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Orange County sales tax receipts still rising



Trey Gilbert, Orange County Road Administrator, shows Commissioner Theresa Beauchamp where to put her signature on the final plat of Acadian Estates, a 52.5-acre tract on FM 1442.

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DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

County Treasurer Christy Khoury banked \$516,000 in sales tax receipts for the county from the month of April.

That ½ of a cent sales and use tax rebate from the state of Texas is 7% higher than the figure from a year ago.

According to the state comptroller's website, Orange County is 15.7% ahead of sales tax receipts from last

95.25% rate, she said. Jennifer Haney, who has been asked to head up the county's formation of a health department, reported that she had landed a \$1 million grant to to build its public health workforce.

And among the green day, Mosquito Control Director

Patrick Beebe was finally granted permission to spend \$25,000 for a new truck.

The old one had 200,000 miles on it and its replacement was included in the 2021 fiscal year budget, which began last October.

But Beebe agreed to put off receipt until the New Year,

then put off again, because of Hurricane Laura expenses.

"We appreciate everybody buying a little more this year, so we can get extra sales tax money," Gothia joked.

The county paid \$438,000 in weekly bills, with \$126,000 going as a quarterly payment to help fund Orange County

Appraisal District.

Orlando Espinoza of The Association of Counties commended the county for its new wellness programs and generally better health.

"Two years ago, you were at the end of the road and

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Lions Carnival ready to hit stride

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For The Record

It was kinda like getting back on the bike.

There were a hitch or two observed in the first week of the first non-delayed Lions Club Charity Carnival in a handful of years but that didn't spoil the fun.

"Everybody out there was pleased," event co-chairman Pam Honeycutt said of opening week June 16-19.

The three-weekend event continues Wednesday through Saturday for the next two weeks at Lions Den Park at the intersection of MacArthur Drive and Adams Bayou, near downtown.

Gates open from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students aged 10-17 and youngsters under 10 are admitted free. Most rides are a buck and there's food and games aplenty.

Proceeds of the carnival will be used by the Lions Club to fund club causes like the Eyeglass Bank, scholarships for youngsters to Lions Club Camp, food baskets, their beautification tree project and the Texas Ramp Project.

"We did get one good shower Friday night, but people are interested in coming out to the Carnival, and we were glad to see them."

This is the 80th Orange Lions Carnival, and until last year's COVID-19 wipe-out, the event had been put on every year since the end of World War II.

Most of those were held in the fall, but the area's recent history of Gulf storms has caused a few carnivals to be shuffled all over the calendar.

A June carnival, trying to beat storm systems that



A child enjoys one of the many rides on the grounds of the Lion's Club Carnival in Orange during opening week of the 2021 event.

RECORD PHOTO: Stump Weatherford



Children play for prizes at one of the many game stops at the Lions Club Carnival that starts up again on Wednesday.

RECORD PHOTO: Stump Weatherford

have lately been the worst in August and September, came out of the box too hot, Honeycutt admitted.

"Usually it's a little cooler than it is now," she said of recent temperatures in the 90s. "We expected it to be hot, but we'll definitely look

at changing the dates again."

A new ride, the Kiddie Scrambler, saw non-stop action," she said, "and the Thunderbolt had a huge line. All the kids wanted to ride the Thunderbolt."

This carnival is unlike most in that the rides are

owned and operated by the sponsors, not a third-party business. But sitting in a warehouse unused for two years isn't ideal.

Two of the perennial favorites of Orange Carnivals,

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FEMA finalizing floodplain map

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For The Record

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is encouraging Orange County residents to examine new flood maps that become effective Dec. 16, 2021.

To access the Orange County preliminary maps, go to this web address: <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelim-download/searchLoad.action> and at the bottom of the page, select Texas, then Orange, then click "Get Preliminary FEMA Map Products."

That will reveal a list of 19 map panels for Orange County and an index. Down-

load the index first and open it to determine which panel file you need for your location.

Each of the panels includes lengthy map legends at the bottom, which should answer at least some questions.

FEMA's news release, issued Monday, advises residents to determine from the map if they live in a low-to-moderate- or high-risk flood zone. It informs them that a FEMA compliance specialist will be working with each community to fine-tune the maps and gain their adoption.

FEMA FLOOD MAP Page 3A

Jefferson Co. hires BC's Satir as interim

Staff Report
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Satir

CC Facebook page.

"This opportunity will allow him to continue to care for his patients in

Bridge City and provide support for the Jefferson County Employee Clinic ... This will be Dr. Satir's 23rd year to serve the people of Southeast Texas; it is an honor he cherishes ... Again, Dr. Satir is not leaving."

Several phone calls to a number reported to be Dr. Satir's were unanswered and messages were not returned Tuesday night.

According to a televised story on Dr. Zuzukin last week, he was paid \$1,000 per month by Jefferson County to supervise and sign off on the work of a staff of nurse practitioners.

Dr. Servet Satir picked up some new responsibility across the Neches River Tuesday, but will continue his work at Bridge City's Golden Triangle Family Care Center.

So says a post on the clinic's Facebook page Tuesday night.

Jefferson County Commissioners unanimously voted to hire Satir to oversee their county's employee clinic after the previous doctor resigned.

Dr. George Zuzukin resigned his Jefferson County job following complaints about racially charged posts on his Facebook account.

Satir was hired for 30 days on a trial basis.

"Dr. Satir is not leaving Golden Triangle Family Care Center!" said the Tuesday post on the GTF-

Beto O'Rourke: Dems should let voices ring

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Beto O'Rourke

Former U.S. Congressman Beto O'Rourke wants Texans to fight Republican voter suppression acts by taking to the phones.

O'Rourke, who appeared in front of a crowd of 300 outside the Julie Rogers Theater in Beaumont last week, wants Democrats to call their state representatives and detail their objections to Senate Bill 7.

He wants them to call the White House and make sure President Biden gets the votes needed to pass the For The People Act in the Senate, then signs it.

Senate Bill 7, which didn't pass the Texas Legislature

last month only because Democrats left early and denied a quorum, is expected to be brought back up by Republicans in a special session this summer or fall.

"The governor will bring back this (expletive deleted) bill and they, especially the speaker [Dade Phelan] who hails from these parts, need to hear from you now, because it is working. They fear you, as they should."

"So stand up, speak up, get after it, make sure they know how you feel."

As for the U.S. Congress, O'Rourke compared the situ-

ation before the passage of the 1965 Voters Rights Act to what could be coming for America.

"The 1965 Voters Right Act ushered in the first true multi-racial democracy in United States history," he said. "We find ourselves in the very same predicament."

"The For The People Act would stop voter suppression, make voter registration automatic, reduce the power of big money in our politics, make Election Day a national holiday and end the practice of gerrymandering."

"It has passed the House. Biden says he'll sign it if it comes to his desk. I ask you to light up the White House switchboard in 2021 just like our moms and dads did in

1965."

The man who lost his 2018 upset bid for the U.S. Senate to incumbent Ted Cruz by 2.5 points, 200,000 votes out of 8.3 million votes, stressed that it's important to begin registering voters now and not wait for the eve of the 2022 election.

"There are 2 million Texans unregistered to vote, 5 million more registered that didn't vote. I only lost to Ted Cruz by 200,000 votes. We can't wait until 2022 to get after it. Let's get them signed up."

"Whatever the issue, from racial justice to climate justice to economic justice, to just making sure our democracy works, it's going to take all of us."

Texas dairy production good despite setbacks, processing limits

Adam Russell
Texas A&M AgriLife
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Texas dairy producers are experiencing better prices and improving market conditions as the economy continues to emerge from the pandemic, but processing limitations are holding them back, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Prices have rebounded compared to a year ago, said Jennifer Spencer, Ph.D.,

AgriLife Extension dairy specialist, Stephenville, and demand continues to be high for milk and milk products from cheese to ice cream.

Spencer said Texas has surpassed New York to become the nation's fourth-leading milk producer with 1.32 billion pounds. But a lack of processing plant capacity has limited dairy expansion.

"It's good and bad news," she said. "Prices are good, but processors are overloaded with milk and a tiered

program has been implemented giving producers an allotment of milk production before receiving a discount, so they've in turn had to pull back on production for now."

Spencer said producers would like to be maximizing on the excellent crop production fueled by rains this spring but will have to wait.

Ongoing expansion of the state's processing capacity with a new cheese processing facility in Amarillo will help to reduce the duration of the allotment program, she said.



Texas dairy production is being limited by processing capacity, but the market and demand bounced back after disruptions amid pandemic uncertainty. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Kay Ledbetter)

Spencer suspects the state will quickly move into third place ahead of Idaho for U.S. dairy production once processing volume allows Texas dairy producers to operate at maximum capacity and/or expand.

Texas dairy outlook good after ugly year

The good news is the Texas dairy industry overall emerged from more than a year of adversity, Spencer said. Unfortunately, some dairy operations didn't. She said there were approximately 400 registered dairies in the state in 2019. There are now 351.

Texas dairy producers faced challenging times as COVID-19 disrupted the market destinations for milk, cheese and butter due to school and restaurant closures. Uniform milk prices fell after March and April and dropped from \$19 per hundredweight to around \$14 per hundredweight. For the year 2020, the average price was \$15 per hundredweight.

Dairies also dumped around 14 million gallons and incurred losses of around \$8 million in February as Winter Storm Uri brought the logistical chain from raw milk pick up to processing and product delivery to a virtual standstill.

Prices slowly recovered as the pandemic wore on but

demand, but there is also that summer demand for ice cream," she said. "That and the drop in milk production by cows during the summer, and we could see prices climb a bit more."

Increased export demand adds another element to price forecasts being good for producers, Spencer said, adding the future for Texas dairy production appears much brighter than in 2020.

"There have been positive developments lately," she said. "Once the additional processing is available, it's possible that Texas could move into third place, but the two top producers – California and Wisconsin – are way ahead. But, over the next decade with all the growth in the Panhandle, who knows?"

GOACC host ribbon cutting at new Granger Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep Ram dealership



The Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Granger Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram. We here at the Chamber refer to our friends as Team Granger! Al Granger has discussed purchasing this dealership many times over the years, as he explained last week at the ribbon cutting and grand opening, "the pieces finally fell into place". Granger Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram has been a part of the Granger Family for about 1 year. But Al Granger and his team have been in the car business since the 1980's. With over 40 years experience in the car industry, Al and Bobby Wilkins the new manager at Granger CDJR are looking forward to bringing excellent customer service and a seamless car buying experience back to Orange.

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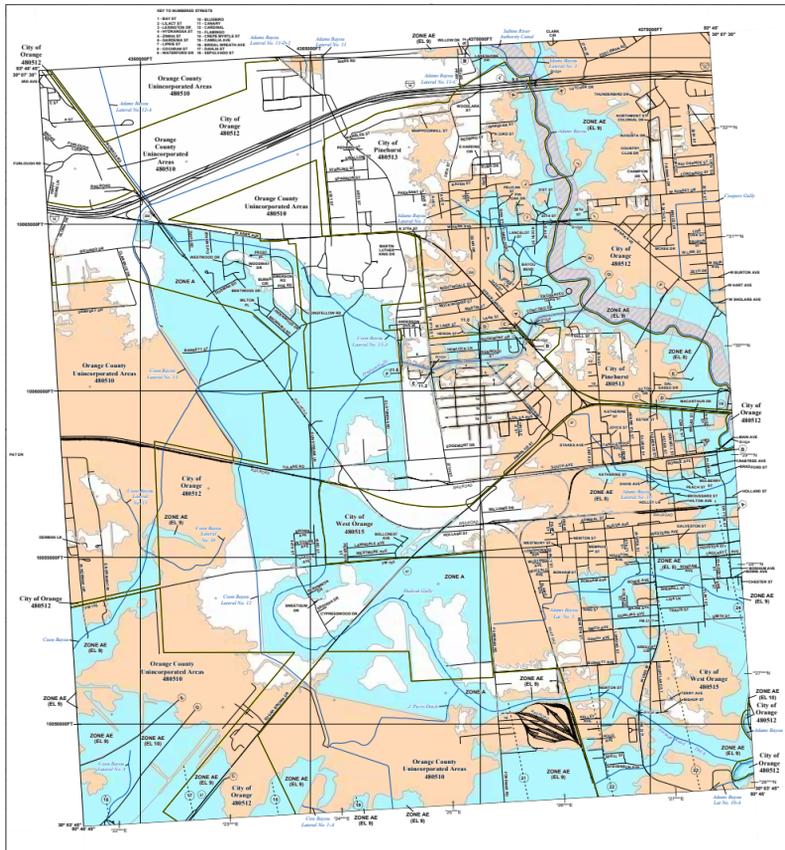
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A panel of the new Orange County floodplain map shows the area of Pinehurst and West Orange. (Courtesy FEMA)

FEMA flood map From Page 1

It reminds those without flood insurance risk uninsured losses to their home, property or business and adds flood insurance is available through private insurers or National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

"These flood maps are going to be forced onto the county, even if the county doesn't approve," said Melinda Smith of Traylor and Associates, who is working with governments and area residents on elevation and buyout/acquisition pro-

grams through FEMA and the Texas General Land Office.

"It boils down to a lot of people will see increases in their flood insurance rates. But if governments reject the maps, nobody will have flood insurance available to them."

New floodplain maps are necessary, Smith explained, because of the historical storms that have hit Southeast Texas over the past couple of decades.

"Look at the areas that

weren't labeled 'in the floodplain' but flooded," she said. "Basically the maps were updated using more recent flood data."

The FEMA release does include a silver lining, or a short-term saving. "Purchasing a flood insurance policy now, before the map effective date, may save you money," it said.

It directs residents to <https://www.floodsmart.gov> to learn more.

Lions Club Carnival continues From Page 1

the Tilt-A-Whirl and Ferris Wheel, are out of action this year, and Honeycutt reports the Thunderbolt had some opening week problems. Parts for the Merry-Go-Round are expected to arrive in time for a weekend fix.

"We got a new wiffle ball game this year, and it's been a big success," Honeycutt said.

"The hamburgers are still really good. Steve Maddox is doing a super job there, and Capt. Chris Horner is perfecting his pork-a-bob recipe.

"We have pulled pork nachos at the cotton candy booth this year. Those are real good and really popular. People enjoy them."

As for last weekend's

shakedown, Honeycutt said, "You do have some problems you can't foresee. But we're about to get the bumps hammered out.

"We're out there to help the community, and if people will help us [by attending] we'll put that money back into Orange County real soon."

County business From Page 1

your rates went up 10%. But last year you got a 3% [rate] increase," he said.

He said while claims were down for the county, it was still going to get a 4.5% rate hike this year, because the other counties in the insurance pool had turned in more claims.

"The pool went up 7.4%," he said.

COVID-19 deserved a lot of blame for higher payouts across the state by the insurer, Espinoza said.

He said the cost of employees' insurance was going up from \$883.34 per person per month to \$923.08 per person per month.

Orange council paves way to med center

City Council for the City of Orange unanimously backed a proposal by its Economic Development Corporation Tuesday night that should lead to a quick start on a medical center to serve Orange County.

The city accepted another land donation from the Houseman Companies, then rubber-stamped the EDC agreement to spend another

\$340,000 to build a roadway to the project.

The Gisela Houseman Medical Center at Eagle Point, a long-in-the-planning development near the intersection of Interstate 10 and Route 62, was announced in 2019, when Houseman Companies donated 20 acres of land upon which a medical realty group planned to end the town's curiosity of being the largest county in Texas without a hospital.

But those plans were sent to the backburner just months later by Tropical Storm Imelda, and delayed by later storms and the coronavirus pandemic shutdowns in March of 2020.

The city had pledged money to help build a four-lane Eagle Point Parkway to bisect the property east to west, but had to delay some of those plans when bids for roadbuilding far overshot the budget.

The \$340,000 in additional funds approved Tuesday will add enough to the budget to construct a north-south entry from the I-10 feeder road to the planned medical center on the west

side of the property.

Developers maintain long-term hopes to build out all the way to 62.

The Houseman Companies donated almost five more acres of land to the project Tuesday to make room for that access road.

"We have the project at the point where we can move forward at this point where we can move forward with the Phase I from I-10 frontage directly to the 20-acre site," EDC Director Jay Trahan said.

Among other action by the council Tuesday, members received a presentation by the Texas Department of Transportation on a nearly \$1 million proposal to add 35 streetlights on MacArthur Drive, which extends from the site of the old traffic circle to Adams Bayou.

While no council has officially accepted the proposal, West Orange and Pinehurst council members seemed happy with a deal that has them paying for the electricity to power the lights while Orange would pay for the upkeep of the streetlights and TxDOT would foot the construction costs.

CORRECTION: FOR THE RECORD

In a news story last week related to a 2020 hit-and-run fatality in Bridge City, this paper referred to a family member of the deceased, Robert Jackson, as his ex-wife. It should have used the term widow. Additionally, Jackson's hometown should have been listed as Orange, according to the family member. The Record Newspapers regret the errors.

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From The Creaux's Nest

BFD OBAMACARE HERE TO STAY

In 2016, Donald Trump ran on a platform to do away with the Affordable Care Act promising "On day one we will repeal and replace ObamaCare with something better." The Trump administration did neither. Four years went by and when Trump ran for re-election he still didn't have a health care plan. Instead they appealed to the Supreme Court that ruled republican states and the U.S. Justice Department didn't have standing to bring the suit in the first place. The conservative court ruled 7-2. ObamaCare has become deeply entrenched throughout public life covering more than 30 million Americans. Virtually everyone benefits from one or more of the programs. Trump spent four years clogging up all three branches of government trying to eliminate ObamaCare. So why did Trump try to eliminate a law that helped citizens in such a deeply personal way? Trump and the republican politics of health care are the policies of cruel indifference. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and 17 other Republican states and the Justice Department filed the Supreme Court case. The case was among the most consequential the Court has considered this term. It follows more than a decade of bitter, partisan dispute over a law that expanded coverage to millions of Americans. Former President Obama in a statement said, "That the decision reaffirmed the notion that the Affordable Care Act is here to stay." When the bill was passed and became law, Obama had said the law was structured in such a way that it would never be done away with. At the time Vice-President Biden made his famous quote to Obama that was caught on a hot microphone, praising the law with a swear word. After the Court ruling, now president Joe Biden statement read, "With millions of people relying on the Affordable Care Act for coverage it remains as ever a BFD." My thinking is that ObamaCare is no longer about former President Obama, it has reached into the lives and financial security of households throughout the country. Before long, most citizens will have no idea whose name sake signature law is what's protecting them. I believe we will not be hearing any more about ObamaCare. It is now, and ever, "The law of the land."*****I have to move on. Come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.

DALLAS, TENN OUT--TEXAS ADVANCES

After reading Kazmar's column last week about Chad Dallas, our local boy, star pitcher for Tennessee, I looked forward to watching him pitch Sunday against Virginia. Chad was throwing very well, like he has all season but gave up a homerun to Chris Newell, his first of the season. Chad left the game in the seventh, allowing five hits and trailing 3-0. Virginia won 6-0. Chad hasn't had run support all season. By the way, Chad's brother Jack was in the stands. They had to have a proud dad on Father's Day. Tennessee played Texas Tuesday afternoon. Chad didn't start. After being tied 4-4, Texas broke it wide open in the 4th eliminating Tennessee 8-4. Texas advances in College World Series.

HIGH COURT RULES AGAINST NCAA IN ANTITRUST CASE

The landmark case challenges the association's ability to have national limits on education-related benefits that athletes can receive for playing college sports, and more broadly raises doubts about limiting benefits at all. NCAA president Mark Emmert tells USA Today Sports the ruling isn't the end of legal maneuvering in the matter.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2011

Texas has now passed a voter ID law. Opponents say the law is designed to stifle turnout among students, poor people and minorities who are more likely to vote for Democrats but lack government issued ID's such as driver's licenses or passports. Texas is not the only state requiring photo ID's. David Axelrod, an Obama strategist, called the ID legislation a "calculated strategy." "It's ironic that when people all over the world are dying for the right to vote, in this country some are working to limit the franchise."***** Texas has the fourth highest percentage of children living in poverty and the most uninsured citizens in the nation.***** We were sorry to hear about the accidental death of Michael Wuske, 21, from West Orange. He died Sunday, June 19, after diving from the historical swing bridge on Hwy. 12, in Deweyville.*****We were also sorry to hear about the death of Julie Hale, 63, who passed away June 13. She was the daughter of former Orange mayor Paul Hale and wife "Chockey."***** Coach Jeff Bennett is changing teams. He's leaving the Bobcats to become a Wildcat. We wish him well.*****Wanda Holts Reinert and Diana Holts stopped by. Wanda's husband recently died and she is having a big garage sale, tools, cars, bulldozer and lots of other stuff. (Editor's note: Diana, the daughter of the late Morgan and Doris Holts, lives in Austin. She is now 72 years old and has 10 grandchildren. Her sister, Donna, is a longtime resident of Denver and has a 20 years old daughter. Brother Rocky is an electrician in Henderson. Doris died 27 years ago.***** Former Orangeite Kaye Sexton, 66, died in Midland on June 14. Kaye was a lawyer but preferred teach-

ing She taught at Little Cypress-Mauriceville while in this area. She was divorced from Charles Sexton. They lost their only child, son Scott, several years ago. Midland was home to Kaye.*****Our friend Mary Alice Hartsfield left her Vidor tax office job last week and will pitch-hit at the Veteran's Office where she has several years experience.***** Mark Dunn, of The Record Newspapers, was named to the 2011 Media Honor Roll, sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) of Bridge City ISD. The media honor roll recognizes media representatives statewide for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. In most cases, local school boards pass a formal resolution and present a personalized certificate to their nominated news media.*****Our longtime friend Ron Moreau has beat the odds and is still alive. Seven weeks ago, he crashed an ultra-light plane for the third time in the past 20 years. This crash wasn't as bad as the first fall out of the sky but it was bad enough for him to call it quits. He came down in an eight-foot deep ditch on Hwy. 1442. His wound wouldn't heal and he was put on a wound vac to drain the injury. He's had skin grafts and will require more. All in all, he's counting his blessings and has his plane for sale. I understand his bud, Al Judice, is still flying and he now needs another flying buddy. (Editor's note: Ron has since passed away.)***** Port Arthur Thomas Jefferson High School, in 1961, graduated 465 students. It was an interesting class. The most famous of the 61' class however is Coach Jimmy Johnson, who won three Super Bowls with the Dallas Cowboys.***** University of Texas got knocked out of the College World Series, dropping the first two games. Jacob Felts, a freshman from Orangefield, accounted for himself and made us proud. Meanwhile, after losing the first game, A&M was defeated by California's Cinderella team Tuesday, leaving Texas with no team in the series.***** We welcome aboard Taylor Wendt, LC-M grad, who is serving The Record Newspapers as an intern. She's a journalism student at A&M where she is a sophomore.***** On June 25, 1950, 71 years ago, the Korean War started. Can you believe it?*****It's been 39 years ago this week, 1982, since a jury found John Hinckley Jr. not guilty by reason of insanity, in the shooting of President Reagan and three other men.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN Obituaries 10 Years Ago-2011

Michael J. Wuske, 21, of Orange passed away Sunday, June 19. Service held June 23, 2011. Michael was a 2008 graduate of West Orange-Stark High School where he was on the golf team. During his senior year, he was named MVP. He was a machinist for Crumpler's Machine Shop. Michael is survived by his girlfriend, Tara McCabe; mother and step-father, Theresa and Jeff Taylor; father and step-mother, Randall and Darling Wuske; father, Stephen Allen Sr.; children, Alexis Wuske, Arron and Addison; grandparents, Alana Monroe, Jimmie and Carol Allen, Linda Kidd, Pearl Duhon; Randall Lee Wuske; great-grandparents, Joseph and Joanne Buckhannon, Clara Kidd.***** Wilford L. "Will" Myers passed away on June 13. Funeral service was Saturday, June 18. Wil was the owner of Myers Electric. He was an active member of the community. He is survived by his daughter, Stacey Myers; sisters, Dorothy "Dot" Blanchard and Marie Doyle; brothers, H.C. Myers and Claybert Myers and a host of loving nieces, nephews and many friends.***** Ulan Ben Chisholm, of Orange passed away June 18. He was owner of "The Gun Shop" and "Jet Auto Lube" for 20 years and most recently "Little Cypress Lube." He is survived by wife of 50 years Jeanette; children, Lori, Julie Theresa & Al, Wendy & Billy, Lisa, Chris & LeAnn; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

22 Years Ago-1999

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock died last week. He and Louis Dugas served together in the Texas House for two terms. In 1959 they were on the wrong side of the speakers race. Bullock went on to hold other statewide offices and ended up being one of the most powerful Lt. Governors in Texas history.*****The contract has been let for a new Mexican Restaurant in Bridge City. Tequila's will be first class, with a covered courtyard. Jack Lovet is the electrical contractor.*****Judge David Dunn announces he would not seek re-election to District Court.*****New Bridge City baseball coach, Sam Moore, will soon join other head coaches to hold a Little League baseball camp. Coach Steve Griffith of LC-M and Coach Cory Gafford, of Lumberton, will join Moore.*****Owen and Sherry Hebert, of Bridge City, announce the engagement of their daughter Selena Leigh Hebert, to Thomas "TJ" Knight, son of Chris and Annalee Knight. The couple plans a July 10th wedding at St. Henry Catholic Church in Bridge City. (Editor's note: This great couple, still together, has added a couple of pretty girls. The family now lives in the Dallas area. Annalee has passed away.)*****Doug Harrington, a former Texas Aggie track star, was spotted at a track meet where pole-vaulter Jacob Davis was performing. Doug was seen wearing a Texas tee-shirt and waving the Hook 'Um Horns sign. The picture has been preserved. Doug said he wore Longhorn garb in support of his friend Jacob.*****Langston and Margie Fredrick celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary June 20.

42 Years Ago-1979

Three young men and a young lady lost their lives in a Port Arthur auto-train crash. The men are Allen "Bull" Middlebrooks, Ronald Smith and Adam Wayne Gaspard, all four victims were from Bridge City.*****The Bridge City Rotary Club will install C.R. Nash as president replacing Albert Gore.*****ABC journalist Bill Stewart is gunned down execution style by Sandinista soldiers in Nicaragua.*****On June 30, the lovely, sexy legal secretary, Barbara Mulhollen, will celebrate her birthday. (Editor's note: Goodness, that was 42 years ago. Barbara passed away in 2020.)*****Coach Wade Phillips turns 32 on June 21. He is the son of coach Bum Phillips, both Orange natives. (Editor's note: It's hard to believe knowing Wade when he was 32 that next year he will be 75 years old.)

47 Years Ago-1974

The National Little League winning team members are Paul Romano, Sam "Bucket" Moore, Gary Stephens, Willie Brown, Jessie Romano, Shedrick Logan, Duke Cotton, Kenny Smith, Allen Townsend, Lewis Moore, Henry Cotton, Randy Boon and Kevin Newton. Coaches are Billy Joe Smith and Earl Evans.

62 Years Ago-1959

Full scale clearing of a 34-acre site for construction of MacArthur Shopping Center has begun.*****Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong is gravely ill and in a coma.*****Ingemar Johansson defeats world champion Floyd Patterson in 2:03 minutes of the third round. (Editor's note: On June 20, 1960, Patterson knocked out Johansson in the fifth round to become the first boxer to regain the world heavyweight title.)

A FEW HAPPENINGS

It had been awhile since I had spoken to my friend Van Choate and was sorry to learn that his brother Earl had passed away. Earl had COVID-19 and had neglected getting vaccinated. He was the second brother Van lost in the last 18 months. Van and Josette also contacted the virus but fortunately recovered. There is absolutely no good excuse not to get the vaccine. Over 100 people in our community would be alive today to enjoy life if they just would have gotten the free vaccine. Others will die with the new Delta Variant now spreading and predicted to be bad by fall. Orange County has a low percentage of turn out. Its foolish and putting other people in danger not to take a minute to protect your life and those of your family.*****A few folks we know celebrating birthdays. June 23: Happy 24th birthday to a special young man, Jaden Trahan, son of the Rick Trahan's, who as a baby was rescued from a burning house fire by the Bridge City Volunteer Fire Department. He remained in a Beaumont hospital for several days after being ravaged by smoke inhalation. I recall that day like yesterday as I there. Ken Johnson and Sissy Braus are also celebrating. Happy 60th anniversary to T.W. and Lynda Permenter.*****June 24: Happy Birthday to Kathy Marsh, who puts up with a clown everyday. A very special Happy Birthday to Margie Stephens, who for years has been keeping Harry thinking young. Also celebrating is Amanda Adams and Blake Amy.*****June 25: Former constable Chris Humble is a year older as is Elise Becker.*****June 26: Judy Cagle, Bridgett Teaff and long-time friend Claudine Hogan.*****June 27: Our friend Jody Raymer, former West Orange basketball player, who married well many years ago celebrates a birthday today. Also celebrating are Ty Manuel, Judy Lewis, reporter David Ball and Doris Norwood.*****June 28: Happy Birthday to Kelly Kimbrough, Kathy LeBlanc, Kourtney Derouen and Blaze Montagne, who turns 22 today.*****June 29: Celebrating today are Jana Fiset, Cobey Sonnier and David Sandlin.*****It's hard to believe singer, songwriter, the boy from Brownsville, Kris Kristofferson turned 85 on June 22. He's not a great singer but he has written some great songs that others recorded including Janis, Tanya Tucker, who recorded "Delta Dawn," Willie Nelson and many others.*****Speaking of music, a big "Swamp Pop" blow out will be held at the V.E.W. July 10. Swamp Pop stars Johnny Allen, T.K. Hulín, will be joined by Parker James, Steve Adams, and Greg Martinez and the Delta Kings. Tickets are available at Granger's RV on McArthur, in Orange. Come have a big time.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Having birthday in the next few days. Mary Foreman, Laurie Louvier, Roberta Overstreet, Betty Merchant, Jenaia Craus, Ronnie Broussard, Wesley Smith, Judy Gerald, Erin McFarlane, Linda Taylor, Marie Williamson, Reggie Rogers, Rodney Davis, Barbara Whitrock, David Kimbell, Jessica Simon, Shanna Scott, Jimmy Marshall, Jeff Bourdier, Al Baas, Joan Cummings, Connie Berry, Eric Broom, Lester Morris, Nancy Geroge, Rebecca Griffin, Katie Keneson.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Wen school let out for da summer, Bobby decided, before he got all involved in summer activities, he should go spend a couple of days wit his MaMa and Paw Paw, in Pecan Island. He packed a few tings, got in his old pickup and drove from Abbeville to da old folks place. He found his Grandpaw sitting on da porch in da swing wit nuttin on but a shirt, naked from da waist down. "Paw Paw," Bobby say, "Wat you doing you, sitting out here wit nuttin on below you waist, hanh?" Old man Brasseaux him, don't say a ting. Bobby him, axe again. Den he say, "Paw Paw, you weenie is out for everyone to see." Da old man look up at him and say, "Well, Tee Neg, it's like dis, las week I sit out hear wit no shirt on and I got a stiff neck me." You have to axe you grandma about dat, dis was her idea.

C'EST TOUT

Gothia – Fisher Honored Mayors Submitted by Dave Rodgers

New mayors Misty Songe of Vidor and Randy Branch of West Orange were guests of honor at the Wednesday Lunch Bunch meeting held June 16. Orange County Judge John Gothia and Orange County Tax Collector Karen Fisher hosted the event and treated everyone to lunch at Robert's Steakhouse. The crowd also included Orange Mayor Larry Spears, Jr. and Bridge City Mayor David Rutledge, County Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte and former County Commissioner John Dubose. Roccaforte and Dubose are former Bridge City mayors, Roy Dunn, Publisher of The Record Newspapers, as well as old and new friends Justice of the Peace Chad Jenkins, former JP Derry Dunn, wife Jane, and Constable Jeremiah Gunter, all of Precinct 2, were in attendance as well as Precinct 1 JP Hershel Stagner, Jr., County Treasurer Christy Khoury and Jessica Hill, Director of the Orange County Economic Development Corporation also Orange County Judge John Gothia and wife Glynis. A number of Lunch Bunch regulars were unable to attend as they were assisting final preparations for the Lions Club Charity Carnival which opened Wednesday evening and some county commissioners were attending a SETRPC meeting. As always, Dunn entertained by telling jokes at the expense of those in attendance but former County Judge Carl Thibodeaux turned one around so adeptly that the meeting devolved to reminiscing about his old blue pickup truck. Vidor City Manager Robbie Hood told stories about Eagles drummer and singer Don Henley when Hood worked in Linden, Henley's hometown. Dunn announced the Lunch Bunch, which took more than a year's break after COVID-19 came to Southeast Texas, will again be meeting each Wednesday for lunch at Robert's. Next up is Wednesday, June 23. Attendance is open to anyone. It's a time to pick up stories about your neighbors or tell some, a virtual info exchange without the computers.*****My time is up. Thanks for your readership. Take care and God bless.

Deaths & Memorials

Danny Lynn Campbell, Orange,

On Friday June 18, 2021, my beloved husband, Danny Lynn Campbell entered into the eternal Kingdom of God. Funeral Service were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be Reverend Murry Ray, pastor of First United Pentecostal Church in Bridge City. Burial will be officiated by Deacon Melvin Payne, of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Orange. Visitation will be held prior to the service, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday. Born in Noble, Louisiana on January 23, 1945,



Danny Campbell

Danny was the son of Robert Rollins Campbell and Marie O'Dell Pugh Campbell. Danny graduated from Converse High School, Converse, Louisiana in 1964. Danny served in the U.S. Army 1966 - 1968. After discharged from the Army, Danny moved to Orange to begin his career at Dupont in 1969. He retired from Dupont after 33 years.

Danny found joy in anything he did. He loved spending time with his family, and always looked forward to any get-togethers. He enjoyed being at the lake fishing with family,

deer hunting with his sons and brothers, being out on his farm feeding his cows and riding or working on his tractor. Danny was a jack-of-all trades. He was a kind, generous, humble, hard-working man. He would help anyone who was in need. He was a wonderful husband, a loving, supportive father, and a true family man. He will be missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Rollins Campbell and Marie O'Dell Pugh Campbell; his daughter, Michelle Renee Campbell; his siblings, Tommy Campbell, Leon Campbell, Lota Kyle, Margie Goldston, James Campbell, and Doyle Campbell. Danny is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Charmaine Dupree Campbell; his sons, Marshall (Tarah) Campbell and Marcus (Lauren) Campbell; his brothers, Larry (Margie) Campbell of Roberts, LA, Jerry Wayne (Dewanna) Campbell of Kountze, TX, Norman (Jan) Campbell of Bridge City, TX; sister-in-law, Margie Campbell; his grandchildren, Kane, Hudson, Myles, Noah, Maddox, Laylah, and Maverick; his great-grandchild, Rafe. Serving as pallbearers will be Shane Dupree, Jed Dupree, Tyler Dupree, Kane Vice, Josh Campbell, Jeremy Campbell, Carlton Campbell, Lynn Campbell.

Kenneth Jerald Osborne (Ken), Bridge City

Kenneth Jerald Osborne (Ken), age 74, a wonderful man, husband, father, Papaw, brother, and uncle, passed away peacefully on the night of Thursday, June 3, 2021, after a day surrounded by his children and grandkids in Lafayette, LA.



Ken Osborne

The son of James and Eula Osborne, Ken grew up in the town of Davin, West Virginia in a loving home with four sisters and one brother (Phyllis Campbell, Gerry Lovejoy, Sue Arnold, Thurman Osborne, and Donna Smith). He attended Northwest College Wyoming in Powell, WY then joined the Army. He proudly served in the 176th Assault Helicopter Company (Minuteman/Muskets) as a pilot during the Vietnam war; known as 'Fat Oz', Chief Warrant Officer. He was a proud and respected veteran; who supported many veteran organizations.

Ken worked with Bristow Helicopters as a helicopter pilot, sending him to many different countries. Ken met the love of his life in Trinidad and Tobago, Valarie Osborne, his wife of 47 years. Together, they traveled and lived throughout the world while working for Bristow Helicopters for 22-years. They raised three intelligent sons who blessed them with six beautiful grandchildren. He retired as President of Sabine Offshore Services in 2001 after 17-years. In retirement, Val and Ken moved to a beautiful 240-acre farm in Lewisburg, KY. Ken was a beloved man who put family first before anything. His heart was huge with a kind and humble spirit. He enjoyed visiting with people, telling stories of his life, traveling to visit family, working on

his farm along with friends and neighbor's farm, attending family reunions, reading books, watching westerns, old movies, and drinking morning coffee on his porch with his devoted dog, Buddy. His family was a source of pride and he loved being with his grandchildren (who he referred to as "my grand babies"; no matter their ages). He enjoyed spoiling them and spending as much time as he could with them doing whatever they wanted; even if it meant watching cartoons over and over, playing games, playing princess, and having tea time. He loved showing them farm life and told them stories about their ancestors and his adventures. His example of love and family will serve those who loved him well, as his loss leaves a void that can only be filled by God's grace and mercy.

A memorial service will be held Friday, June 25, 2021, at Young Funeral Home in Russellville, KY from 9am to 11am. Followed by a burial service at Veterans West Cemetery, in Hopkinsville, KY, Friday, June 25, 2021 at 1pm. He is preceded in death by his wife Valarie Osborne, father, James Osborne, and mother, Eula Osborne. He is survived by his children, Judd Osborne and wife Melissa of Bridge City, TX, Matthew Osborne and wife Leah of Youngsville, LA, and Mark Osborne and wife Shaunna of Rayne, LA. He is also survived by six grandchildren he deeply loved: Logan, Marin, Ava, Luke, Caitlyn, and Isla Osborne. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (<https://www.stjude.org/>).

Simar Steps Into Vice President Role For WOCCISD School Board

Staff Report
For The Record



Gina Simar

Gina Simar took over as Vice President in a vote during the WOCCISD Board of Trustees meeting on May 24th. Simar is a lifelong resident of Orange County and a 1981 graduate of West Orange-Stark. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and later graduated with a Master's degree in Education.

Ms. Simar retired from Lamar State College-Orange last year after twenty-eight years of service. While at LSCO, she held many titles, the last one being Dean of Health, Technology, and Workforce. Simar explains, "I love seeing people learn and grow as individuals. As a retiree, I continue to make a difference by teaching part-time. I also work part-time at Focused Care of Orange as a weekend

supervisor. I enjoy the elderly and all the great nurses who work there. I believe that education is tied to the vitality of our community. West Orange Cove CISD is a major part of our community. Investing in the youth will mean a vibrant future for Orange."

Gina Simar says that giving back to the community has always been important to her, and she is active in several local

organizations. These currently include United Way, Greater Orange Area Chamber Ambassador, Lions Club, Krewe Cest Bon, and LSCO adjunct representative on the faculty senate.

After August 2021, Ms. Gina Simar will be known as Mrs. Gina Yeaman following her upcoming nuptials.

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The Ordinary War with Irritability

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You're running late for work. So you rush, but you catch every light. *Perfect.*

You walk back to your car after a long day at work, and someone parked so close to you that you feel the need to be let down through the sunroof to get in. You're angry. You leave a note on their car that doesn't include the gospel.

Then you need to pick up two items from the grocery store on your way home. You get in the express aisle. "Ten items only," the sign says. The lady in front of you has seventeen! You've counted them three times and can't believe she was so rude as to get in the express line and make you wait. You give her the look so she knows that you know that she was wrong.

You get home and jump on social media, and you are appalled at another Christian's post that you deem to be on the wrong side of history. So, what do you do? You vent your frustration with a well-crafted, snarky comment. Why? Because he deserves it.

How do you react in situations like these? If your consistent response to testing circumstances or challenging people is to become annoyed or angry, then you are irritable. But I have good news for you. Because of Jesus, believers can have godly attitudes even when our patience is tried, and we don't have to make self-justifying excuses when we don't. We can con-

fess our failure as sin, knowing Jesus forgives.

American Corinthians

If there is a New Testament church that reminds me of the American church today, it's the church in Corinth. When they didn't like what the apostle Paul told them, they called him frail and told him he couldn't preach (2 Corinthians 10:10). You can only imagine how they responded to each other.

In pride, they were tribal, like we are (1 Corinthians 1:12), and they waged war against each other, like we do (1 Corinthians 3:4). To this church, God shows believers a better way — a more excellent way — to respond to challenging people and difficult circumstances. It's clearly a message they needed to hear, and one we too need to learn. In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul's classic chapter on love, he teaches the community of God's covenant people what true love does and doesn't do. And right in the middle of Paul's description, we read, "[Love] is not irritable" (1 Corinthians 13:5).

Not irritable. Even when things don't happen according to our expectations, because of Christ and his Spirit dwelling in us, believers can still respond in a righteous, loving way. Paul explains how.

1. Accept responsibility for your attitude.

The word irritable de-

scribes someone who is easily provoked or angered. So when the Bible calls us to love others, it teaches that, in Christ, we can choose not to indulge impatience, annoyance, or an argumentative spirit. We can choose not to respond in incendiary ways. Anger is not simply an emotion that's on autopilot. We choose anger as our response to people and circumstances that fall short of our expectations. And when we do, we first have to silence our conscience in order to justify that punitive response.

Because Christ's love pours through our hearts, Christians now have at our disposal other responses. We can choose to be patient. We can choose to let love cover a multitude of sins. We can choose to be gracious and kind.

How? Because we know that, in spite of being guilty sinners, we've received immeasurable patience and grace from God. We've not only joined the express line with more than ten items, cut people off on freeways, parked too close, and posted something foolish on social media; we have done far, far worse. But God in Christ has shown us mercy (Luke 6:35-36).

As the church, we have an audience. The world is watching us (John 13:35), and so too is our God. My co-pastor exhorts us to not attack the church on social media. He likes to say, "We need to be careful disparaging another man's bride, especially when that other man is the Judge of all, Jesus the God-man."

2. Grow in wisdom and grace.

Believers aren't victims of our attitudes. We are responsible for controlling our attitudes by means of God's grace. God teaches us how to do so (Titus 2:11-12).

Spiritually, we were once dead, and now Christ has made us alive, and living organisms grow. Believers grow into greater and greater Christlikeness. So, what should the believer do when tempted to be irritable? Ask God to conform you to greater Christlikeness.

As you pray, remind yourself that ungodly anger cannot achieve God's righteous ends (James 1:20). Making yourself judge, jury, and executioner against someone who fails to meet your expectations usurps God's role as judge. Tell yourself that vengeance is God's, and as judge, he will not leave the guilty unpunished (Romans 12:19). Justice will be served.

As a recipient of God's unmerited favor, convince yourself that the momentary relief of yielding to the fleshly outburst of anger pales in comparison to yielding yourself to be a witness of God's mercy and grace. Also acknowledge that we don't make good self-vindicating judges. We are too prideful and too self-righteous, and we aren't omniscient. We don't know why someone cut us off on the freeway. He may be rushing to get his pregnant wife to the hospital. There may be good, or at least acceptable, reasons for someone's behavior of

which we are unaware.

Seek God's grace to grow in patience and humility so that you can extend the same kind of grace that God has extended to you in Christ.

pel, which proclaims that God sent his Son to die for sinners to save us from the wrath that we deserve (Acts 17:30-31; Romans 1:16).

Choose Love over Irritability

While I was intensely focused on trying to finish this article (with my noise-canceling headphones on and ocean sounds playing), my beautiful, loud, and animated 15-year-old daughter burst into my room. My serene meditation evaporated.

As fast as she could, she told me all about a competition the school had and how her group was tied for first. Then, as quickly as she appeared, smiling and happy, she turned and whisked off.

Mind you, I really hadn't wanted to be interrupted. That's why I secluded myself in my room with my special headphones. I was determined to finish this article! Her interruption was a real temptation to become irritated. But praise God, instead of being irritated, I laughed, enjoyed the blessing of my gleeful teenage daughter, and thought that maybe this is a good place to end.

The love of Christ is greater than irritability. For his glory and the testimony of the church, let's have God's grace teach us that.

Bobby Scott (@pastorbbscott) pastors Community of Faith Bible Church in the Los Angeles area. He cherishes his devoted wife, Naomi, and his six children. It is his consuming desire to be used by God to strengthen the urban church, and he believes this objective will be best met by building families and developing a ministry upon the teaching of the word of God.

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For The Record



Dickie Colburn

"Have you got a second," asked the approaching gentleman that appeared to be nearly as old as me. "My name is Harold Steele. I know you don't remember me, but I want to return something you gave me a long time ago."

"My grandson was digging through my old tackle boxes and he found a lure that you gave me while fishing on Toledo Bend in the early seventies. I told him he could have everything else, but I was going to give you the lure back after all of these years. I knew I would see you here sooner or later at the H.E.B. and have been carrying it around."

The front prop was missing and being a wooden lure it was a little chewed up, but otherwise the perch colored Devil's Horse was still fishable. As soon as he handed it to me my mind was flooded with years of past fishing trips.

Prior to Toledo Bend stealing the show, all of my bass fishing was done in marshes from the Sabine refuge to the Big Burns south of Lake Charles and we fished one of two lures every trip. Johnny Mere and I either free-floated lizards or relied on the Devil's Horse with no reason to try anything else.

When I decided to guide on Toledo Bend in the early 70's, I immediately discovered that my arsenal of scarred Devil's Horses worked equally well on impoundment bass. From the moment we dropped the troll motor over the bow the catching was just insane.

To catch a hundred bass before noon was almost expected as they could not resist the enticing sound of the small propellers on the topwater stick bait. Even years later after my fishing had become too sophisticated to simply tie on the bait and catch bass all day, I still carried a handful of them in chrome for duping school bass.

I do not know that I ever found a better bait for working school bass than the Devil's Horse and another lure now riding the bench, the Near Nuthin'. That same Devil's Horse worked equally well on speckled trout and redbfish, but they just destroyed the paint job all too quickly and the wooden lures were quickly relegated to bass fishing only.

Before handing Mr. Steele his battle scarred lure back and thanking him for his gesture, I recalled why the front prop was missing. We discovered that removing the front prop would cause the lure to sit vertically in the water rendering the action even more appealing.

Today, it is just one more fish catching weapon that can no longer earn a spot in most starting line-ups. That list of once reliable lures no longer utilized increases every year and I can only hope that his grandson gives that old Devil's Horse a try.

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Some MLB pitchers leave "black mark" on baseball

KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

"Black Monday" two days ago began a new era for many major league pitchers when the new rule on the "use of sticky substances" was enacted by Major League Baseball whereby the umpires may begin to check pitchers for using foreign substances on the baseball they throw in a game.

The ump's can call for the game ball regardless of whether they suspect a violation. Pitchers found with foreign substances are subject to immediate ejection and a 10-day suspension.

Teams with the guilty pitchers cannot replace a suspended player for foreign substances on their active roster.

The use of a foreign substance on the baseballs has been around the major leagues for a long time without any hullabaloo from the umpires, franchise front offices, field managers or pitching coaches.

It was part of the game until recently when MLB began tracing the origin of the substance. The Los Angeles Angels' visiting clubhouse manager named Brian Harkins was the "inventor" of the substance that was ordered by various pitchers around the league like they were on some kind of shopping spree.

Harkins, who answers to the nickname "Bubba" was entering his 31st season as the Angels' visiting clubhouse manager and 39th overall year with the team and is remembered among players for his spiked blond hair and his decades-long tradition of playing "Dumb and Dumber" in the clubhouse before day games, according to an article appearing in last week's edition of Sports Illustrated.

Back in March of last year, Harkins was handed a copy of a league memo



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issued less than a week earlier declaring that team employees were "strictly prohibited from providing, applying, creating, concealing or otherwise facilitating the use of foreign substances by players on the field."

Harkins was informed that an MLB investigation had concluded that he had violated these rules and was unceremoniously fired by then-general manager Billy Eppler.

"Billy, you're firing me over something that's all over your clubhouse right now," Harkins pointed out.

Since then, Harkins has filed a defamation lawsuit against MLB and the team (which a judge dismissed), but Harkins is appealing.

"Harkins remains stunned at his status as the first—and so far the only—casualty of MLB's recent war on pitch doctoring.

"He does not deny the allegations—he readily admits that he'd been supplying both Angels and opposing pitchers for more than a decade with his home-cooked mixture of liquid pine tar, solid pine tar (often called Mota stick) and rosin," the article stated.

He claims to have done special orders for such prominent pitchers as Washington Nationals ace Max Scherzer and New York Yankees ace Gerrit Cole, then with the Houston Astros and injured Astros ace Justin Verlander.

Harkins shared with SI screenshots of text messages that support his claims, including an exchange with a contact who identified himself as Cole, who has been at the center of

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TPWD issues emergency order on CDW in Texas deer

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AUSTIN – Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has issued an “emergency order” to impose additional movement and testing restrictions on deer breeding facilities that are affiliated with six deer breeding facilities where Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been positively detected. Existing rules already restrict the movement of deer from 264 sites in 95 counties that are directly linked to these CWD-positive facilities, but further measures are necessary given the gravity of this situation.

TPWD and Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) are addressing risks and improving management strategies to protect big game resources from CWD in captive or free-ranging cervid populations. Both agencies recognize the need for full cooperation and partnership among government agencies, deer breeders, private landowners, hunters, conservation organizations and the general public in managing CWD in Texas.



CWD is a fatal neurological disease found in certain cervids, including deer, elk, moose and other members of the deer family. CWD is a slow and progressive disease.

“This is a terribly unfortunate development that we are committed to addressing as proactively, comprehensively, and expeditiously as possible,” said Carter Smith, TPWD Executive Director. “The health of our state’s free-ranging and captive deer herds, as well as affiliated hunting, wildlife, and rural based economies, are vitally important to Texas hunters, communities, and landowners. “As such, our primary ob-

jectives are to enhance testing at sites that received deer from affected facilities and avoid the unintentional release of CWD-positive deer. Along with our partners at TAHC, we will continue to exercise great diligence and urgency with this ongoing investigation.”

Officials have taken action to secure all cervids at the CWD-positive facilities with plans to conduct additional investigations for CWD. In

addition, those breeding facilities that received deer or shipped deer to those facilities during the last five years are under movement restrictions and cannot move or release cervids until cleared by a herd plan.

The additional measures included in this emergency order include enhanced testing requirements for facilities with close epidemiological ties to the CWD-positive facilities and antemortem testing of deer from all movement qualified deer breeding facilities prior to transfer to a release site. These requirements are necessary to further minimize risk of CWD spreading into Texas’ free-ranging white-tailed deer herd, and to protect the captive deer breeding industry.

“The TAHC is committed to working with TPWD and affected stakeholders and landowners to address this latest development in Texas’ CWD history,” said Dr. Andy Schwartz, TAHC Executive Director and State Veterinarian. “The TAHC will continue to use its veterinary and epidemiological expertise to facilitate and contribute to the state’s CWD herd management and surveillance strategies.”

“The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission and TPWD are deeply concerned about the gravity and the urgency of the CWD challenges now confronting us,” said Arch H. “Beaver” Aplin, III Chairman TPW Commission. “Please also know that the engagement and input from everyone interested in deer management will be important as we work together along with TAHC to try and arrest the spread of this insidious disease.”

“I am proud of the partnership between TAHC and TPWD and the dedication of the two agencies to address Chronic Wasting Disease in this state,” said Coleman Locke, TAHC Chairman. “Because of this collaboration, Texas has led the nation in CWD management techniques and will continue to improve the overall understanding of the disease.”

As the state veterinary diagnostic laboratory, the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL), uses surveillance testing to help wildlife producers and wildlife/animal health agencies to ensure the health of species susceptible to CWD. With the expected increase in

CWD testing, TVMDL, a state agency within the Texas A&M System, has committed additional resources to ramp up testing capacity.

“Working with TPWD, the Texas A&M System will use all of its resources to perform these tests quickly and efficiently,” said Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp.

CWD was first recognized in the United States in 1967 and has since been documented in captive and/or free-ranging deer in 26 states and three Canadian provinces.

In Texas, the disease was first discovered in 2012 in free-ranging mule deer along a remote area of the Hueco Mountains near the Texas-New Mexico border and has since been detected in 228 captive or free-ranging cervids, including white-tailed deer, mule deer, red deer and elk in 13 Texas counties. For more information on previous detections visit the CWD page on the TPWD website.

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Regional Saltwater Fishing Forecast . . .

The following reports were compile by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

• Sabine Lake

Overall conditions: GOOD. 80 degrees. Speckled trout and Redfish will be along the shorelines or around the jetties and are good on live baits or topwaters. Speckled trout are also in 9-10 feet of water. Look for redfish over shell and chasing schools of mullet and shad. Flounder are good around rocks on shrimp.

• Bolivar

GOOD. 77 Degrees. Speckled trout have been good near the bridge as well as along the surf in the shallows on live shrimp. Redfish have been in the pass or along the shoreline and are good on shrimp or soft plastics. Black drum are good around vegetation or structure on crab or shrimp. Flounder are fair around the rocks on shrimp.

• Trinity Bay

GOOD. 82 degrees. Speckled trout are over shell reefs and are good on live shrimp. Fishing the birds, working structure and wading the flats are the best methods to fish for redfish and speckled trout. The best place to wade is along the northwestern

and eastern sides of the bay. Black drum is good around structure on crab or shrimp under a popping cork. Flounder are good on shrimp around the rocks.

• East Galveston Bay

GOOD. 85 degrees. Seawolf Park is a hot spot right now for redfish and speckled trout, shrimp is the best bait. High numbers have been spotted near the jetties. Catfish are good on cut bait. Sheepshead are fair and will be found primarily around rocks on shrimp.

• West Galveston Bay

GOOD. 85 degrees. Redfish action is best along the shoreline. The higher the water temperature gets, the fishing tactic will shift to drifting over structure. The top water action has been good for speckled trout and near the jetties along the rocks, some redfish will also be mixed in. Sheepshead are fair and will be found primarily around rocks on shrimp.

• Texas City

GOOD. 85 degrees. Redfish are best along the shoreline on live bait. Flounder are

good on live bait around the jetties and wherever there are rocks. Speckled trout are good in the shallows along the shoreline on shrimp or soft plastics. Black drum are fair on blue crab around vegetation in shallow water. Sheepshead are fair around the dike on mullet.

• Freeport

GOOD. 85 degrees. Redfish will be found along the flats or shoreline and are best on shrimp. Speckled trout are good on shrimp near the pass or in the shallow water. Sheepshead will be found around the oyster reefs and rocks and are good on live bait. Flounder are good around the rocks on mullet. Black drum are fair on blue crab, slow bouncing off the bottom around vege-

tation.

• East Matagorda Bay

GOOD. 84 degrees. Speckled Trout are still in the channels around the grass flats. The Mid bay reefs are also a good spot- specifically Chinquapin and Boggy reefs. Redfish are good on soft plastics or topwaters in the morning along shorelines or over areas that have mud and shell bottom. Black drum have been good on blue crab or dead shrimp around structure or vegetation.

• West Matagorda Bay

GOOD. 84 degrees. Speckled Trout and Redfish will be found where the bottom is a mud and shell mix and can be caught on live shrimp or topwaters. Wading has been

one of the best method to beat the heat. Sand and grass shorelines along this side of the bay have held scattered catches of speckled trout on topwaters and live shrimp. Flounder are good on shrimp around the rocks. Black drum are good on blue crab or shrimp and will be found in deeper water around vegetation or structure.

• Port O'Connor

GOOD. 85 degrees. The Speckled Trout and redfish are good in 8-10 feet of water using down south lures with red/white and a black spoon work well or live shrimp. Black drum are fair on blue crab and will be in deeper water transitions. Flounder are good around the jetties on shrimp or minnow. Sheepshead are fair around the rocks on live bait.

• Rockport

GOOD. 85 degrees. The

key for finding the fish has been the very shallow water with thick grass in the northern areas. The best way, regardless of the species, is to use shrimp and a popping cork. Redfish are good using topwaters in black or white/red color. Speckled Trout are good on shrimp under a popping cork and are being found around the shoreline. Flounder have been good on mullet around the piers and Rockport wall. Black drum are good and will be found around vegetation using blue crab or shrimp are best baits.

• Corpus Christi

GOOD. 84 degrees. Bob Hall Pier and Nueces Bay are both great spots for redfish, speckled trout, black drum, and flounder. If the surf is green, try live shrimp under a float. In murky water, use live or dead shrimp on the bottom for drum and redfish. The Laguna flats also continue to be an active area.



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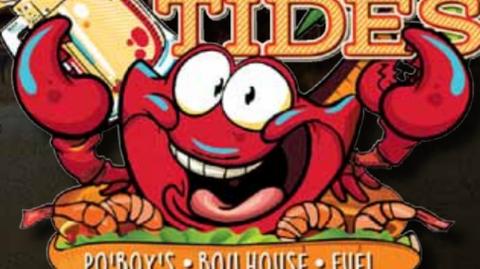


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Texas makes statement passing of “Constitutional Carry” law

Outdoors
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In yet another blow to the gun control advocates the state of Texas officially passed the “Constitutional Carry” law this past week and it will go into effect on September 1st. House Bill 1927, aka Constitutional Carry, will allow Texas residents to carry handguns without getting a license as long as they meet certain requirements. Not just any Texan can carry around a handgun without a license. The constitutional carry bill directly states that “persons who are currently prohibited from possessing firearms under state and federal law will not gain the right to possess or carry a firearm under this legislation.” People who are prohibited from having a gun include those convicted of a felony, convicted of certain assault offenses, under a protection order or adjudicated to be mentally incompetent. And the bill is also restricted

to persons under 21. HB 1927 also follows the guidelines already established about carrying a weapon into certain places such as schools or school events, private businesses where owners prohibit carrying, airports, bars, government buildings, courthouses, polling places, prisons, jails, hospitals, amusement parks, and racetracks are all on the list. Texas becomes the 21st state overall to recognize and pass the Constitutional Carry law and the 5th state to do so under the new presidential administration which coincidentally is very pro gun control. In fact the most recent Biden appointee, David Chipman, for the leader of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives is a long time gun control advocate who has openly mocked gun owners in the past. Chipman has faced steep resistance so far in his bid to become the leader of the ATF. Earlier this week Sen. Susan Collins announced that she will oppose the confirmation of David Chipman, President Biden’s nominee to run the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF),

which is a huge blow to Chipman’s prospects for a potential bipartisan confirmation vote. “After meeting with Mr. Chipman, listening to Mainers, and reviewing his record, I have decided to vote against Mr. Chipman’s nomination to serve as the ATF Director,” Collins, R-Maine, said in a statement. “In recent years, Mr. Chipman has been an outspoken critic of the firearms industry and has made statements that demean law-abiding gun owners.” The divisive nature of Chipman’s remarks along with his anti gun agenda could, and probably will, ultimately spell disaster for anti second amendment crowd.

Now for those who are Pro Second Amendment the fact that states are now standing up and reclaiming some of their rights is not only a breath of fresh air but a proverbial gut punch to the current administration in Washington. It’s no coincidence that places with some of the strictest gun control laws and defund the police movements are seeing historically high crime rates

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Kaz’s Korner

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much of the recent controversy around pitch doctoring. Harkins also shared the underlying phone numbers for all text exchanges, the article pointed out.

“SI used various public records databases to confirm that the numbers are associated—or were associated at the time they were sent—with the people Harkins claimed to be texting with,” the article concluded.

Several top-rated pitchers including Cole and Verlander claim that the hitters can use all the pine tar they want to help them grip the bat. “It’s so hard to grip the ball,” Cole griped and pleaded with MLB to “just talk to us” about the problems still present.

As pitchers stop using the substance and the spin rate on their pitches drops, batting averages magically increase. Hitters are batting .247 this month compared to .232 and .239 the first two months.

The league-wide batting averages, home runs, slugging and OPS (on-base-plus-slugging percentage) are the highest of any month.

And the argument by pitchers that they need sticky substances to improve their grip to avoid hitting batters also lost considerable merit with walks decreasing from 9% to 8.4% and hit-by-pitches remaining at a flat 1.2% per plate appearance.

MLB officials don’t believe this is a panacea to all of the offensive woes in the game, but the threat of the crackdown has already had a huge impact, an article in this week’s USA Today Sports Weekly points out.

KWICKIES...
Former West Orange-Stark standout golfer Michael Arnaud shot 66-66-67-68—267 to tie for 19th place in last weekend’s Wichita Open seven strokes behind the winning score on the Korn Ferry Tour and earned him a check for \$6,840. Mike is now 39 years old and living in Covington, La. with his wife Ashley. Since 2015, Arnaud has earned \$346,207.

Orange native R.C. Slocum the winningest football coach in Texas A&M history, has a form Hodgkins lymphoma and will undergo chemotherapy according to ESPN yesterday afternoon.

I was saddened to hear of the sudden passing of W.L. Pate, Jr. Sunday. His passion was always to make Beaumont a better place and a

tourist attraction for the Babe Zaharias Museum, which he was in charge of. I played many times in the Babe Zaharias Golf Tournament way back when because it always was a successful and fun-filled event, thanks to W.L. and his dad W.L. Pate, Sr.

The Houston Astros won their seventh straight game and 16 of their last 20 to finally take over first place in the AL West Division by sweeping a four-game series from the Chicago White Sox, who came to Minute Maid Park boasting the best record in the American League, a feat that now belongs to the Astros in games through Sunday. The Astros also have the best run differential (+112) in the major leagues with the LA Dodgers (+103) and San Francisco (+90) next. Astros starters have a 2.99 ERA over their last 21 games.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday upheld a district court’s decision that the NCAA was violating anti-trust laws by placing limits on the education-related benefits that schools can provide to student/athletes. The decision allows schools to provide their athletes with unlimited compensation as long as it is connected in some way to their education.

When LSU lost to Tennessee last weekend in the Super Regionals, it marked the first time a team has defeated the Tigers five times in one season since Mississippi State did it in 1984 when the Bulldogs boasted a roster that included Will Clark, Rafael Palmiero, Jeff Brantley and Bobby Thigpen—all major leaguers.

Jon Rahm became the first Spaniard to win the U.S. Open as he rammed in birdie putts of 24 and 18 feet on the final two holes to win his first major golf tournament. Rahm had the lowest score of Sunday’s final round, four-under-par 67 and beat runner-up Louis Oosthuizen—who also birdied the last two holes—by a single stroke. Rahm’s victory ended a streak of six straight Americans winning the event.

JUST BETWEEN US...
For the second time in his three-year collegiate career, Orange’s Chad Dallas suffered a loss when his teammates failed to volunteer any runs for him as Tennessee was blanked by Virginia 6-0 Sunday in the first round of the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. Chad had trouble with hanging curve balls

Colburn

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Every strike elicits an adrenalin rush and he won’t have to worry about the competition!

While the struggle continues for Sabine Lake anglers looking for the bragging size trout that were taken for granted prior to Harvey’s arrival, we are finally seeing positive signs that the coveted bite is slowly recovering. The numbers game has rebounded much quicker, but we are currently seeing a few three and four pound trout on a more frequent basis.

The S.A.L.T. Club hosted their monthly tournament last weekend and the top three fish were all over the three-pound mark. Brodie

Cooper weighed in a 3.60 pound trout to earn the top spot followed by James Sparrow with a 3.05-pound fish and Kyle Wagstaff with a fish one small grass shrimp shy of three pounds.

High water is still making the lake a little tough, but the bite in the channel south of the Causeway has been very consistent for keeper size trout and redfish. I have talked only with folks fishing the jetties in the evening and their bite has been really good when the wind and the occasional thunderstorm allows.

The bass fishing in the bayous and the marsh has been more productive than the main river lately. The

Tuesday afternoon shoot-outs have drawn a few less fishermen lately, but they continue to post very decent numbers.

Seventeen boats dodged storms last week and six of the teams managed to weigh in limits. Gavin Deshotel took home most of the money with a big bass weighing 4.42-pounds and three fish stringer totaling 9.28-pounds. David Burman and Myron Waldrop cashed the second place check with a 6.34-pound catch.

Due to The Record’s editing deadline, the Shootout reports are always one week behind. Hopefully, they caught a break in the weather yesterday.

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Research shows similarities in hunters, animal rights advocates

Shared moral values could be key for wildlife, nature conservancy support

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Animal rights advocates and hunters may have more in common than they think when it comes to nature conservancy, according to a newly published study by a Texas A&M AgriLife researcher.

The research studied whether an individual's empathy level toward wildlife predicted their support for conservation efforts. Researchers believe the study can be used to identify individuals and how they view the intrinsic value of nature in ways that can be leveraged to promote wildlife conservation.

Measuring and understanding people's commitment to nature conservancy based on personal morals will be key to combatting wildlife losses and ecosystem disruptions in the short- and long-term, said Gerard Kyle, Ph.D., professor and associate department head for academic programs in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management.

"For some people, the protection of wildlife, and animals more broadly, is a moral issue. Their empathy evokes emotions akin to their empathy for humans," said Kyle, the principal author of the recent study. "It's important that we study both the psychological attachment and detachment from nature that people express. Understanding how humans view wildlife and nature will be a critical part of sustainable con-

servation efforts in the short- and long-term."

Kyle and his doctoral student, Benjamin Ghasemi, examined the range of moral commitment that individuals expressed toward wildlife and nature conservation based on basic moral psychology principles. This research was recently published in *Biological Conservation*.

Discovering dynamics between hunters, animal rights advocates

Using survey data collected from 1,278 students at Texas A&M University in Bryan-College Station, Kyle and Ghasemi found that participants who viewed protection of natural resources a moral issue and empathized with wildlife showed higher level of support for conservation.

At the same time, the data also showed that groups within the study, such as animal activists and hunters, shared similar psychological mechanisms driving individual moral motivations for nature conservancy. As animal activists and hunters, shared similar psychological mechanisms driving individual moral motivations for nature conservancy.

The study identified specific groups, including "animal rights advocates," "hunters" and "disengaged," then measured within those groups where wildlife ranked as a personal concern.

Scientists measured empathy levels by using a morality diagram made of concentric



Hunters and animal rights advocates may share more in common when it comes to conservation of natural ecology, according to new research. (Stock photo) Texas A&M AgriLife

circles that ranks what the individual considers a moral concern beyond themselves, Kyle said. A typical respondent's diagram would have the person in the middle and likely their immediate family and pets as the first circle, with friends or neighbors as the next ring and eventually to animals and trees and so on.

As animals go, pets are always closest concern for individuals, and viewed as children in some circles, he said. But wild animals were ranked according to the individuals' perception of specific species. For instance, deer would likely be ranked higher than a bat, and the bat may be of a greater moral concern than wild pigs or cockroaches.

This approach helped researchers categorize individuals and measure their empathy and moral concern toward wildlife and their subsequent predilection toward nature conservation, Kyle said.

Animal rights advocates made up 50% of respondents and scored highest on all indicators of empathy, moral concern and support for wildlife conservation. Hunters made up 30% of respondents, with 14% of those hunters fitting into the subgroup "caring hunters." The remaining 20% of survey respondents were identified as "disengaged."

Some animal rights advocates viewed hunting as morally wrong and even expressed views against human consumption of meat, Kyle said. On the other end of the respondent spectrum, some hunters expressed a utilitarian concern for nature and viewed wildlife as an opportunity to enjoy and utilize nature.

"Caring" hunters aligned their moral concern, empathy and support for wildlife more closely with animal rights advocates than with "utilitarian" hunters, Kyle said. They were concerned about humane and ethical

treatment of animals, even during harvest, and protecting and improving habitat and ecological balance, respectively.

"There were some predictable responses from animal advocates and hunters, but there was also some interesting dynamics that showed there was some alignment between advocates and caring hunters," he said. "That was surprising, but the biggest concern is the percentage of people identified as disengaged. They scored lowest on all of our measures and displayed little interest in wildlife conservation, empathy for wildlife, or consideration of their protection as a moral issue."

Detachment is bad for wildlife, nature conservation

The study showed respondents from urban areas tended to be more empathetic toward wildlife. Kyle said this

attitude is common because urban residents tend to express mutualistic value orientations toward wildlife – meaning they believe humans and animals are meant to co-exist in harmony.

However, in reality, many urban respondents knew very little about wildlife, ecological balance, or how human-wildlife interfaces can have positive and/or negative ramifications for both nature and/or humans, Kyle said. Responses also elicited contradictory thoughts when posed with specific scenarios about wildlife that have negative impacts on humans or when a lack of human intervention can impact the balance of nature, such as the ongoing pest problem wild pigs represent in Texas and many other states.

"Urban respondents are somewhat detached from nature and the potential negative cause and effect of species imbalances," he said. "Although they are sincere in their appreciation of nature and protective views on wildlife, many aren't aware of how wildlife can negatively impact native ecology as well as human activities."

For instance, there are ongoing discussions in Arizona and New Mexico regarding reintroducing jaguars that were effectively wiped out decades ago. Kyle said mutualistic views would only consider that action as a restoration of nature, "a return to as it was and should be," but without much consideration of how the predatory animal's presence may impact prey animal numbers, suburban dwellers or producers of cattle, sheep and goats.

Much like how the urban respondents appeared detached in some results, detachment was evident across the study. For example, hunt-

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New Monarch Butterfly Conservation License Plate Available for Texas Drivers



Staff Report For The Record

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will be launching the long-awaited Monarch Butterfly conservation license plate on June 21 that will raise money to help conserve monarch butterflies and other native Texas, non-game, at-risk species.

“The monarch butterfly is a species that is beautiful and iconic in that it is one of nature’s great migration stories,” said John Davis, TPWD’s Wildlife Diversity Program Director. “This species migrates through Texas from Mexico in the spring making its way to the northern extremes of the U.S. and into

Canada, then reverses that feat in the fall to overwinter in Mexico. This great migratory story is in jeopardy with the overwintering population experiencing steep declines in the last decade. By adding the monarch to our family of plates, we hope to increase support for this beautiful migration event and through our conservation efforts, brighten the future for this, and many other species.”

The public was invited to vote for their favorite design for the new monarch butterfly license plate last September and the winning design is on the new plate. The design shows one large monarch butterfly and three smaller ones seemingly fly-

ing off the plate, as if starting their famous spring migration journey up north. The license plate design appeals to those who garden, enjoy wildlife watching or simply appreciate the beauty of monarch butterflies.

“To save the monarch butterfly and its unique long-distance migration, we must promote initiatives that support the species and its conservation,” said Dr. Rebeca Quiñonez-Piñón, monarch outreach coordinator at the National Wildlife Federation. “At the National Wildlife Federation, we are proud to join the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in the fight to preserve the iconic monarch butterfly and bring awareness to the dangers it is

currently facing.”

The TPWD Conservation License Plate Program has raised around \$10 million in the last 21 years for wildlife and habitat conservation in Texas, according to program marketing lead, Janis Johnson. The 10 conservation plate designs include a horned lizard, largemouth bass, hummingbird, white-tailed deer, bluebonnet, desert bighorn sheep, and others. These plates benefit Texas fisheries and rivers, state parks, big game research and management and non-game wildlife species management. All TPWD conservation specialty plates cost \$30 a year, with \$22 going to TPWD to support various programs and efforts. Plates can be purchased for vehicles, RVs/travel trailers, trailers and motorcycles.

“TPWD uses conservation license plate funds to conduct research and management activities benefitting the state’s most at-risk species,” Davis added. “The conservation license plate program creates license plates that people enjoy and want to buy while also knowing

their plate fee goes to the worthy cause of helping wildlife and plants in Texas.”

Learn more about monarch butterflies and other native, non-game species on

the TPWD website. To buy a Monarch Butterfly plate or for more information on TPWD’s conservation licenses plates, visit www.conserva-tionplate.org.

Bridge City Edward Jones Offices holding School Supplies Drive

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and unprecedented economic losses along with scores of people moving out. Texas has not seen any of those trends thank goodness, in fact Texas has become a destination for many seeking relief from some of the other

states and their controversial agendas. Enabling law abiding citizens to protect their families and homes with the new HB 1927 will just add to the already long list of reasons to come to this great state.

Hunters, animal rights advocates

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ers may view themselves as conservation-minded, but studies show an individual’s view may be distorted and result in very little conservation-minded effort or financial support for conservation programs and organizations. Hunters may also lack understanding about how balanced ecology works and that ecological conservation requires a nuanced, science-based approach that reaches beyond the species they are concerned about for primarily sporting reasons.

But Kyle said studies show hunters play an important role in managing wildlife numbers and help curb overpopulation in species like white-tailed deer by filling the void left by natural predators. Hunting and fishing licenses along with a variety of user fees also generate funding for wildlife management in Texas.

As part of the study, Kyle randomly recruited 20 respondents for an eight-hour Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hunter safety and education course that also included Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service wildlife and fisheries specialists. Two-thirds of attendees were not hunters.

Kyle said non-hunters were curious about the process and surprised that the course, which is mandated for new hunters, stressed the importance of humane treatment and ethical harvesting of animals.

More importantly, Kyle said, attending the class piqued the curiosity of non-hunters and exposed them to the role hunters play in conservation both directly and indirectly. The program also exposed traditional hunters to concepts about how conservation and ecological balance can enhance their experience afield.

“Bridging the knowledge gaps and blind spots among animal advocates and hunters alike could be as easy as developing messaging and education opportunities that reinforce their natural attitudes toward nature and wildlife,” he said.

Reaching the disengaged, finding common ground

The group labeled “disengaged” troubles Kyle the most. This group were de-

tached from and indifferent to the welfare of animals or ecological concerns. He said they scored lowest on all tested measures and displayed little interest in wildlife conservation, empathy for wildlife or consideration of wildlife protection as a moral issue.

For instance, Kyle said disengaged individuals may not consider where various animal proteins they purchase at grocery stores or restaurants originate, and therefore feel no moral concern about the animal or the process by which the meat arrived in their shopping basket. Their views of wildlife could be positive or negative based on how the animals impact their daily life.

It will take more time and effort to reach individuals disengaged from nature, Kyle said. But the connection to

nature shared by hunters and animal rights advocates suggests there could be ways to reach individuals in these groups regarding the need for increased conservation support.

Kyle said reaching individuals within these groups through education and messaging will be a critical piece of any sustainable effort to preserve and improve ecological resources for future generations.

“This research shows we have room for communication about the intrinsic value of nature and wildlife among animal rights advocates and hunters,” he said. “Despite the differing perspectives within these groups, it shows there is an opportunity for dialogue and more importantly subsequent actions that could benefit wildlife and nature.”

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

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First Baptist Church in Bridge City invites you to join them on Saturday, July 3rd from 10 am until 1 pm in the church parking lot located at 200 W. Roundbunch. We will be holding a "First Saturday" event and offering Bibles, hot-dogs, basic school supplies, water and cookies will be for free. Look for the balloons and blue canopy. Also, upon request, we will pray for those who are distressed by life issues; you don't have to get out of your vehicle.

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ACROSS

- * ____ Code, or self-censorship guidelines for movies
- Ship pronoun
- ____ vera plant
- Tiny piece of anything
- Dateless one
- Twist and distort
- "Animal House" party garb
- Cantatrice's offering
- Frost-covered
- *Mary ____, star of 52 films and recipient of 1976 Academy Honorary Award
- Rounded protuberance
- Breaks off
- Crime scene acronym
- One who insists on implementing #1
- Across
- Anxiety, pl.
- U.N. working-conditions agency
- A-one
- Do like exhaust pipe
- Students' dwellings
- Between sol and ti
- Parkinson's disease drug
- Larger-than-life
- For the most part
- ____ Aviv
- Allow to rejoin

DOWN

- *Humphrey Bogart's Fedora, e.g.
- At the summit
- Hanna-Barbera anthropomorphic bear
- Kellogg's Sugar
- Leather razor sharpener
- Often used to pull #22 Across
- Archaic expression of surprise
- *Like "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"
- Mary's pet
- Nabisco sandwich

11. Former times

- *"The Snows of Kilimanjaro" type of adventure
- Straining sound
- Nautical measures
- Party bowlful
- Pressed beverage
- Skip the big wedding
- Waterwheel
- *Drew Barrymore's grandfather
- What actors do
- Mature, as in fruit
- Like an expired cracker
- Surveyor's map
- *"Mai" follower
- *Hattie ____, first African-American to win an Oscar
- City in France
- Prefix for central
- Deep throat, e.g.
- Middle
- Slow ____ or pressure ____
- Baby food, e.g.
- More unfriendly
- *Ginger's dance and movie partner
- Therefore or consequently
- Mark for omission
- Archaic "to"
- Back-to-school purchase, pl.
- ____-Wan Kenobi
- *Bing Crosby's 1944 movie "Going My ____"

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT MAINTENANCE SHOP ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT - RFCSP-2021-05-ROOF

Prospective Contractors ("Offerors") are notified that the Orange County Drainage District ("District"), located in Orange County, Texas, will receive Competitive Sealed Proposals for its **Maintenance Shop Roof Replacement Project** (the "Project"). The successful Offeror(s) shall furnish all labor, material, transportation, tools, supplies, equipment, and appurtenances for the satisfactory completion of the Project. Parties interested in submitting a Competitive Sealed Proposal to provide services for this Project will find the required documentation for this Project on the District's website at: <https://www.ocddtx.com/purchasing/> (search under "Current Procurement Opportunities") and on CIVCAST, <https://www.civcastusa.com> (search for "Orange County Drainage District"). The District invites Offerors to attend a voluntary pre-bid conference and walk-through to be held at the offices of the Orange County Drainage District, 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas 77630 on **Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.** Competitive Sealed Proposals for this Project will be received until **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2021**, at the District's Administration Building, located at 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas, 77630. Proposals will be publicly opened in the offices of the **Orange County Drainage District, 8081 Old Highway 90, Orange, Texas 77630 on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises and labor surplus firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The Orange County Drainage District is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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