabine Redfish Series debuts Saturday

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

A \$15,000 cash "Team of the Year" payout is there for the taking in the 2021 Sabine Redfish Series, four monthly fishing tournaments based out of the High Tides restaurant on Cow Bayou.

The first tournament is Saturday and the deadline to register for the Team of the Year prize is Thursday at the Captain's Meeting being held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at High Tides.

Subsequent tournaments will be held May 15, June 26 and July 31. Saturday afternoon weigh-ins will take place at High Tides.

"I think it's going to be huge," said Wesley Dishon, co-owner of High Tides, which is a tournament sponsor. "There are a bunch of teams registered and I think there will be a bunch more."

Series director Andre Jenkins of Mauriceville, owner of Sabine Slam Bait Co., said fishermen can register online at his Facebook page --facebook.com/money-overfishes/ -- or in person at the captain's meeting.

Rules can also be found at that site.

Two-man fishing teams can fish anywhere on the Texas bank of the Sabine Waterway, taking off from within 100 yards of any boat launch at the proscribed



Series director Andre Jenkins owner of Sabine Slam Bait Co. in Sabine Pass is seen fishing on Sabine Lake. A \$15,000 cash "Team of the Year" payout is there for the taking in the 2021 Sabine Redfish Series, four monthly fishing tournaments based out of the High Tides restaurant and marina on Cow Bayou.

launch time, which will be announced Thursday night.

There's a three-fish limit of slotted redfish. Individual fishermen may enter. Entry fee is \$200. There is no day-of-the-event registration.

After putting on several saltwater fishing tourna-

ments in the past, Jenkins said he felt a desire for a multi-event series. Sponsors have agreed.

Since originally advertising a \$10,000 final payout, additional sponsors have jumped on board to raise the prize chest to \$15,000.

Those sponsors include Reds Liquor, Pete Jorgensen Marine and Topo Chico Hard Seltzers as Sabine Slam Bait Co.

High Tides has live music every weekend every Friday

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The 1922 Model T Runabout is one of three Stark Family automobiles featured in "Rolling Art," a new exhibit at the Stark Museum of Art through June 19.

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Stark cars trace auto history

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

What is today the Nelda and Lutch Stark Foundation began in Orange nearly 150 years with the opening of the Lutch & Moore Lumber Company in 1877.

But among the many interests of the extended family in throughout the years since, automobiles ranked high.

"The Stark Family was an early adopter of the automobile," Joshua Cole, Education and Program Manager, said Tuesday during a special preview of "Rolling Art: Vehicles from the Permanent Collection" at the Stark Museum of Art.

The exhibit features three early- to mid-20th century automobiles from the W.H. Stark House Collections and they will be on display in the Museum's Gallery 5 beginning today through Saturday, June 19.

The wife and widow of sawmill founder Henry Lutch, Frances Ann Lutch, was a prolific traveler.

At age 70, in 1910, she purchased two matching touring cars, one as a backup to the first. She traveled all over North America and Europe,

transporting her cars and her traveling companions across the Atlantic via steamship.

"She did an epic trip where she circumnavigated the Continental U.S., over to California, then up to Alaska, back over to the East Coast through Canada, then down the South back to here, at which time was pretty remarkable," Cole said.

A few years earlier in 1905, her grandson, Lutch Stark, namesake of the family foundation, was the first University of Texas student to drive a car on campus.

Those three cars didn't make the new exhibit, though it features two rarities and one auto legend.

First as you walk into the Gallery is a 1911 Hupmobile Roadster, which was often used for hunting at the family ranch in Colorado.

The others, in order of their creation, are a 1922 Ford Model T Runabout modified to be a truck that the Stark family used at the ranch.

And a car probably few have ever heard of, a 1950 Crosley Super Sport, was a

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Depot Day schedules return May 1

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

They're back. The petting zoo, pony rides, bouncy house, dancing by the Orange Blossom Dancers and musical entertainment by the Orange Community Players.

By popular demand, Depot Day is returning to the Orange Train Depot Museum at Green and 10th Saturday, May 1.

The annual fundraiser for the 1908 Orange Depot, which served the community's travelers for nearly three quarters of a century, is back

after taking a year off because of COVID protocols.

It runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 1.

"Our attendance two years ago wasn't anything like Art in the Park's was a couple of weeks ago, but I'd guess we had several hundred," said Rose Simar, Depot manager.

"We hope it's going to be a big crowd this year. I went to Art in the Park (April 9) and it was packed. I think people want to get out of the house."

Entry is free, with \$1 per ride. Attractions for children include the aforementioned petting zoo, pony rides, bouncy house, kiddie train

and a balloon artist.

The OC Players and OB Dancers will entertain.

Food vendors will feature hamburgers, Cajun food, ice cream and non-alcoholic beverages. Other vendors will be selling plants and assorted gift items inside the depot.

Depot tours will be conducted, model trains will be on display and prize drawings will award gift certificates and a pair of bicycles. Additionally, the depot is showing off new window shades bearing photos of the historic Orange scenes.

Featured photos include a

steam engine, a depot crowd from the early 20th century, the old depot Wells Fargo supply house, the Bengal Guards drill team, Dupont, the ship Glomar Challenge and the naval reserve fleet.

For more information, call Simar at 409-330-1576 or visit the website at www.orangetxdepot.org.

Friends of the Depot, organizers of the event, are thankful for the support of sponsors First Financial Bank, Capital Title, Claybar Funeral Home, CRC Family Charitable Foundation, Jack-Built, Ironsides and donors Carol and Robert Sims.



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Lunch Bunch returns with 'Person of the Year'



Roy McDonald, retiring West Orange mayor, is presented The Record Newspapers Person of the Year award by Rex Peveto, 163rd District Court Judge, Wednesday, April 14, as his wife, LaVerne looks on during a gathering of the Wednesday Lunch Bunch at Robert's Steakhouse and Meat Market.

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Orange County Judge John Gothia, left, presented Roy McDonald praising proclamations from both Commissioners Court and Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan.

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Roy Dunn, publisher of The Penny Record and County Record newspapers, introduces Judge Rex Peveto at Wednesday Lunch Bunch on April 14, 2021.

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EARLY VOTING IS NOW UNDERWAY

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Adams – Havens Wedding

Faith Alexandria Havens became the bride of Hunter Joseph Adams at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 17th, 2021, at The Springs Event Venue in Wallisville in a double-ring ceremony with Pastor George Gaw officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Chad Havens and Rachal Havens. Her grandparents are Sue Cormier Wilks of Orangefield, Lercy Matthews of Orange, Martha Havens of Orange, and Greg Havens of Winnsboro, Louisiana.

The bridegroom is the son of Eric Adams and Kim Adams of Gist. His grandparents are Jan Dicharry and Darrell Dicharry of Mauriceville, the late Mike Adams and the late Abigail Adams, Jerry Steele of Bridge City, the late David Clark and Carrie Clark of Orange.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Emily Paige Havens, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Katelyn Kuenzel, Haley Hodgkinson, Keely Hodgkinson, Austin Steele, and Makalyn Steele. Daisy Steele and Jennifer (Gracie) Steele were the flower girls.

Ryan Campbell served as the best man. Groomsmen were David Clark, Tyler Hodgkinson, Blayne Milstead, Jeremy Dicharry, and Osiele Medina, while Axle Dicharry and Rafe Vice carried the rings. Don Cormier, Shaun Trahan, and Alex Wimberley served as ushers.

The wedding ceremony was followed by a reception complete with custom cookies by the bride's aunt Heather Matthews, a DJ, a photo booth, and a meal catered by Two Magnolias of Beaumont.

The bride is a 2017 graduate of Orangefield High School, graduated from Lamar Institute of Technology in 2019, and attends Lamar University majoring in Business. She is employed by Lake Charles Memorial Hospital and William Groves, Jr., MD.

The bridegroom is a 2017 graduate of Orangefield High School, attends Lamar State College-Orange majoring in Instrumentation, and is employed by National Crane Compliance Inspections.

Prenuptial courtesies included a bridal shower hosted by the father of the bride, Chad Havens, and his fiancée' Krissy Reese. Following their honeymoon, the couple will reside in Orange.



'Depot Day' set for Saturday, May 1

The DEPOT DAY Midway will be open for family fun on Saturday, May 1, 10:00 am-2:00 pm at the Orange Train Depot Museum at 1210 Green Avenue in Orange. DEPOT DAY is an annual fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of the Orange Depot traditionally held on the first Saturday in May on the grounds.

Entry is free, with a small fee charged for rides. This year, attractions include a kiddie train, bouncy house, petting zoo, balloon artist and pony rides. Also, musical entertainment by the Orange Community Players and dancing by the Orange Blossom Dancers.

Tours will be conducted inside the depot, where historical exhibits and other surprises will be open to the public. Since the pandemic limitations, only special events have been held in the depot.

Food vendors will be featuring hamburgers, Cajun food, ice cream, and assorted beverages. Various local vendors will be selling plants and assorted gift items and art inside the depot.

A broad array of prize items will be awarded to the lucky winners: a number of gift certificates from local businesses and a boy and girl bicycles. Prize tickets will be

\$1.00 each, six for \$5.00. All proceeds go toward the future exhibits and support of the Depot.

Parking will be available on the side streets as well as on the lot by Elm and 10th

Street. Information can be obtained by calling Co-chairman Rose Simar at 409-330-1576, or by visiting the website www.orangetxdepot.org.

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New BC superintendent takes the helm



Bridge City's school district held its first monthly board meeting with new superintendent Mike Kelly Monday night. Kelly announced the May 28 high school graduation ceremony will have no limits on tickets for graduates' families and no mask requirement. The event will be livestreamed for those unable to attend. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

Chevron-Phillips

erty manager for CPC, said to expect the company to clear its large property bordered by the Orange County Airport and Chemical Row. Just in case. That's what is going on now.

"It's a land improvement project," Wardle said. "The land we've acquired continues to be the preferred site if we go ahead with this project."

"At this time, we're removing some of the trees. If and when we get to the FID, we don't have to do much before starting construction."

A close look along the fence lines of the property in the past couple of weeks has revealed vegetation and trees uprooted by machines, scooped up by machines and shredded by more machines. Clearing the property has revealed an array of drainage ditches running diagonally across the property.

"We will work with the Orange County Drainage

District to improve the drainage within the bounds of the land we acquired," Wardle said.

In 2020, Jessica Hill, executive director of the Orange County Economic Develop-

"The land we've acquired continues to be the preferred site if we go ahead with this project."

ment Corporation, said CPC had already spent \$60 million on land costs. To that, Hill said, CPC is expected to spend \$50 million on business personal property and \$100 million on taxable inventories if the decision to build in Orange is reached.

Hill predicted taxable spending throughout construction of the plant would be \$206 million, including purchase of construction materials and direct and indirect construction worker spending.

She said plant construction "will create as much as

10,000 construction job opportunities."

Hill said the project will have an average payroll of \$50 million per year with no fewer than 500 permanent workers earning an average of \$100,000 per year.

Moore pointed out during his first public appearance representing the

CPC project at a West Orange-Cove school board meeting in January of 2019 that his company has been operating in Orange since 1955 on Chemical Row.

Wardle harped on it as well in an interview with The Record last week.

"Orange has been a part of our family for a long, long time," he said.

"We've been working with the county judge and the superintendents of schools and the Orange County Drainage District, and we want to express our thank yous to all of them."

Stark cars

From Page 1
tiny sports car Lutch Stark drove around Shangri La Gardens in his later years.

"Each of these cars has a different story," Cole said. "We wound up with two very rare ones and probably the most ubiquitous model ever made."

The Hupmobile was built from 1909 through 1939 by the Hupp Motor Car Company of Detroit, which was co-founded in 1908 by Bobby Hupp.

The car, with its high road clearance and light design (1,100 pounds), could travel as fast as 50 miles per hour. It is like the 110-year-old equivalent of an all-terrain vehicle today. If today's modern bush buggy depended on acetylene headlamps to see at night.

"This car was built to compete with Henry Ford for cheap everyman vehicles," Cole said.

"This is an improved version, a Model B or Model C, it's super basic and also very rugged. That combo made them very popular.

"This one spent most of its functional life at the family's Roslyn Ranch in Colorado. It was perfect for the high plains, mountain country, one of the first vehicles to prove the concept of the light, fast, utility vehicle, a really good off-roader. This Hupmobile is in the evolution of both the sports car and the Jeep."

Ford built more than 15 million Model Ts.

"Of all the Model Ts, this particular body type was the most common," Cole said. "By 1922, you're reaching the point where cars are coming of age, features that little car (Hupmobile) doesn't have, a windshield, even a little wind-



Lutch Stark, namesake of the Stark Foundation, used to drive this 1950 Crosley Hot Shot Super Sport around Shangri La Gardens. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

shield wiper, electric lights.

"This truck model is in many ways is where the American pickup concept comes from."

Frances Lutch bought the ranch in 1907 and the family members spent the summers there annually into the 1970s.

The Model T truck had a top speed of 40 mph and appears in photos from the ranch "pre-restored," Cole said.

"We have a great photo of the Hupmobile being used at the ranch (on p. 154 of the family biography 'The Long Shadow,' Lutch and his dad, William Stark, share the Hupmobile with about a dozen pheasants they shot during a ranch hunt)."

Besides being "classic 'barn cars' that sat in storage for decades after their useful lives to appear from time to time in Stark Foundation exhibits, Cole notes they have in common the feature of having a single red taillight."

The Crosley Hotshot Super Sport "was the first postwar American sports car" Cole said, "and this is a rare car."

"Crosley made radios and

record players and in 1939 decided to get in the car industry. It was a bad time to get in the car industry [as World War II, 1941-45, shut down civilian auto production].

"They were one of the last companies to cease civilian car production and they were also among the first to start up production after the war. They made sort of Euro-style compact cars, a legitimate sports car that could go as fast as 80 mph.

"It's a fun little sports car." The Crosley on display carries a 1958 Texas inspection sticker. Lutch Stark used it to get around the nature preserve he built near downtown Orange, at Shangri La.

"It very much fits with Lutch Stark," Cole said. "It is kind of like a glorified golf cart. You can imagine this thing bouncing around a garden."

The Stark Museum of Art is located at 712 Green Avenue in Orange and is open from Wednesday to Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Sabine Redfish Series

and Saturday, Dishon said. But added activities will include washer pitching and cornhole boards. Dishon says he's booked a Bourbon Street band from New Orleans to play for the Redfish

Series Finale July 31.

"We're trying to make it an annual event, moving forward," Jenkins said.

"Anytime the sun comes out, the waters are swamped," Dishon said from his place at

the intersection of Texas 87 and Cow Bayou.

"I think this [tournament] is going to be very nice. I'm glad to see it coming."



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From The Creaux's Nest

MAYOR McDONALD HONORED AT LUNCH BUNCH

By
Dave Rodgers

Justice took a lunch break in Orange Wednesday to honor the longtime leadership of retiring **West Orange Mayor Roy McDonald**. No fewer than eight **Orange County** judges, three county commissioners, one current and one past neighboring mayor and a rondo lawyer or two came to **Wednesday Lunch Bunch** on April 14 to honor retiring **West Orange Mayor Roy McDonald**. **Roy Dunn**, owner and publisher of **The Record Newspapers**, called the first meeting in 13 months for the **Lunch Bunch** to surprise **McDonald**, West Orange's mayor since 1995, as **The Penny Record/County Record Person of the Year**. The luncheon gathering, the first since the **COVID-19** lockdown in March of 2020, was a joyous occasion for all present in the meeting room at **Robert's Steakhouse and Meat Market**, some of whom who had not seen one another in a year. **McDonald** joked that the room was full of bigger "celebrities" than himself and choked up when presented the award by **163rd District Court Judge Rex Peveto**. He said his family deserved to share the honor as they allowed him to serve his community both in elected office and civic volunteerism. **Peveto**, who recalled joining **McDonald**, his wife **LaVerne**, and children **T-Roy** and **Beverley**, on a cross-country vacation road trip when he was a youngster. **McDonald** was **West Orange City Attorney** until he won election to his current job last year. Retired **County Judge Carl Thibodeaux**, who was twice named **Person of the Year**, topped the remaining roster of judges. "Tib" was West Orange mayor when **McDonald** was elected to City Council in 1987 and is now Municipal Judge for West Orange. Current County Judge **John Gothia** sat next to **Thibodeaux** at the head table, and County Commissioners **Johnny Trahan**, **Kirk Roccaforte** and **Theresa Beauchamp** were among the three dozen people sharing the celebration. All four Orange County Justices of the Peace attended -- **Hershel Stagner, Jr., Pct. 1**; **Chad Jenkins, Pct. 2**; **Joy Dubose-Simonton, Pct. 3**; **Rodney Price, Pct. 4** -- as well as former **JP Derry Dunn**, who is now in a **Pinehurst Municipal Judge**. Bridge City Mayor **David Rutledge** and his wife, school board member **Rebecca Rutledge**, dined with **Mayor McDonald**, as did former Orange Mayor **Essie Bellfield**. Recently retired Orange City Attorney **Jack Smith**, **The Record's Person of the Year** for 2019, was there, as were County Tax Assessor-Collector **Karen Fisher** and County Treasurer **Christy Khoury**. **Gothia** followed up **Peveto's** presentation of the Person of the Year Plaque with a proclamation from **Commissioners Court** honoring **McDonald**. He also presented one from Texas House Speaker **Dade Phelan**, Orange County's State Rep. **Lanie Brown** of U.S. Representative **Brian Babin's** office and a West Orange resident, lauded **McDonald**, a **DuPont** retiree and ordained deacon at his church, for his low-key humanitarian work for his neighbors. Then she read from the **Congressional Record** a short speech honoring **McDonald** that **Rep. Babin** had given on the floor of the **House of Representatives** earlier Wednesday. **Wednesday Lunch Bunch** has been a mostly-weekly happening in Orange for decades now, with community leaders and just regular folks getting together to visit over lunch at different local restaurants. **Dunn**, who also celebrated the **62nd anniversary of The Penny Record** Wednesday, polled the group and it was agreed the next meeting would be held May 19 at **Robert's**.

GUILTY

The jury reached a verdict Tuesday at the murder trial of former Officer **Derek Chauvin** in the death of **George Floyd**, the Black man who was pinned to the pavement with a knee on his neck in a case that set off a furious re-examination of racism and policing in the U.S. The jury, made up of six white people and six Black or multiracial people, weighed charges of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter, with convictions on some, none or all of the charges possible. The most serious charge carries up to 40 years in prison. **Percy Foreman**, **Racehorse Haynes** or even **Bearden** could have won this case.

CONDOLENCES

We were surprised and sorry to learn of the passing of **Shannah Lynn Heard**, age 62, April 8. Funeral service was held April 12, at McDonald Memorial Baptist Church. She was the daughter of our friends **John** and **Linda Heard**, who had taken care of their lovely daughter through a long illness. Our condolences to her siblings and family. **Shannah** is home now. May she rest in peace. Please see obituary.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 years Ago-2011

The moon is big and bright after being full Monday night. Good Friday and Easter arrives this weekend. The drought I talked about a few weeks ago gets worse by the day and no relief is in sight. Family gardens will suffer and crop yields will be off if rain doesn't come soon. People should have sense enough not to burn with the dry, windy conditions but believe it or not, some people wait to see

if **Judge Thibodeaux** will tell them not to. Some media outlets just loves the burn ban issue, it's always top of the news. **Over one million acres have burned in Texas** and more will burn. Lets not let it be in Orange County.******Governor Rick Perry** appointed **Courtney Burch Arkeen** district judge of the **128th District Court**. History was made as she became the **first woman judge** above justice of the peace in **county history**. Her appointment wasn't a surprise, she had the inside track. All appointments are political and she was well connected. Regardless it is a good appointment. **Judge Arkeen** is not only a very attractive lady; she's also very intelligent. What she lacks in experience she will make up quickly. In almost every case, the lawyers I polled said that **Courtney** was a good choice and she will be an excellent judge. She was appointed to fill **Judge Clark's** unexpired term and will eventually have to run for the office. Personally, I believe it would be a mistake to challenge her.******Congrats to Judge Courtney** and best wishes.**** **The Tea Party** goes so far to the right that they have fallen off the cliff; they threaten the **Republican Party** not to compromise. The very nature of government is compromised, **from the Court House to the White House**. Meanwhile **Donald Trump** is marveling in his newfound **Tea Party** popularity, stealing the lime light from **Sarah Palin**. Neither is really running for president, **popularity is their goose that lays the golden egg** so they feed it all the corn it can take. On the other hand, ego might get the best of the **Donald** and he'll run as an **Independent**. Either way he's an obstructionist to the **Republican Party** and the **Democrats** love it.**** We were saddened to learn about the death of **Joe LaGrappe**, age 76, who passed away Tuesday, April 13. **Joe** was a good man, always willing to help anyone who needed help. **Joe** was the kind of fellow who found the good in people. We had known him many years, even before his wife **Mary Hebert** and his young daughter **Ann** drowned at the lake 50 years ago. His mother **Eunice** was a recognized poet and some of her works are still around. I run into some of her poems from time to time. Several years ago **Joe** married **Barbara** and they shared many good years. **Joe** was a good friend and I'll never forget his kindness. Service was held Monday, April 18, at St. Henry Catholic Church.****Can you believe April 21 marks one year since **Mickey McNamara**, 76, was murdered at his office. It's also been a year since **Joe Grossman**, 91, died on the same day.******Gen. Douglas MacArthur** made his famous quote to congress 60 years ago, April 19, 1951, after **President Harry S. Truman** relieved him of his command. **MacArthur** said, "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away."**** April 20th marks one year since the **BP Gulf explosion and oil spill**. The blowout killed **11 Deepwater Horizon rig workers** and unleashed the nation's worse oil spill leading the government to halt deepwater drilling for five months and brought new offshore regulations. Companies must now prove they have plans and equipment in place to prevent another disaster in the Gulf.**** Happy 51st. wedding anniversary to our longtime friends **Lou and Kathy Garriga** who celebrate on April 23. (Editor's note: **Lou** has since passed away.)**** **Judge Janice Menard** set a \$500,000 bond on **Horace Dempsey**, 18, charged with aggravated assault of his grandmother, **Sylvia Vaughns**, age 51. He nearly beat her to death, stole her car and took his girlfriend and her two-month old baby for a joy ride to Miami where he was arrested. Anyone who would beat a woman is sorry but to nearly kill your grandmother is the worse kind of low life.**** On Wednesday, April 20, a new head coach was hired at **West Orange-Stark**. Coach **Cornel Thompson** has the job.**** Former Bridge City baseball stars **Casey Jackson** and **Eric Matthews** were spotted at the Bridge City Silsbee game.******Congrats to Denise Simmons**, named Bridge City Chamber "Employee of the Month," and to "Just for Kids Day Care," chosen "Business of the Month."**

22 Years Ago-1999

Last week, **Judge Pat Clark** had heart surgery in Houston, proof that he has a heart. He had a valve connecting to his heart that was leaking. They fixed the leak; he's doing fine and coming home this week. He is supposed to be off the bench six weeks. What **Judge Pat** wants worse is his ever present pipe and a bag of tobacco. Meanwhile, **Judge Pat's** son-in-law, **Bruce Aven**, hit a homerun for the **Florida Marlins**. **Bruce** is hitting .364 for the major league team.****Fourteen years old **Jenna Dunn** is visiting folks in Bridge City while on spring break from **Marian High School**, in Framingham, Mass. She brought a classmate, **Michelle Hefroan**, who is enjoying her first trip to Texas and eating crawfish and Cajun food. The girls are visiting the **Mark and Roy Dunn's** and sister **Amber Dunn**.****Bridge City fireman **David Sherman** is named "Firefighter of the Year," at the annual banquet and awards ceremony. Firefighter **Carroll Leblanc** was roasted. Ladies Auxiliary president, **Melinda Morse**, presented service pins to **Shalinda Land** for 5 years of service, **Robert Mann**, 10 years and **Leblanc**, 20 years of service.****National attention was focused on **Orangefield High School** when ESPN and other national media carried the news that **Eric Eshbach** had set an all-time national high school pole-vaulting record with a vault of 17-9-3/4. To put the vault in perspective, **Kyle White**, from 4-A PN-G, is representing District 20-4A with a 13-6 jump. That's 4 feet, 3 inches less than **Eric's**. (Editor's note: I may be wrong but I believe at the state meet he won with an 18 foot jump, but I'm not positive.) A good lick and a boo-boo. The **Dallas Cowboys** picked **A&M Lombardi award winner, Dat Nguyen** and **Mike Ditka** and the **New Orleans Saints** traded almost the whole team to get **Ricky Williams**. (Editor's note: That did turn out to be a boo-boo.******Bridge City coach Les Johnson** issues a farewell statement. Excerpts from the statement went like this, "Special thanks to **Roy Dunn, Mark Dunn and The Penny Record** for their support of **Cardinal athletics**. Thanks to the business community for its fund raising support. A special thanks to **Debbie Gregg** and **Lisa Faulk** for designing and making the **Cardinal flag** and to **Carolyn Ward** for gathering the **1966 state championship football team**. Above all, I want to thank all the athletes' parents. Bridge City football fans won't soon forget **Bryan Bock, John Hoffpauir, Sam Carpenter, Jason Menard, Chad Hanks, Dathan Juneau, Jeremy Stofa, Brian Finley, Taran Hebert, Jeremy Buckley, Nick Watson, Rhett Sanders, Curt Lucia, Joey Anderson, Zach Jeter, Daniel Kibodeaux, Brad Miller and Joey Platt**. Also thanks to **Kerry Strong, Colby Doucet, Jared Williams, Chris Collins, Toby and Trey Latiolais, Terry McGee, Joey Hebert, Matt Comer, Dustin Dennam, Kevin Norwood, Jeremy Simmons, Johnny Montagne, Clayton Harrison, Kevin Berry, Tony Lute, Chris Kennedy, Eric Bramblett, Bryan Wiggins** and kickers **Raun Bryant and Dom Colletti**. It's impossible to name all of

the fine young men and great athletes I've ever worked with over the last four years. I wish new head coach **Conway** success here. We started something good, we are proud of the great seasons and the progress we made with the program in the past four years." (Editor's note: A bunch of baseball parents and a new superintendent did coach **Johnson** in. Football was dead and the stands empty before he came to **Bridge City**.******William "Billy" Bishop** passed away last week at age 50. Survivors include his parents **Earl and June**, daughter **Heather** and three brothers **Mike "BooBoo," Rick and Randall** and sister **Terry**. **Billy** was a longtime volunteer fireman.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Our friend **Pat Pate**, widow of **Att. H.D. Pate**, having sold her home, gave us a call Sunday. She was on the road to her sister's outside of Tyler where she will stay until she finds a home of her own. She was sad about leaving **Bridge City**. She loved it and had made many friends who she will miss dearly. She had no relatives in this area and has her sister and a son in the Fort Worth area. We care so much for this wonderful lady and her friendship over all the years. We miss her already.****I have wondered what became of **Misty Songe**, who was a branch manager for **Verizon** and often attended the **Lunch Bunch** gatherings. I have now learned that she is a candidate for mayor of **Vidor**.**** Speaking of voting, absentee voting for city and school races started April 19. Local races are very important. Not enough people take the local races seriously enough. Please make the effort and vote. **Be one who is counted**.****Special thanks to **Judge Chad Jenkins** for the deer sausage. He killed it, dressed it, stuffed it in casing and smoked it and we now will get to enjoy it.****Folks celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **April 21: Bonnie Short, Dana Hall, Christian Dubose, Courtney Williams** all celebrate. **Harry's Appliance** celebrates its 58th anniversary of being in business in Orange.******April 22: James Gordon, Allison Rendall** have birthdays today. This is also **Earth Day**.******April 23: Rev. Paul Zoch, Jason Smalley, Jeremie Breaux, Kathie Stephson and Lacy Rutledge** celebrate.******April 24: Capt. Dickie Colburn, Allison Small, Sean Edgerton** have birthdays on this day. It is also the day in 1988 that singer **Roy Orbison** died.******April 25: Celebrating on this day are Jeff Fisette and Marriet Litton**.******April 26: Celebrating on this day is Susanne Parker, Kristin Hodge and Christi Goodyear**.******April 27: Gus Harris, Mike Cain, Chelsea Ballard** all celebrate. On this date, 183 years ago, **Santa Anna** surrendered to **Sam Houston** in 1836. "Remember the Alamo" became the battle cry at **San Jacinto**. *

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Virginia McNair, Scott Fisher, Glen Prince, Linda Robinson, Samantha Briggs, Robert Schilicher, Peggy Granger, Crystal McCarthy, Louise Savoy, Roberto Deleon, Julie Williams, Luke Domas, Stephen Russell, John Applebach, Rosalyn Hollingsworth, Tim Batchelor, Ferrel Ashby.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

April 21, U.K.'s Queen Elizabeth II, 95; Football Player Tony Romo, 41; Actor James McAvoy, 42.******April 22, Actors Jack Nicholson, 84; Jeffrey Dean Morgan, 55; Amanda Mealing, 53.********April 23, Wrestler John Cena, 44; Comedian George Lopez, 60; Actor Valerie Bertinelli, 61.********April 24, Pop Singers Kelly Clarkson, 39 and Barbara Steisand, 79; Actor Shirley MacLaine, 87.********April 25, Actors Al Pacino, 81; Renee Zellweger, 52 and Sara Paxton, 33.********April 26, Actors Channing Tatum, 41 and Kevin James, 56.********April 27, Actors William Moseley, 34; Jenna Coleman, 35 and Tess Daly, 52.**

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

I got an email from cussin Sostan. He say, Tee-Man Comeaux's wife Ella Mae passed away da utta day. Tee-Man was home alone and didn't know what to do him. After feeling for her pulse and finding none, he call 9-11. Da operator answer da phone and he say, "Lookie here, my wife Ella Mae, she done died her."

Da operator say, "Okay Mr. Comeaux, I'll send some one rat out me. Where you live hanh?"

Tee-Man say, "Mais, I live at da end of Eucalyptus Road me."

"Can you spell dat for me please," da dispatcher axe. Tee-Man don't say nuttin for a long time, den he finally say, "Look here, how about if I drag Ella Mae over to Oak St. and you can pick her up dere?"

C'EST TOUT

Bits and Pieces at Lunch Bunch: Mayor Roy McDonald wasn't only surprised to be chosen as "Person of the Year," but was also elated. **Roy** is a generous, good man, with a great family. Son **Troy** and daughter **Beverley** are good looking people. They take after **Ms. LaVerne**, a pretty lady. **Roy** must have had a great story.*** It was good to see so many of our friends. **Bridge City's** first police chief **Wilson Roberts** was in attendance accompanied by his wife **V.J.********Richard Spector**, who celebrated a birthday Monday, April 19, brought **Ms. Essie Bellfield**, the oldest in attendance. **Essie**, the first Black and only woman mayor of Orange, was with her daughter, pretty **Magna Barnett**.***I'm always impressed by teacher **Windee Jenkins**, who has that fresh, western look. A pretty granger, who could be the mom on "The Little House on the Prairie," already has the cast with **Chad** and those three fine boys. They're a unique family, cowboys with old time values. **Judge Jenkins** is also a cattle auctioneer, the icing on the cake of a well-rounded family that I find special.****Some of the country's finest people came to honor **Mayor McDonald** and break bread with their friends. We missed those who couldn't attend like 99-year-old **Cedric** and **Cherry Stout** who feared traveling in the rain, also our buddy, a great guy to be around, **Lamar Orange President Dr. Tom Johnson**, who was out of town. I'm not sure what happened to our friends **Marlene** and **Keith Merritt** and **Keith Wallace**, but just wanted them to know we missed them. Thanks to the large group of great folks who showed up.****The next **Lunch Bunch** gathering will be held at **Robert's** on Wednesday, May 19. We hope to have a special surprise.******Dave Rodgers'** roundup of the event posted our website is being repeated in this column. Special thanks to **Pam Scales Honeycutt**, who was responsible for notifying everyone.***We heard a lot of praise from West Orange folks for **Police Chief Mike Stelly**. In fact, **Mayor McDonald** said that **Stelly's** help filling in wherever needed made him a better mayor.****My time is up, thanks for yours. **Take care, stay safe and God bless.**

Deaths & Memorials

Shannah Lynn Heard, 62, Orange

Shannah Lynn Heard, 62, of Orange, Texas, passed away on April 8, 2021, in Orange, Texas.

Funeral services were held on Monday, April 12, 2021, at McDonald Memorial Baptist Church in Orange. Officiating was Reverend Tommy Anthony and Reverend Clifton Rankin.

Visitation was held prior to service at McDonald Memorial Baptist Church in Orange.

Born in Orange, Texas, on September 2, 1958, she was the daughter of John Marvin Heard and Linda (Peveto) Heard. Shannah loved her family very much always enjoying spending time with them. She was an adored aunt and enjoyed her nieces and nephew very much. She was also a very active member of the choir at McDonald Memorial Baptist Church,



Shannah Heard

where she loved to sing and excelled with her music. She will be missed dearly by those who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Dixie and Ike Peveto, Irene and James Heard; and Uncle, James A. Heard.

She is survived by her parents, Linda and John Heard of Orange, Texas; sisters, Lisa Sparks and husband Mike of Nederland, Texas, and Johnnie Kay Harrell of Orange, Texas; nieces and nephews, Megan Jackson of Nederland, Texas, Kevin Sparks and wife Jessica of Nederland, Texas, Karlie Harrell of Orange, Texas, and Katie Harrell of Orange, Texas; great niece, Hensley Morgan.

Serving as pallbearers will be Lee Gomez, Michael Sparks, Kevin Sparks, Chad Meadows, Kevin LaRose and Sanford Lummus.

John Dioces Gallet, 86, Orange

John Dioces Gallet, 86, of Orange, passed away on April 16, 2021. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 24, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Orange. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a Rosary starting at 6:00 p.m., Friday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Born in Vermilion Parish near Kaplan, Louisiana, on August 13, 1934, he was the son of Valery Gallet and Rena (Touchet) Gallet. Dioces started school in Meaux, LA. His parents moved to Kaplan when he was in the third grade. He graduated from Kaplan High School as the valedictorian of his class in 1952. Dioces went on to graduate from the Southwestern Louisiana Institute now UL Lafayette with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering in 1956. He worked for DuPont in Orange and Wilmington, DE until 1962, when he joined Spencer Chemical Co. in Orange. Dioces retired in 1999 after acquisitions of the Spencer facility by Gulf Oil Corp. and Chevron Corp. His career was spent in polyolefin product development and technical sales service as an engineer, supervisor and manager. Dioces major technical accomplishment was the design of reactor that permitted a major increase in production rate and improved product properties with no major changes in the process which was used in major expansion projects. He was an active member of St. Mary Parish in Orange. Dioces



John Gallet

served on the parish council, was a lector, a eucharistic minister to the homebound, developed and operated a PC program to assist in counting the church collection, participated in the perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, was the financial secretary for 13 years and held several other offices in Knights of Columbus Council 1680 and was a trustee in Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. He enjoyed tinkering in his workshop when he was younger. Dioces favorite pastime in his later years was making greeting cards in his personal computer and sending them to family and friends who enjoyed their beauty and originality. He loved the 50's rock and roll music and loved to dance to it. Dioces was very devoted to the love of his life and wife, Rita Lynn Strain, his sons, his God, and his Church. He will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved him. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Rita Lynn; parents, Valery and Rena Gallet; son, Bruce Lee Gallet; grandparents; and aunts and uncles. He is survived by his son, David Michael Gallet of Kennedy, Tx; sister, Lillie Mae Gallet Johnson of Broussard, LA; brother in law, Emmitt Strain, Jr. and wife Ellen of Chalmette, LA; sister in law, Sherrill Strain Foret of New Orleans, LA; numerous cousins; and dear friend Anna Belle Rost. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Mary Catholic Church in Orange.

Ronald Lewis Fregia, Sr., 79, Orange

Ronald Lewis Fregia, Sr., 79, of Orange, passed away on April 18, 2021, in Beaumont. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Orange. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Born in Liberty, Texas, on February 27, 1942, he was the son of Jasper Willard "Bill" Fregia and Hazel Cecile (Johnson) Fregia. He was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church where he served his Lord faithfully. Ronald worked as an electrician for the IBEW Local 479. He coached his sons Little League Baseball team when they were growing up where they formed an everlasting bond and love for the game. Ronald enjoyed playing golf and dancing. He will be deeply



Ronald Fregia

missed by all those who came to know and love him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Hazel Fregia; grandparents, Alec and Agnes Johnson, and Eugene and Emma Fregia; and sister, Judith Ann Blanc. He is survived by his loving wife, Jean Fregia; children, Ronald Fregia, Jr. and wife Julie of Orange, David Fregia and wife Dionna of Orange, Sarah Taylor of Houston, and Chris Runnels and wife Stephanie of Cabot, Arkansas; grandchildren, Paris Fregia, Stone Fregia, Skyler Lathrop, Wyatt Taylor, Caden Taylor, Dillon Young, Brandon Hall, Isabella Runnels and Ian Runnels. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association at www.heart.org. Masks are required to attend the funeral services and social distancing is encouraged.

Thereasa "Ann" Teal Brown, 82, Orange

Thereasa "Ann" Teal Brown passed away Sunday, April 18, 2021 after a brief illness. She is survived by two brothers, Raymond Teal and Carroll Teal and one sister, Beverly Teal Burch.

She had four children, Morris Brown, Carol Betette Brown, Mary Vallie Brown, and Michael Brown and two grandchildren, Felecia



Theresa Brown

Brown Harris, Raymond Brown and two great grandchildren.

Ann was born in Orange, TX on September 14, 1938. She moved to Fort Worth in 1984 where she worked for All Saints hospital then Radio Shack corporate offices which she retired from in 2007. She was a very giving person who cared deeply for her family, now she has gone home to rest at least. Services are pending.

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Collins releases statement on candidacy for BCISD school board

The following is a political statement released by Patty Collin on her candidacy for BCISD school board:



Patty Collins

My name is Patty Collins, and I am your current BCISD School Board Trustee, Place 1. Because of my strong belief in public education and the value it provides for our community, as well as my passion for the city in which I was raised, I am announcing my candidacy for reelection.

My own excellent education in Bridge City schools laid the foundation for my dedication to life-long learning. My formal higher education includes a Bachelor of Business Administration from Stephen F. Austin State University and a Master of Science in Organizational and Human Resource Development from Abilene Christian University.

I have been employed at Lamar State College Orange since 2017, and previously worked in a non-profit training and educational organization for over 20 years. I am a certified Professional in Human Resources (PHR) and a Certified Association Executive (CAE).

My professional career has included significant assignments in accounting, finance, and budgeting, as well as project management of new commercial construction. This experience has provided me real-world understanding of the careful management of assets and budgets to achieve goals

in the most cost-effective manner. While serving as your Trustee, I have been keenly focused on the wise use of District

funds and judicious spending of your tax dollars to benefit our schools, the students, and our community.

Service to the community is a calling for me. I am the current Chapter Administrator for the Southeast Texas Human Resource Association, Vice Chairman of the Board of Wellspring Credit Union, and 1st Vice Chair of the Board of United Way of Orange County. I also serve as a Junior Achievement volunteer which has allowed me to spend time in the BCISD classrooms facilitating the JA programs in both the high school and intermediate school. My previous board experience includes serving on the Board of Directors for Girls' Haven (including serving as President), St. Mary Hospital Foundation, Junior Achievement of the Golden Triangle, and Leadership Southeast Texas.

I am honored to be an active member of St Paul's United Methodist Church, which my late grandmother helped establish. I was appointed to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee in 2017 and have been the Chair of the Prayer Gar-

den Committee since its beginning. Other assignments at the church have included the Finance and New Building committees and serving on the Board of Trustees of St. Paul's UMC.

If reelected to serve on the BCISD Board of Trustees, I will apply my years of experience in leadership, human resources, organization management, finance, and board service to our district. I am eager to continue offering my time and talents to the children, parents, employees, and citizens of our district. I will listen to all our stakeholders with an open mind, I will devote my passion and energy to supporting public education in Texas, and I will work with the current board and administration to meet and exceed the goals set for our district. My priorities will continue to be ensuring high academic standards, availability of extra-curricular activities, support for our teachers, staff, and administration, and the long-term financial stability of our district.

A vote for Patty Collins is a vote for experience, leadership, and passion for BCISD. I appreciate your vote for BCISD School Board Trustee, Place 1. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve our number one priority, the future of tomorrow, our BCISD students! If you have questions, you can reach me at collinsforbcisdtrustee@gt.rr.com or 409-728-1211.

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“God has not forgotten you.”

As I heard those words, I was flooded with emotion. I hadn't realized how much I needed them. As tears streamed down my face, I understood how lonely and forgotten I had been feeling.

I was in the darkest time of my life. My husband had left our family, my body was deteriorating, and I was parenting two angry adolescent daughters who wanted nothing to do with “my” God. I felt unnoticed.

But somehow, knowing that God had not forgotten me stirred me to press into him with renewed hope. Those simple words turned my mind and helped me focus on the truths that I needed to remember. That the Lord was with me and would sustain me through this trial. That God was using my suffering to accomplish something far greater than I could see or understand. And that my pain wouldn't last any longer than was absolutely necessary.

Those truths grounded me. And those three assurances are still what ground me today.

1. God will be with me.

The assurance that God is with us is the most precious gift we have in suffering.

Of course, as Christians we know that God is always with us and that there is no-



where we can flee from his presence (Psalm 139:7-8), but actually sensing God's presence and comfort is different. It has given me joy when I was discouraged (Psalm 16:11), refreshed me when I was weary (Acts 3:20), and taken away my fear when I was in deep waters (Isaiah 43:2). God's presence has been more evident to me in suffering than at any other time, making it a priceless treasure of darkness (Isaiah 45:3).

In Psalm 23, David begins by talking about God and his tender care, saying, “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want” (Psalm 23:1). But when he moves into a place of danger and suffering, he shifts from talking about God to talking directly to him. He says, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me” (Psalm 23:4). There is a nearness, a personalness to God that David immediately feels in trouble.

The incomparable presence of God in our pain un-

derscores that a day with him in trial is better than a thousand pain-free days elsewhere.

2. God has a good purpose for my suffering.

If my suffering were meaningless, I couldn't have withstood it. I would have felt crushed, bitter, ripped off, full of regret and doubt, wondering whether my bad decision, or someone else's, had kept me from the successful life I'd longed for. Life would have felt unfair and even cruel.

But thankfully, I know that the opposite is true — my suffering has been entrusted to me by God, and he is using every drop of it to fulfill his good purposes for me. It is full of meaning and will not be wasted, even if all I can see in the moment is my loss. By faith, I believe that God has a reason and purpose for my pain — perhaps thousands of reasons — and they are all for my good, regardless of what it looks or feels like on the surface (Romans

8:28; Genesis 50:20). While I may not see or understand any of them, I know that the Lord would never make me suffer unnecessarily. Now I see in a mirror dimly. I understand in part. But one day I will see face to face and understand fully (1 Corinthians 13:12).

The men and women in the Bible couldn't see how God was using their lives and their struggles either. They lived day to day, as we do, disappointed, waiting, and wondering why their lives were so hard. Yet God used their pain for something more glorious than they could have imagined.

And so it is with us. We must trust that God is using our suffering for something greater than we can see now. Our suffering is accomplishing something eternal, preparing for us a weight of glory that is beyond all comparison (2 Corinthians 4:17). As with Joseph, our trials may be for the saving of many lives (Genesis 50:20), which we may see fully only in heaven. But we can be certain that, as Joni Eareckson Tada says, “We'll thank God endlessly in heaven for the trials he sent us here.”

3. My pain will end one day.

No matter what pain we are going through, if we are in Christ, we are assured that it won't last forever. Our suffering is “momentary” and “for a little while” as we consider and experience it in light of eternity. God will

make all things new; we have endless and painless joy awaiting us in heaven.

But heaven may feel like little comfort as days of pain on earth stretch into months and even years. All of us want deliverance in this life, and many of us will see it. Nothing is beyond God's ability to redeem. He gives life to the dead and calls into existence things that do not exist (Romans 4:17). He knows exactly how long our pain will last, and he will give us everything we need as we wait. Nothing is too hard for him (Jeremiah 32:17). We can only live one chapter of our lives at a time, and none of us knows exactly what the next chapter will bring. Tomorrow may bring redemption beyond our wildest dreams, as Naomi, Joseph, and Job experienced. Or perhaps just a needed break from our pain and suffering. We may soon look back at today's trials and marvel at God's faithful hand in them.

But not all of us will be able to speak of pain in the past tense. Some of us won't experience reprieve in this life. We will die from wasting disease. Feel the lifelong pain of acute loss. Live amid broken dreams. Agonize, wondering how our loved ones will manage. Struggle with debilitating physical and mental illness. We may never see the fulfillment of all we felt certain God would do. Like the saints throughout Scripture, who didn't see God's promises realized in their lifetime, we will have to trust that God has something better in store for us (Hebrews 11:13-16). A glorious inheritance. Untold

riches. Crowns of glory. Pleasures forevermore. If we are his, our pain will most surely and completely end.

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If you are struggling today, remember God has not forgotten you. He has engraved you on the palms of his hands (Isaiah 49:15-16). He will never fail you or forsake you. He will walk with you through every dark valley. The God who has numbered every hair on your head and knows every sparrow that falls to the ground is aware of every detail of your situation. He is using your suffering and pain in ways you would not believe if someone told you.

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. (1 Peter 5:10)

Vaneetha Rendall Risner is the author of Walking Through Fire: A Memoir of Loss and Redemption. Vaneetha and her husband Joel live in Raleigh, NC, where she writes at her website, encouraging readers to turn to Christ in their pain.

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FISHING
CAPT. DICKIE COLBURN
For The Record



Dickie Colburn

Few, if any other, fishing organizations are as attuned to the needs and future for not only their members, but the resource as well. Having said that, it has been a stressful year for the CCA.

The pandemic limited the fund raising while a parade of hurricanes and a record freeze wreaked havoc on the trout population. So much so, that even the popular statewide S.T.A.R. tournament made several changes to help advance the recovery efforts.

It was like a breath of fresh air when I received an e-mail earlier this week announcing that the Orange County CCA Chapter would once again be hosting their annual Chapter banquet. This well-attended night of auctions, good food and socializing with other anglers had grown every year prior to the pandemic restrictions a year ago.

Blake Burnside announced that while safety precautions would be taken, the event would be back to normal. The banquet is set for August 13th at the Orange County Convention and Expo Center. I will continue to remind you over the next few months, but tickets invariably go very fast and area fishermen are more than ready to enjoy the company of old friends again!

The only bump in the road for Sabine Lake anglers over the past week has been the wind, but that hasn't been an everyday occurrence. The water clarity has been better than average across most of the lake and a decent bite has been a day long event depending on the tide.

You know things have improved when the folks fishing the south end of the lake see no need to run north and vice versa. The average trout has been a solid 15 to 19 inches with a few in the 24-inch class now showing up. Add a few redfish and flounder in the mix and rolling out of bed at 4:30 in the morning gets easier.

When you locate a good concentration of trout, boxing five keeper trout doesn't take long. It is critical to remember that the trout population is still recovering and a fish in the box will not make any more babies. I am a big supporter of catch and release, but I like to eat fish as well.

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Redfish take the spotlight with Sabine Redfish Series Tournament

OUTDOORS
Chuck Uzzle
For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

With my little skiff in tow I eased down the road and got a feel for the water level as I crossed one of the many bayous that run through town. The water was a little lower than normal and that would certainly help out my shallow water program by concentrating the redfish in smaller areas.

Things were definitely shaping up and the odds would appear to be in our favor. The final piece to the puzzle were my angling friends for the day, two very accomplished fishermen who I enjoy sharing my boat with. The morning starts off full of promise as our first destination proves to be a perfect starting point. Several fish make tell tale mud boils and push healthy wakes as they make room for us in the pond.

Both anglers start the day off with topwater plugs just knowing a surface eruption is right around the corner. The sun is now creeping up past the horizon and the temperature is perfect. The added light makes spotting the fish much easier and we all begin to pick out fish. For whatever reason the redfish ignore the surface offerings and remain tight lipped causing us all to scratch our heads.

A new game plan is put in play and almost instantly pays dividends. A weightless soft plastic strikes the first fish as the rod bows over and we all watch a heavy redfish put on a show while steadily taking line off the reel. For that moment in time all is right with the world and the three figures in the boat all know it without saying a



Redfish take the spotlight Saturday for the Sabine Redfish Series.

RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle

word. For many anglers that sight will be what dreams are made of as the inaugural Sabine Redfish Series gets kicked off Saturday at High Tides restaurant on Cow Bayou. Local anglers will delight in the fact that they finally have a tournament series dedicated to Sabine

lake and surrounding water ways. MOF Productions and Sabine Slam Bait Company have put together an impressive 4 tournament series (April 24th, May 15th, June 26th) culminating with a championship event in July

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Houston pro sports fans being grossly short-changed

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There are probably no more ardent professional sports fans than those in the Houston area. These fans show up in droves at the stadiums and sports complexes to watch their heroes in action.

And for most of the time, the Houston Astros, Houston Texans and Houston Rockets have been good enough to qualify for the respective post-season playoffs.

These three franchises for 2021 have really hit the skids and are working diligently just to have a chance at victory in the latter stages of their respective games.

The talent level for all three franchises has dropped considerably due mainly to stars being traded and coaches and managers being replaced or fired.

The Houston Rockets lost their superstar James Harden, who insisted on being traded and was granted his wish. Their head coach also left the team and was replaced by a dude named Stephen Silas, who had to learn the strengths and weaknesses of each player. Many changes in personnel were made and it probably will take time for the team to jell.

Going into Monday's action, the Rockets had the worst record of the 30 teams in the league. Luckily, they beat Orlando Sunday and fell into a tie with the Minnesota Timberwolves with 14-42 records. It snapped a five-game losing streak and also a five-game losing streak on the road.

The Houston Astros aren't much better. Thank goodness they started the season with a five-game winning streak, taking four straight at Oakland against the A's and one of three against the LA Angels and then came home to Minute Maid Park and lost five of six games.

Oakland did just the opposite, after losing their first six games, they have won nine of their last 10 through Sunday.

Things didn't go any better back on the road at Seattle where the Mariners grabbed two of the three games. Fortunately, Astros' ace Zack Greinke pitched a gem Saturday, going eight shutout innings and having the 1-0 lead saved by closer Ryan Pressly, who still has a perfect 0.00 ERA going into Tuesday's action at Colorado against the Rockies.

But the heavy hitting that took place the first week of the season is long gone as the team is leaving double-digit numbers of men on the bases due to the lack of clutch hitting.

And then to add to their woes, the Astros lost Jose Altuve, slugger Yordan Alvarez, Alex Bregman, Martin Maldonado and Robel Garcia, who were all sidelined due to the health and safety protocols of COVID-19.

Monday's edition of the Houston Chronicle stated that all five are now permit-

ted to work out individually, according to Manager Dusty Baker, but "ambiguity remains about where and what they can do." None of them will play until at least after this five-game road trip which ends after today's game in Colorado.

The team took a big hit when it lost lead-off star George Springer, who seemed to be the glue that held the team together over the years. He's hard to replace as a team leader in the clubhouse, a job that apparently has been inherited by 37-year-old Greinke.

After coming out of the chute with both guns blazing and enjoying the top spot in the AL West Division, going in yesterday's game Houston was 7-8, one-half game ahead of the cellar-dwelling Texas Rangers.

The saddest situation of this trilogy belongs to the Houston Texans, who are trying to keep a positive attitude about the 2021 season, although they are without several stars including J.J. Watt and DeAndre Hopkins, who both have defected to the Arizona Cardinals.

A bigger problem lies with quarterback Deshaun Watson, who vows to have played his last game in a Texans' uniform. He may not be wearing any uniform this coming season due to the 21 lawsuits filed against him for sexual improprieties with female masseuses.

Watson's future became uncertain after the NFL and even the Houston police became involved by investigating the situation. The 25-year-old quarterback was a fan favorite during his four years with the Texans, but many have left due to the alleged situation with the lawsuits.

Bill O'Brien was canned after the first four losses of the 2020 season and has been replaced by David Culley as head coach and Nick Caserio as general manager.

Every NFL team was supposed to begin its off-season program Monday, but the NFL Players Association has recommended to its membership that players stay away from the nine-week program that started Monday and ends June 18, according to Monday's Chronicle.

"The union cites COVID-19 concerns and points out that even though there was no on-field offseason program in 2020 and that everything was done virtually, the season came off with very few glitches," the article pointed out.

Things don't look so shiny to the pro sports buffs in the Houston area.

KWICKIES...

Clemson's stellar quarterback Trevor Lawrence who will be drafted No. 1 by the Jacksonville Jaguars next weekend, pledges \$20,000 to Jacksonville charities and

says he and his wife are looking forward to being part of their community.

Cleveland Indians ace Shane Bieber is the first pitcher in major league history to begin the season in four starts with 10 or more strikeouts. He fanned 13 Sunday as Cleveland downed Cincinnati 6-3 as Bieber upped his strikeouts to 48 for the season matching Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan for the most through the first four starts of a season. Bieber has fanned at least eight batters in 16 straight starts, one short of Randy Johnson's major league mark.

Cleveland was on the losing end of a great pitching performance last week when Chicago White Sox ace Carlos Rodon pitched a no-hitter, blanking the Indians 8-0

and missing a perfect game when he hit a Cleveland batter in the ninth inning. Rodon is 2-0 this season and yet to give up an earned run.

Tom Brady says he is recovering well from knee surgery and hopes to participate in Tampa Bay's mandatory June minicamp.

Beaumont's Jay Bruce announced his retirement Sunday after 14 years in the major leagues. The West Brook alum says his performance to start the 2021 season was not at a "level that was acceptable to myself." Bruce, who had been playing for the New York Yankees, is a three-time All-Star who has hit more career home runs (319) than doubles and has driven in 951 runs in his career.

Sam Houston State, who

zipped through the Southland Conference with a 6-0 record, is the No. 2 seed in the FCS playoffs and will play Monmouth in the opening round April 24. The FCS championship game will be played May 16 at Toyota Stadium in Frisco, site of the title game for the 11th straight year. ABC will televise it starting at 1 p.m.

Forty-seven-year-old Stewart Cink took over the RBC Heritage lead after Friday's second round at Hilton Head, South Carolina and cruised to a four-stroke victory over Emiliano Grillo and Howard Varner III to the delight of son Reagan, who caddied for his dad. Cink, who won his third RBC Heritage crown, was 19 underpar and collected \$1,278,000 for his effort.

JUST BETWEEN US...

Orange's Chad Dallas found out Friday night what every pitcher playing anywhere has faced—YOU DON'T WIN MANY GAMES WHEN YOUR TEAM SCORES ZERO RUNS!!!

Chad pitched well enough to keep his undefeated college winning streak alive by giving up only three runs (two earned) in seven innings and striking out seven, but Tennessee was shut out 5-0 by No. 2 Vanderbilt's mound ace Kumar Rocker (8-1) who gave up two hits in his seven innings of work at Knoxville. Chad is scheduled to pitch Friday against Texas A&M in College Station. Hopefully, there will be a good crowd of Orangeites there to watch him pitch.

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Staff Report
For The Record

AUSTIN- With more people enjoying the outdoors this spring season, you may start to notice more wildlife in your backyard, neighborhood or surrounding areas. Species including birds, deer and snakes are active this time of year and their young often stray or appear to be abandoned. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) experts caution against lending a helping hand.

Animals that are most often picked up by well-meaning citizens are baby birds and deer fawns. However, it is important to realize that many such human-animal encounters are unnecessary and can even be detrimental



to the wildlife concerned.

The deer fawning season begins in early to mid-May. A newborn fawn's mottled coat and mother's care usually hides them from predators. As fawns mature, they shed these coats for a more adult color which causes them to catch the eye. A doe may leave her fawn for hours at a time while she is brows-

ing for food. During that time people may spot a fawn lying alone in tall grass or in a brushy area. Many people interfere with the fawn thinking that they have been abandoned by their mothers and need help. This is rarely the case.

Leave all young animals alone unless it is obviously injured or orphaned. To be

sure, spend time observing the wild animal from a distance to make that determination. Staying too close may deter the mother from returning. Interfering too soon may do more harm than good.

The same principals apply to young birds, who might be out of their nests but cannot fly. If the bird's eyes are open, it has a coat of feathers and is hopping around, it is probably fine. Grounded fledglings will usually be up and flying within a few days.

If it is determined that a wild animal is sick or injured, TPWD encourages citizens to contact a permitted wildlife rehabilitator. Please note that TPWD staff advise the public not to handle or attempt to transport injured, sick or orphaned wildlife. Learn more about what to do upon encountering orphaned or injured wildlife, and how to contact rehabilitators on the TPWD Wildlife Division website.

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fished under a small popping cork. Two feet of leader is the standard, but the choice of size and color in plastics is endless.

I would start with a four inch paddle tail like the Assassin Sea shad in glow-chartreuse or red shad or a chartreuse Gulp tail if you think there may be some reds in the area as well. Slowly swimming a five-inch tail rigged on a one-eighth ounce head has been deadly as well.

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Roccaforte issues statement of candidacy for Bridge City Council, Place 1

The following is a political statement released by Aaron Roccaforte, candidate for Bridge City Council, Place 1:

My name is Aaron Roccaforte, I am seeking the position of Bridge City Council Place 1. I was born in Port Arthur, Texas at St Mary's hospital to Kirk and Shirley Roccaforte, on February 4, 1982.

I have lived in Bridge City all of my life. I am a year 2000 graduate of Bridge City High School. I have worked at our family owned business, Bridge City Radiator & Auto Repair here in Bridge City on hwy 408 (1665 Miller Drive) since I was 16 years old, and have managed and taken ownership of the business since my mother (Shirley) passed away unexpectedly the day before her 68th birthday in 2015, and my father (Kirk) took office as Orange County Commissioner of Precinct 3. I have grown up with my parents being big supporters of the community.

I have one son, Trenton



Aaron Roccaforte

Roccaforte, who graduated from Bridge City High School in 2020 and is now attending his freshman year of college studying chemical engineering at Lamar Institute of Technology. I have one sister, Cristal (Land) DuBois who is married to Dwayne (Beaver) DuBois, and also have two nephews, Camden DuBois, who is currently enlisted in the Marine Corps, and Caleb DuBois, who is currently playing baseball for Texas Southern University.

I have been chairman of the board of adjustments for the City for four years and currently am a member of the Chamber of Commerce. I am gratefully honored to have received the endorsement of the Sabine Area Central Labor Council-AFL-CIO.

I feel I would be a great as-

set to the City having been around the city business for a majority of my life with my Father being on the City Council since 1992 and later becoming mayor in 2007, and terming out in 2017. I have seen and interacted with the City as a business owner, citizen, and a board member. I feel I can bring all of these positions and views together to keep Bridge City growing.

I appreciate your support and would look forward to serving You, the citizens of Bridge City!

Early voting continues today (Wednesday) from 8:30am until 4:30pm at the Bridge City ISD Administration building (1031 W Roundbunch Rd) until Friday the 23rd and then continuing on next Monday, the 26th, & the last day of early voting will be Tuesday, the 27th from 7am to 7pm, with the last day of voting on Saturday, Election Day, May 1st, from 7am until 7pm. Again, I greatly appreciate your support!

Harbert issues statement of candidacy for Bridge City Council, Place 1

The following is a political statement released by Carl Harbert, candidate for Bridge City Council, Place 1:

Hello, my name is Carl Harbert, and I am seeking re-election to the Bridge City Council, Place One. I have served on the council these past four years as your voice in city government.

My wife and I have been residents of Bridge City for the last 36 years, raised 5 children in this community which we call "home". Two of our children are graduates of BCHS. We are members at First Baptist Bridge City and enjoy the worship and fellowship with other fellow Christians. Eleven years ago, I retired as Plant Manager for A&A Fertilizer and being retired has allowed me to actively follow various city projects.

Many of you will recall the demanding situation the city faced with an ongoing water quality problem. I was genuinely concerned about the issue, as were others on the council. I actively followed the installation of the new water purification system and worked closely with the water department employees flushing lines. The flushing activities were conducted in the midnight hours as to lessen the impact on families and business. I worked alongside the Water Department personnel in these flushing procedures and believe me, they are a dedicated group of guys.

Recent weather events have brought the drainage



Carl Harbert

concerns to many citizens here in Bridge City. I have spoken with many of you about these issues and resolved several.

The drainage work continues and hopefully we can address others soon. I was able to work with the Sewer Department for the purchasing and installation of new equipment which will provide additional cost savings to the city. Our streets and roads challenges seem never-ending. Tammie Fissette and I worked long years on a particular street problem. The Franklin Street issue is much improved. I received a nice email from a resident on Franklin thanking Tammie and I for our 3 year effort to get the roadway replaced entirely.

In addition to my council duties, I have taken a personal interest in our Police Department. I have taken the opportunity to get to know each officer on the force and have supported them in numerous ways. The entire department is a professional group, and they support the highest level of integrity. To further the ability or police, fire department and first responders to react to emergency needs, I am working, along with others on the council, to get an ordinance passed which would require house numbers to be visible for our responders. Ease of

identification could reduce response times for those in need.

Along with the police department employees, I have also become familiar with our municipal court proceedings as well as it's personnel. On most Wednesdays, you will find me assisting the court in whatever capacity needed. The recent COVID protocol mandates regarding how groups of people may gather has been difficult to adhere to, but they are doing an excellent job in speeding up most cases.

One of my highest responsibilities as a council member is to do all I can, to ensure that the citizens's tax dollars are spent wisely. If an item or expenditure comes to the council that I do not understand, I will not hesitate to question and review such items. "It's your money" and it is my job to be a thorough and prudent administrator of those resources.

During the past four years, I have taken the role as a council member quite serious. I count it an honor and a privilege to have served the citizens and community of Bridge City. I have always felt it my responsibility to stand for the best interest of all concerned. Again, I am asking for your vote in the upcoming elections and looking forward to serving you once again, as we grow, improve and create a more desirable community.

Thank you for your support!

Heritage House Presents Evergreen Cemetery Walk

The Heritage House of Orange County will present Evergreen Cemetery Walk taking place at 408 Border St. Orange, on April 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Featuring the gravesites of old Orange individuals for whom streets were named. The Heritage House of Orange County is proud to bring the 2nd Annual Evergreen Cemetery Tour to residents of Southeast Texas. Ticket prices are \$5 for 12 years old and up. Members of the Heritage House Museum of Orange County are free.




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Cole releases statement on candidacy for BCISD school board

The following is a political statement released by Judy Cole on her candidacy for BCISD school board:

My name is Judy Cole, and I am seeking re-election to the Bridge City Independent School District Board of Trustees, Place 2. As a board member, I have and will continue to support decisions that are in the best interest of the students, employees, and citizens of our community.

I graduated from Bridge City High School and have been a resident of Bridge City for over 40 years. My husband, Michael Cole, and my son, Cody, and daughter, Candice, are also all BCHS graduates. Cody currently lives with his family in Rockwall, Texas, and Candice and her family reside in Bridge City. Candice is a teacher at BCHS. I have four grandchildren, Michael, Easton, Jonah, and Ava. Michael and Jonah attend Bridge City Schools.

I am President of Cole Plumbing and attend St. Henry's Catholic Church. I have previously volunteered with the Youth program, RCIA, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Society, Young at Heart group, Liturgical Committee



Judy Cole

and I have served on the Parish council. I also serve on the board of adjustments for the City of Bridge City. In the past, I served as a surrogate parent, which consisted of attending ARD meetings to be a liaison for the foster children of our school district. I also worked for BCISD as a substitute teacher and cafeteria worker.

Having lived in Bridge City for over 40 years, I can attest that it is a great place to raise a family and BCISD is the anchor of the community. Our district has received some of the highest honors from the state. Bridge City schools offer the students many opportunities to be involved and succeed, not only in academics, but also many enriching programs like athletics, the arts, and music, all of which is a direct result of our excellent, devoted teachers and employees. I feel the district is one of the best academic schools in the area, which is a testament to the teachers and district employ-

ees.

It is the responsibility of the Superintendent and School Board to ensure every tax dollar spent benefits all students, district employees, and taxpayers. If re-elected, I will continue to go into each meeting with an open mind, and my decisions will be based on the facts and needs of the district. I will be fair in my decisions and will do everything I can to gain the trust and confidence of the employees and taxpayers of the district. I will always have the best interests of all the children and employees of the district in mind. I will have an open-door policy to listen to the concerns of the taxpayers and make every effort to bring action to those concerns.

It would be an honor to continue serving the students, parents, faculty, staff, and administration of BCISD. I would greatly appreciate your support in my candidacy for Trustee Place 2 on the Bridge City School Board. Early voting begins on April 19 at the BCISD Administration Building. Please contact me at 720-7184 or judy1452@att.net with any questions.

Free 'Do Well Be Well' with diabetes classes

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension of Orange County will be holding free Do Well Be Well with Diabetes classes. Join us in learning how to prevent and control your type 2 diabetes, eat healthy and much more to control your diabetes. The series

will last for 5 classes (on Mondays) starting on May 3rd through May 24th and the last one on, Tuesday, May 25th and will be from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

They will be held at the Neighborhood Facilities Building at 303 North 8th St,

Orange (By the Orange Police Department). To get the full educational benefit, you need to attend all 5 classes if possible.

Call the Extension Office at 409-882-7010 to sign-up for this series.

VFW host 'Almost Summer Garage Sale'

The VFW AUX 2775 Almost Summer Garage Sale will be held in the VFW Hall at 5303 N. 16th St on Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

The VFW Auxiliary will be offering coffee and donuts for sale early on Saturday morning. And will have our kitchen

open for lunch.

The cost per table is \$15.00. If you are setting up with clothes racks or tent frames the space and table will be \$20.00. Parking lot spaces can be made available cost depends on amount of space needed.

The vendors will be able to

set up on Friday May 21, 2021 from 5:00pm until 8:00pm. Early registration guarantees you a spot.

We will also be hosting a Life Share Blood Drive on this date at our location.

For more information please email Mary Snapp @ tootsie77632@att.net.

Notice of Application for Determination of System Restoration Costs

On April 16, 2021, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI" or the "Company") filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") an Application for Determination of System Restoration Costs. The Application was filed pursuant to Sections 36.401 through 36.406 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA"). These provisions of PURA are intended to enable an electric utility to obtain timely recovery of its reasonable and necessary system restoration costs and to use securitization financing to recover those costs. ETI seeks the recovery of costs in connection with the restoration of electric service resulting from three weather events: Hurricane Laura, which struck ETI's service territory in August 2020; Hurricane Delta, which struck ETI's service territory in October 2020; and the February 2021 Winter Storm Uri. Prior to authorizing the Company to recover these costs, the Commission must first determine the amount of ETI's reasonable and necessary system restoration costs. PURA also provides that the system restoration costs may include reasonable estimates of system restoration costs and shall include carrying costs.

In its Application, ETI requests (1) a Commission determination that ETI's system restoration costs, incurred through February 28, 2021, plus certain estimates, in the amount of \$252,502,759, are reasonable and necessary and are eligible for recovery; (2) that the Commission recognize the recovery of carrying costs reflected at the Company's weighted average cost of capital as last approved by the Commission in a general rate proceeding, from the date on which the system restoration costs were incurred until the date the costs are recovered through a rate recovery mechanism; (3) that the Commission approve the manner in which the system restoration costs will be functionalized and allocated among ETI's rate classes and schedules; and (4) that the Commission approve ETI's proposal to securitize the projected balance of an existing regulatory asset containing Commission-approved system restoration costs related to Hurricane Harvey.

ETI's Application, if approved, will ultimately affect all retail customers in ETI's service territory; however, the Company is not requesting recovery of its system restoration costs in this proceeding. ETI expects to submit a request to the Commission for a securitization financing order to recover those costs, plus carrying costs, in a future proceeding that will also include specific rates and tariffs to recover such costs.

Persons with questions or who want more information on ETI's Application may contact Entergy Texas at Attn: Customer Service - System Restoration Costs, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call (409)-981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of ETI's Application is available for inspection at the address listed above upon request.

The Commission will review ETI's Application, establish an intervention date for interested persons, and determine whether the Application should be approved. The Commission has assigned Docket No. 51997 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to formally intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989.

ETI expects the deadline for filing a motion to intervene in this proceeding to be set 45 days from the day its Application was filed, which would be May 31, 2021, or the next day the Public Utility Commission of Texas is open for business.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the preferred method for you to file your request for intervention or comments on the Application is electronically, and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address (and/or fax number if available) on the intervention request. Instructions for electronic filings via the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website can be found at: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>. Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at: http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New_PUC_Web_Filer_Presentation.pdf. Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Filer, you may email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: centralrecords@puc.texas.gov. For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

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 The petition of City of Pinehurst, Texas, Petitioner, was filed in the 260th District Court of Orange County, Texas on 11th day of February, 2021, against Donald G Reid, Respondent, numbered 210060-C. The suit request:
 The Court foreclose on the lien and award fee simple title in the property to the CITY OF PINEHURST, TEXAS
 The court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement which will be binding on you.
 ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Orange, Texas, this April 6, 2021.
 VICKIE EDGERLY, District Clerk
 Orange County, Texas
Vickie Edgerly

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To: Jerry Glass Respondent, NOTICE:
 YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgement may be taken against you.
 The petition of Robert Holston, Petitioner, was filed in the 260th District Court of Orange County, Texas on 8th day of April, 2021, against Jerry Glass, Respondent, numbered 210150-C. The suit request:
 That Plaintiff be awarded fee simple title to the property and for all other relief to which he may be justly entitled, both in law and in equity.
 The court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement which will be binding on you.
 ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Orange, Texas, this April 14th, 2021.
 VICKIE EDGERLY, District Clerk
 Orange County, Texas
Vickie Edgerly

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MAX EDMOND GLENN, a/k/a MAX EDMOND GLENN**, Deceased, were issued on **MARCH 30, 2021, in Cause No. P18938**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Izora L. Glenn**.
 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: Izora L. Glenn
 720 Strickland
 Vidor, TX 77662
 Dated March 29, 2021
 Izora L. Glenn
 720 Strickland
 Vidor, TX 77662

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **EDWARD E. STRICKLAND**, Deceased, were issued on **MARCH 29, 2021, in Cause No. P18922**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Linda Gail Payne**.
 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: Linda Gail Payne
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 Dated March 29, 2021
 Linda Gail Payne
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **PETER HERBERT GODFREY**, Deceased, were issued on **MARCH 31, 2021, in Cause No. P18936**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Judy Dukate-Godfrey**.
 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: Judy Dukate-Godfrey
 175 Timer Road
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 Judy Dukate-Godfrey
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MARJORIE ELIZABETH REVIA**, Deceased, were issued on **MARCH 31, 2021, in Cause No. P18940**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Judith Ann Pillow**.
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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 Dated March 31, 2021
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **GILBERT ADAM REVIA**, Deceased, were issued on **MARCH 31, 2021, in Cause No. P18939**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Judith Ann Pillow**.
 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: Judith Ann Pillow
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **ROBERT EDD DEAN**, Deceased, were issued on **FEBRUARY 17, 2021, in Cause No. P16976**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Sandra Gail Dean Dinsmore**.
 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: Sandra Gail Dean Dinsmore
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 Vidor, TX 77662
 Dated March 31, 2021
 Sandra Gail Dean Dinsmore
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of **RAYMOND THOMAS HENRY**, Deceased, were issued on **December 14, 2020, in Cause No. P18821**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **Charlotte Denise Wolford**.
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
 c/o: George B. Barron
 Barron Law Office, PLLC
 P.O. Box 279
 Orange, TX 77631-0279
 Dated the 16th day of April, 2021.
George B. Barron
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 george@barronlawoffice.net
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **BARBARA ANN RANKIN PEVETO**, Deceased, were issued on **the 29th day of January, 2021, in Cause No. P18953**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, Probate Division to: **JOANNA LYNN PEVETO**.
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Congratulations to our finalists of the 1st Annual Second Grade Spelling Bee contest



We are proud of our finalist for the 1st Annual Second Grade Spelling Bee contest. Congratulations to first place winner Phoebe Foster, second place winner Aubree Lummus, third place winner Dallex Pelt and fourth place winner John Clark. Taking fifth place was Adaleigh Haney, sixth place was Mason Petitjean, seventh place went to Ranger Higginbotham and Vivaan Lala took eight.

Easter Fun 2021 at Bridge City Elementary

Easter at BCE was very different from the past, but our students and staff still had opportunities to do various activities to celebrate the holiday. Students participated in egg hunts, graphed jelly beans, engaged in sack races, made bunny ears, traded sweet treats with their friends, along with many other fun activities.

