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Councilwoman says Abbott is 'reckless' with Orange County

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Orange County is among nine Texas counties with the worst COVID-19 hospitalization rates.

After pointing that out to her social media followers, Orange City Council member Terrie Salter said Texas Governor Greg Abbott "is reckless" for issuing orders that prohibit schools and businesses from requiring their students, workers and customers wear masks intended to slow the spread of COVID-19.

"To issue an order to ban any business or government entities from making reasonable decisions for the safety of people is irresponsible," Salter said.

According to the Texas Department of State Health Services website, Trauma Services Area "R", which consists of Orange and eight other upper Texas coast counties but not including



Salter

Harris County, has seen 15% or higher on five or the last six reporting days.

Trauma Service Area "R", the nine-county area of neighboring coastal area counties stretching from Orange to Freeport, has seen COVID hospital occupancy rates of 15% or higher on five of the last six reporting days, the website reveals.

After reaching 15.1% of hospital beds taken up by COVID-19 patients on July 28, the number dropped to 14.23% the next day, then took off July 30. That day, 17.24% of all hospital beds, starting at 17.24, followed by 17.86, 19.78, and 20.0 for July 30-Aug. 2.

Nice numbers in your re-

SALTER Page 3A

Future Colorful For WOS Freshman Class



WOS High School welcomed the incoming class of freshmen with a week full of engagement and activities. The students participated in color wars. WOS is looking forward to the bright future of the class of 2025!



Jimmy Womack's short film "Alone + Together" is set to premiere in Turkey at the Andromeda Film Festival. The film was completed with Womack as almost the entire cast and crew.

Orange County film "Alone + Together" heads to festivals

PENNY LELEUX
For The Record

There is nothing like an impending 30th birthday to light a fire under some people. Such was the case for Jimmy Womack of Vidor. That and the fact that the pandemic gave him more time on his hands to think about it.

"When I found out we were going into lockdown last year due to the Coronavirus, I thought this was the perfect opportunity for me to practice, by making a proj-

ect. I thought why not do it by myself. I'm not going to have anyone to assist me," he said.

First, he had to devise a story he do only having himself as cast and with locations available to him during the lockdown.

"The majority of the film is shot in my recording studio," said Womack. "I tried to trash it up to make it look as crazy as possible."

The story developed about a guy with multiple person-

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Waterfront views no match for planned floodwalls

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For The Record

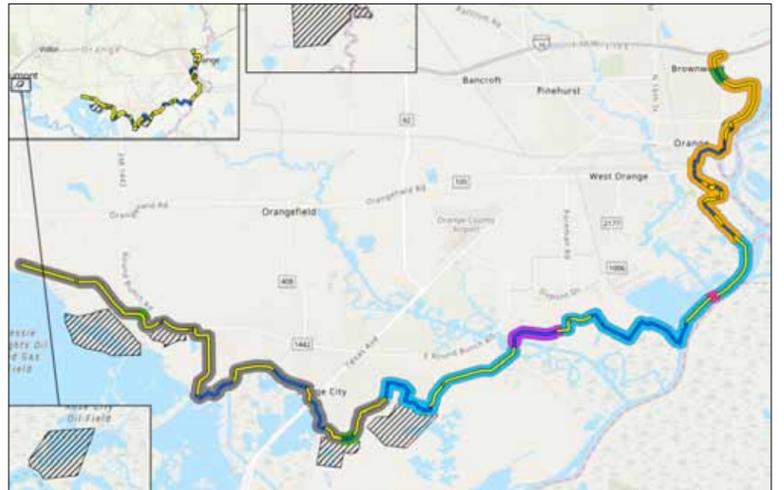
If you live on the East Side of Orange and always wake up with the sun, you'd better start putting money aside for a reliable alarm clock.

The Orange County Coastal Storm Risk Management Project, or "Ike Dike," could delay sunup for hundreds – nay, thousands – of expert home remodelers who have done it themselves more than one time lately.

Instead of watching the sunlight poking through the trees, residents must now wait for it to first climb up over a 14-foot floodwall or maybe an earthen levee 11 feet high.

The Ike Dike has been in the works since Hurricane Ike struck near Bridge City in 2008, wrecking or outright washing away most of the homes.

Storm surge was recorded up to 12 feet as it blew across Sabine Lake and into the



There is currently no comprehensive levee system in place in Orange County. This new proposed levee system aims to reduce flood risk from coastal storm surge. The new levee system, which will include multiple pump stations, will be designed to address compound flood risks due to compound flood risks that occur when storm surge interacts with precipitation.

southern end of Orange County.

The project design agreement was OK'd last fall and a plan to spend \$2.4 billion in state and federal funds is

now posted online – swg.usace.army.mil/S2G/Orange-County/.

The target completion date is 2028 and when it becomes a reality, everyone on the

"right side" of the levees, floodwalls and pumps should breathe easier.

In the short time, well, it

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No purses for Rotary "Guys' Game Night"

PENNY LELEUX
For The Record

The Bridge City-Orange-field Rotary Club took notice of how popular the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce Purse Bingo events have been the last couple of years. Since the Rotary's main fundraiser, the Bunny Run, has been cancelled due to COVID the last two years, they decided

to take the Chamber event and put a male twist on it with a Guys' Game Night.

"We saw how well the ladies did with the first Bingo," said Eric Andrus, one of the event organizers. "We talked about it. We've been talking about it for a while. We just need to get something going, get everybody back and try to get some funds coming in, get the students their schol-

arships at the end of the year."

This will be the Rotary Club's first fundraiser in two years.

"We're just ready to get back to some sense of normalcy," said Andrus.

Scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Aug. 26 at the Bridge City Community Center, a \$60 ticket includes 10 games, a barbecue dinner of links and

pulled pork from LBS Catering and two drink tickets. No one under 21 allowed.

"These game [prizes] will range from rifles, handguns, shotguns, fishing trips, hunting trips, we've got some pellet grills, have washer boards..." said Eric Andrus, one of the event's organizers. "The big ticket items the

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TEXAS STATE NEWS

State Rep. Ron Reynolds and U.S. Rep. Al Green arrested while demonstrating for federal voting bill at U.S. Capitol

Reynolds is among the Texas House Democrats who fled to Washington, D.C., last month to block a state voting restrictions bill.

FARAH ELTOHAMY
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

State Rep. Ron Reynolds and U.S. Rep. Al Green were both arrested Tuesday at the U.S. Capitol while demonstrating for federal voting legislation.

The two Democratic lawmakers were at a rally organized by the National Clergy United for Justice that civil rights activists Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton also attended.

Green, a Houston Democrat, told The Texas Tribune that he and his colleagues moved to the street after praying in front of the Supreme Court when they were approached by Capitol police. He said protesters were told they would be arrested if they hadn't moved after three warnings.



State Rep. Ron Reynolds, D-Missouri City, left, and U.S. Rep. Al Green, D-Houston. PHOTO CREDIT: The Texas Tribune

which they believe could preempt the proposed voting restrictions back home.

"The state has a long history of voter suppression, and the latest iteration of it in-

all [Gov. Greg] Abbott's items that he put on call for the special session," he said.

Still, Abbott has vowed to continue calling special sessions until the Texas bill passes.

Tuesday's arrests come after U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, was arrested last week as she demonstrated in support of federal voting legislation.

Efforts to pass federal voting legislation have remained futile, mainly because of a filibuster backed by the GOP and Democratic senators like Kyrsten Sinema and Joe Manchin that requires 60 senators to put a bill on the floor. If passed, the For the People Act would end partisan gerrymandering and create a nationwide automatic voter registration system.

"We believe that this has been a very necessary trip where we have moved the needle. Now we haven't got-

ten federal legislation passed, but we're certainly right there — a lot closer than we were when we came here to D.C. three weeks ago," Reynolds said.

In a video posted from Green's Twitter account Tuesday, he and Reynolds sang along to "We Shall Overcome" as Capitol police officers came over to handcuff them. The song was a frequent refrain during the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

The post was captioned with the hashtag #Good-Trouble — a reference to the late congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis, who encouraged defying the law in pursuit of moral good.

"Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and help redeem the soul of America," Lewis said on the 55th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, when civil rights marchers were assaulted by state and local police at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama.

Another one of the federal voting bills stalled in Congress is the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, which could bring back federal preclearance — a policy that gives the federal government the authority to vet state voting laws for discrimination against voters of color.

For Green, the references to Lewis are personal.

"I was arrested twice with John Lewis, and we were taken to jail," Green said. "And we were detained and jailed for some time — he and I were cellmates."

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Salter angered by Governor From Page 1

tirement account, but not so good for a community's COVID-19 status.

"Abbott has said in the past that if cities or counties had seven straight days of 15% hospitalization capacity or more, it would trigger a rollback [decreased legal capacity] in restaurants, bars and stores," Salter said.

The old Greg Abbott did say that. But, with at least two people taking him on in next May's Republican primary and three Democrats each seeking a spot on next November's ticket to run against him, he did a quick two-step.

"Despite what he said back then, he has issued a new order that bans any rollback regardless of COVID hospital rates," Salter said.

Abbott signed the measure forbidding required mask wearing on May 18, when the number of new cases being reported were in a free-falling decline. Late last month, with the so-called Delta variant triggering another peak of new cases, the governor said he would never reinstate a mask mandate.

Abbott, a career politician from the Dallas area, has served the state in Austin since 1995, first as Supreme Court Justice, then Attorney General before being elected to the state's highest office in 2014.

Last spring, he implement-

ed one of the shortest stay-at-home orders in the country.

In March of 2020, Abbott ordered Texas schools to cancel in-person learning and most customer-based businesses to close. He ordered social distancing and the wearing of masks for people working in "essential" businesses, promising to arrest business owners that did not follow those orders.

A couple of months later, a Dallas hairdresser was arrested for illegally operating her "non-essential" business and sent to jail by a Dallas judge, according to Abbott's order.

Then-President Donald Trump hailed her for standing up for business owners and Shelley Luther became a national celebrity. The salon owner even ran for Congress but lost.

Abbott, running for reelection in 2022, then flipped and created a new anti-mask mandate on May 18, 2020, making mask-wearing optional and warning he'd fine local governments or officials if they implemented mandatory mask-wearing orders.

Salter recalled the governor's many stances on shuttering, then re-opening businesses, and dealing with mask requirements in the last year.

Besides Orange County,

Hardin, Jasper, Newton, Jefferson, Chambers, Liberty, Galveston and Brazoria counties make up Trauma Service Area "R."

Of course, Orange County doesn't have a hospital inside county limits and most in the county would use the hospitals in Jefferson County or Louisiana.

That could affect health statistics that COVID-19 response seems built upon.

"It's up to you to use common sense," Salter said.

"He doesn't feel the need to mandate any orders that would allow business owners to decide what is best for their families and customers based on our [COVID-19] caseload.

"To issue an order that bans government entities from being able to do what they feel is best is reckless."

Salter closed her statements by asking readers to make their feeling about mask restrictions known by the governor.

She posted Abbott's official email address (Info@gregabbott.com), his office phone (512-463-1828) and mailing addresses (PO Box 308, Austin, TX, 78767).

"This isn't about Democrat or Republican affiliations. It's about lives, too. I have supported [Abbott] on many things in the past. But I do not agree with this.

"Tell him how you feel."

Planned floodwalls in OC From Page 1

was nice to dream of eating a meal at the Boardwalk Grille before a show at the Lutch Theater, then walking back across the street to visit the ice cream parlor next door, maybe even buying an "Orange You Glad?" T-shirt.

Any plans for developing around the west side of the Sabine River are on hold. The tentative map of the CSRM Orange shows a mixture of floodwalls and earthen levees following the west side of the Sabine River all the way to Interstate 10, where it runs the course of its 26.3-mile course.

"I haven't seen or heard of the final study yet, but we only have a small section of downtown that would be affected," said Clyde "Tad"

McKee, CEO of the Stark Foundation.

"But I think the benefit outweighs the negatives. While we love the view of the water, we think it's much more important to protect the residents inland.

"If we want to keep people in Orange, we have to mitigate these circumstances the best we can. I think it's a little price to pay for the protection it will afford."

While the Orange CSRM project is just a part of a much grander project that runs south, past Galveston Island to Brazoria County, the Orange County portion will begin at the Bessie Heights Marsh.

It essentially runs parallel to Roundbunch Road on ei-

ther side of Texas 87 until it becomes a huge levee south of Chemical Row plants, then follows the Sabine River north to downtown.

Another man who spends a lot of time downtown, Lamar State College Orange president Dr. Tom Johnson, said he was too locked in on the people and programs on his campus to follow closely the Corps of Engineers' plans.

"I'm kind of detached from that," Johnson said. "We're just trying to get registered for the fall, which starts in three weeks - Aug. 23.

Property acquisition should begin this fall or early 2022.

OC film heads to festivals From Page 1

ality disorder and the character discovering that reality as the story progresses.

He started filming in the middle of April 2020 and completed principal photography at the start of March 2021. He spent a month before that storyboarding and writing. He had a shot list of over 300 different shots. Postproduction took about three months, editing and developing the music.

"I finished post in late July. My whole goal was to have it done before my 30th birthday. I wanted a project that I could be proud of that went over that 20-minute mark, where I could say I've done this before I was 30."

Womack knows he's younger than a lot of people in the film industry, but he wanted to have that one project he could look back on later in life and say he completed that mark.

"I've only done 'minies' up until this point," he said.

Womack started his film career when he was 14 years old. He asked his mother for a camera for Christmas. She

gave him a DVC camera and he started shooting micro shorts, only a couple of minutes long on mini DV tapes. That's when he got the bug.

He went to Lamar University and majored in film. There he did several five-minute films on 8mm film stock and completed several group projects. Womack also completed four or five 48-hour film races, most under four minutes. The longest film he had completed before now was his senior thesis film, which ran 18-19 minutes.

"When I look back at it, it's kind of hard to watch. I was still learning. In that thesis I was trying to prove to my teacher and my peers, 'look what I can direct' but when you look back, the story is not there. There are so many little mistakes in it. I was trying to be the biggest, craziest director," admitted Womack.

"I guess it just takes plenty of times failing before you realize the fine line between the good story and the great camera angle. If the great camera angle doesn't do any-

thing for the story, what's the point in it."

Story is what he still struggles with.

"What's the story that hasn't been told or hasn't been told from a different perspective."

Womack played five different roles in the film. The only other person in the film is his wife Melinda, appearing briefly as a nurse near the end.

The story is quite a mind trip. Some of the images from the film are reminiscent of a 1930s propaganda film "Reefer Madness."

"Alone + Together" was accepted into the Andromeda Film Festival in Turkey. Womack hopes it is one of many film festivals to select it over the next year. He hopes to one day get a submission into Sundance.

Womack is now working on a situational comedy project, which is totally out of his comfort zone.

He celebrated his 30th birthday this past weekend.

Rotary "Guys' Game Night" From Page 1

of course the door prizes will be given away. There will also be auction items between rounds."

Andrus said auction items were still being collected and a list is not yet available.

"It's going to be great. There will be food and alcohol," he said.

Would this be an event men would be interested in?

"So far, we've sold about 20 tables," said Andrus.

Table sponsorships are available for \$600 and the silver and bronze sponsorships are still available, but tickets are selling briskly, and Andrus anticipates a sell-out, possibly by next week.

Some of the funds will go to several scholarships awarded each year to seniors in Bridge City and Orange-field High Schools.

There is discussion of next

year, possibly opening the event to everyone, as there have been several women that expressed a desire to attend.

"Hey, we like that better than a purse," is the comment Andrus said the committee has been getting.

For more info contact Andrus at 409-313-0412. Donations of auction items are still being accepted.

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THE PANDEMIC OF UNVACCINATED

When the pandemic hit the **United States** we prayed for an answer, otherwise millions of **Americans** would die. **God answered our prayers.** In record time two vaccines hit the market. Before enough people could get vaccinated over 600,000 people had died from **COVID-19.** Now a more contagious virus has hit. **Delta Variant,** 100 times more infectious than **COVID-19** is spreading throughout the country. Fortunately the **God-sent** vaccines are also effective for **Delta.** Hospitals all over the country are filling up and will get worse. The unvaccinated make up 99% of those. Almost none of these people would be in hospitals; on venalities or very sick if they would have just taken a safe and proven shot. Anyone landing in the hospital with no health insurance will be quickly released while still very sick or else they will be making monthly payments to hospitals for a very long time. If they don't pay, they will not be admitted to any hospital if the need arrives in the future. That's where free choice and personal responsibility collide. **God and science gave us the answer. Take the shot. It's the way out.** If everyone was vaccinated, no one would be in the hospital. Soon we will run out of beds. **It's a pandemic of the unvaccinated.******I must move on. **Please come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.**

Robert's to Move on After Fire Employees First Concern

I feel for our friend **Robert Ramirez,** owner of **Robert's Restaurant and Meat Market,** whose business was seriously damaged by fire early Thursday morning. I have known **Robert,** a native of **Brownsville,** a long time. I've watched his ups and downs trying to establish his business, sometimes having his legs cut out from under him. **Robert** worked hard and kept plugging on to build a thriving, popular business, all the while facing major health issues, some life threatening. **Robert** is one of the finest people I know. It never has been about him, he goes out of his way to help others. Nothing is more important to him than his 50 employees. I visited with him just a few hours before his building caught fire. Here is what he said about business during the pandemic, "I'm taking in just enough to make payroll but that's okay as long as I can take care of my employees." He would ???utilities and other expenses as long as he could take care of his workers. As for the fire damage, he will start to remodel, knowing that getting business back during the pandemic will be difficult but he's determine to get his people back to work. **Robert** will be fine, it's not about him. As long as I've known him it never has been. His heart for his family, employees and community is always in the right place and anyone who knows him will tell you that. **The Wednesday Lunch Bunch,** whose members met at **Robert's,** is suspended for now and will not meet until further notice. The **Rotary Club** also met at **Robert's** and I'm aware of what their immediate plans are. For now our thoughts and best wishes are for **Robert,** his business and employees for a complete recovery.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2011

What a guy, what a run he's had. **Rev. David Berkheimer** is one of our most respected people. His work for the Lord is unquestionable, the distance he has brought **Community Church** is an amazing accomplishment. He has been pastor of a congregation from a medium size **Assembly of God Church** to one of the areas largest. From facilities on 16th St. in Orange, to a first class complex that includes a **growing school on M.L.K.** This was accomplished through **Rev. Berkheimer's** leadership and the great staff he assembled. It was a surprise to me when he announced **he and Ms. Valerie's** retirement.****The colorful former **Cajun governor Edwin Edwards,** who turns 84 next month, has married himself a 32-year-old beauty. **Trina Grimes Scott** visited the governor while he served his eight years in the joint. **Gov. Edwards** says, "The prison was in love with **Trina,** they used to watch her walk across the parking lot. The boys made me the camp hero." When asked why such a beautiful, young woman would marry him the governor answered, "**People who don't know me don't know what a wonderful, pleasant, modest fellow I am.**" Edwin, haunted by the Feds for years, after three attempts was convicted of bribery and extortion. He took the time dealt him, served eight years like a man and never complained. He might find serving a 32 year old tougher than the jail time.****Congrats to **Orange boxer O'Shanique Foster,** 17, who just keeps winning in the **123-pound class** as he makes his way toward the **Olympics.** "**Birds**" boy is making quite a name for himself. We knew the **West Orange-Stark** student when he was just a little, skinny kid visiting our office with his stepmother, **Erin.******The **Atlanta Falcons** signed **Matt Bryant** to a four year contract. That should take the **Bridge City** kicker to the end of his career. **Matt** is a 10 years veteran. He was 28 for 31 field goals last year and won games on three of those kicks.**** General manager of **KFDM Channel 6, Larry Beaulieu,** 63 will retire at the end of September. He has one heck of a run since 1974 and has kept **KFDM** the

areas leading station. Everyone under 37 years of age has grown up with **Larry.** His staff affectingly calls him "**Uncle Larry.**"******Doug Harrington,** for many years one of my best friends and confidants, is facing an issue. A growth has come up in his throat that **M.D. Anderson** says is malignant. Next week he will have surgery.****We are losing **State Sen. Williams.** I don't believe too many will be sad over that. He only visited **Orange County** a few times. The senator of the newly created district is **Robert Nicholes,** from **Jacksonville.** A **Lamar** engineering grad, ****Our longtime friend **Lamar Orange president Dr. Mike Shahan** celebrates **Aug. 5.******Two old buddies, two great characters, **Sleepy Smith** and **Robert Carpenter** share birthdays **Aug. 6.** Now there's a pair of aces.***One of my favorites **Coach Dwight Thacker** notches another peg on **Aug. 8.*****Among the good folks celebrating birthdays is **Micky's** boss, everyone's judge, **Dennis Powell** who is a year older on **Aug. 9.*****Also a belated happy birthday to **Joyce Dubose** who celebrated **Aug. 2.******On **Aug. 5, Neal Armstrong,** the first man on the moon, turns 81 years old. He's an American hero who never capitalized on his achievement. His words will live in infinity. "**One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.**"

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN Obituaries 10 Years Ago-2011

Dr. Billie (Williams) Stuntz, 82, of Orange, died Monday, **Aug. 1.** Funeral service was held Friday, **Aug. 5.** She was a long time resident of Orange where she practiced pediatric medicine for 35 years. **Dr. Stuntz** was a member of the American and Texas Medical Associations and the Orange County Medical Society. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, **Dr. Homer Stuntz;** daughters, **Beverly Ann Stuntz** and **Jean Allison Stuntz;** son, **Philip Williams Stuntz;** granddaughter, **Hyla Stuntz** and grandsons, **Dan** and **Chris Burgess.********Mandy Mae Herman Rainwater,** 78, of Orange passed away on Monday, **Aug. 1.** Service will be held on Thursday, **Aug. 4.** She is survived by her daughters, **Becky LeBleu,** **Genevia Herman** and **Barbara Murray;** sons, **Galen Ray Herman Jr.,** **Ronnie Gene Herman** and **Terry Dean Herman;** twelve grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.**** **William "Slim" Hamner,** 88, of Orange passed away Saturday, **July 30.** Service was held Wednesday, **August 3.** He joined the United States Navy in 1942 and served during World War II, the Korean Conflict and in the Philippines. He retired in 1962 then joined the Fleet Reserve Association and worked at **Smith Cleaners** and later retired from **Texas Polymers.** He is survived by daughters-in-law, **Barbara Breaux** and **Vashti Breaux;** six granddaughters; eighteen great grandchildren; eleven great great grandchildren.

23 Years Ago-1998

Eric Eshbach, pole-vaulter from **Orangefield,** coached by **Joe Hester,** takes first place at the **National Junior Olympics.** The event was held at the **University of Washington.** **Eshbach** cleared 16 feet, 7 ¼ inches. Teammate **Jonathan Henley** took second with a vault of 15 feet, 5 ¾ inches. Other teammate **Justin Menard** took eighth place and **Eric's** little sister placed ninth with a vault of 5 feet, 4 inches in the girl's division. ******Judge Pete Runnels is mayor of Pinehurst.****** The committee to pick a new administrator narrows the selection.****Maybe the ugliest pitcher in the major league, "**The Big Unit**" **Randy Johnson,** has joined the **Astros** to help get to the **World Series.** He struck out 12 in the first **Houston** outing and collected \$2 million for two months. ******Doug Harrington** and family returned from **Vancouver** and **Victoria British Columbia,** one of the world's most beautiful cities.******Bridge City mayor John Dubose** and wife **Joyce** are back from their 30th anniversary trip. (Editor's note: I remember that and the 25th too. Happy 43rd and best wishes for many more.) Today they celebrate their 53rd.******The Stephens Group** from **Arkansas,** no kin to **Harry,** bought out **Conn's Appliance Co.********Beth Dugas** is a patient at **Herman Hospital.** She was making progress until her lung was punctured. For three weeks she has just been lying motionless. Her husband **Lewis** sits by her side and cries. When we spoke to him he said, "I remember a dynamic woman who was perpetual motion, today she's a body in a bed. My emotions are raw as I see my partner of 43 years not moving or speaking. I look at my sweetheart and cry." (Editor's note: **Beth** had gone into the hospital for a simple procedure. She never came out. **Louis** also passed away a few years ago.)******Kenneth Starr** is trying to bring down the **President of the United States Bill Clinton.** **Starr** has spent \$60 million dollars. **President Clinton's** popularity is between 65 and 70 in the polls.

43 Years Ago-1978

W.T. Oliver turned in a check for \$25,000 to **Hughen School** to help with the construction of **Bob Hope High School.** **Oliver** received the check at the **International Convention of Eagles in Spokane, Washington.** **Oliver** was an honored guest and speaker. Others at the head table were **Paul Harvey, Terrence Cardinal Cook, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale** and **Rabbi Edgar Maguin.** That **Cajun, Oliver,** was in high cotton. He drove **Harvey** to the airport the next day and **Harvey** mentioned **W.T.** on his national radio show. Entertaining at the convention were **Bob Hope, Danny Thomas, The Mills Brothers, Arthur Godfrey, Red Buttons, Kay Starr, Roberta Sherwood, Corbett Monica** and **Frank Fontaine,** who died just minutes after his appearance. (Editor's note: I believe everyone mentioned above has now passed away.)******Joe Kazmar** wins two games for **Hubbard Electric** baseball team over the weekend.****Orange will elect a new mayor. **Davis Cooper** and **Major Inman** are running. (Editor's note: **Major won.**)******Showbiz John Travolta** and **Priscilla Presley** are dating.****The death of **Pope Paul VI** has been felt around the world. **He had been Pope for 15 years.**

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Joe Kazmar is batching since **Susan** has been vacationing in Missouri. **Kaz** seems to be eating well.****The big **Dunn** reunion was held at **Crystal Beach** last week. That's the **Mauriceville Dunn's.** There also are **Orange Dunn's** and **Bridge City Dunn's.** This was **Judge Derry Dunn's** bunch. They had a cabin that slept 50 people. **Derry** didn't go in the water this time. He got flesh eating bacteria last time that nearly cost him his life.******Judge Jenkins, Wendi** and the boys spent the weekend in **New Braunfels** riding the river rapids and hopefully gathering peaches.****This week, in 1934, German president **Paul Von Hindenburg,** a German Jew, died, paving the way for

Adolf Hitler's complete take over. The rest is history. During the next 10 years, **Hitler** killed millions of **Jews.******A few folks we know celebrating birthdays. **Aug. 4:** Celebrating today are **Debbie Wilbur, Judy Leonard, Rene Beard, Kody Fisette, Jean Ousley** and **Jarrold Vogt.** Also on this day former U.S. President **Barack Obama** turns 60.******Aug. 5:** Former **Lamar Orange** prez **Dr. Mike Shahan** celebrates today. Also **Angie Lane, Danny Squires, Katelyn Defrantes, Non Briggs** and **Paul Jagen.********Aug. 6:** Happy Birthday today to **Pam Boehme, Sonya Villanueva** and last but not lest best wishes to our friend **Sleepy Smith.********Aug. 7:** **Tessa Bailey, Rodney Hanks.********Aug. 8:** Celebrating today to **Katie Allen, Jim Finklea, Brian Sanches** and **Kim Sensat.********Aug. 9:** **Judge Dennis Powell,** now retired to the hill country, celebrates today. Also celebrating is longtime friend **Coach Dwight Thacker.********Aug. 10:** **Rosa Molina, Jody Simons, Leslie Smith, Bree Ann Collins** and **Timmy Bryd** all celebrate today.******Bridge City** mayor **David Rutledge** is president-elect to the **Texas Municipal League** but he's already staying on the road. Two weeks ago he drove to **Amarillo** in one day, spent the night, and returned the next day. That's 28 hours on the road. Last week he did the same thing and went to **Corpus. Rutledge** will be sworn in as president at **San Antonio's** annual conference held Oct. 5 to Oct. 7. Meantime he will serve as president elect and keep the cardinal red truck on the road.****In an interview with **Susan Page, USA Today,** former senator **Bob Dole** admitted he voted for **Trump** in 2016. He got tired of **Trump's** actions and tweets but it was Jan. 6 and the **Trump** mob insurrection on the **Capital** that finally got him. **Dole** says, "He's all **Trumped** out." **Dole** also says **Joe Biden** is the right person at the right time in our history.****Last week, County Treasurer **Christy** had **Kirk** on a diet and eating salad, which I call grass. Commissioner **Kirk Roccaforte** was also wearing a 24-hour heart monitor. **Dr. Morbia** once told me that the monitor will tell off on you and what kind of action you've had.****We were glad to learn that **Gov. Abbott** had appointed banker **Stephen Lee** to the Texas State University System Board of Regents. Terms will run to Feb., 2027. We have known the **Lee** family, three brothers and dad **Ben-nis,** former banker and car dealer, most of **Stephens** life.****A note from **Judge Dennis Powell:** I really enjoying this season of life; I miss some people but don't miss the full time **Courthouse** responsibilities. I was just assigned to sit as a visiting Judge on a criminal case in **Kendall County;** occasional assignments like that will give me all the "**judging**" I want to do. But, life is not very exciting. Our morning deer herd is growing, averaging 17-18, with two 10-point bucks, several 8 points, and three spotted fawns. **Still enjoying the e-edition of the paper** - a regular part of my routine! I will turn 66 next week - it is not possible that I am that old! Love and prayers for the folks of **Orange County** in the midst of **Covid/Delta** and hurricane season.. (Editor's note: **Judge Powell's** birthday is Monday, **Aug. 9.** You might want to drop him a birthday message at **drpowell1955@gmail.com.** He will enjoy hearing from you.)******Mark Dunn,** after putting out the **Record Newspapers** from Guatemala over the last month, is back on deck. I started in the newspaper business with a pair of scissors and a glue can, **cut and paste.** I'm amazed that **Mark** could be in the mountains in a foreign country, produce a paper, send it by satellite to our printer in **East Texas** by midnight and it be delivered to **Orange County** by 7 a.m. Amazing how much technology has changed in my lifetime.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays in the next few days are **Vickie Wells, Cetha Haure, Frances Reid, John Holm, Mike Preston, Anita Decker, Gladys Ousley, Clare Calahan, Tessa Bailey, Kimberly Sensat, Katie Allen, Billie Carter, Clarice Miller, Paige White, Edie Anthony, Joe Allen, Max Powell, Timmy Bryd, Bill Loyd, Louise Kent.**

CELEBRITY BRITHDAYS

August 4: United States President **Barack Obama,** 60; Actors **Daniel Dae Kim,** 52; **Billy Bob Thornton,** 65; Race Car Driver **Jeff Gordon,** 49.******August 5:** Basketball Player **Patrick Ewing,** 59; Actors **Jesse Williams,** 41; **Mau-reen McCormick,** 66.******August 6:** Basketball Player **David Robinson,** 56; Stage Actor **Leslie Odom, Jr.,** 40; Actress **Barbara Windsor,** 84.******August 7:** Actors **Charlize Theron,** 46; **David Duchovny,** 61; **Francesca Eastwood,** 28.******August 8:** Tennis Player **Roger Federer,** 40; Boxer **Chris Eubank,** 55; Actors **Dustin Hoffman,** 84; **Meagan Good,** 40.******August 9:** Fashion Designer **Michael Kors,** 62; Football Player **Deion Sanders,** 54; Today Show Host **Hola Koth,** 57.******August 10:** Actors **Antonio Banderas,** 61; **Justin Theroux,** 50, **Kylie Jenner,** 24.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Alex Comeaux was going on 74 him and he was overweight also. **Dr. Boudreaux,** da town doctor, put **Comeaux** on a diet. **Da Doc** said, "**Alex, I want you to eat regular for two days, den skip on da turd day and do dis for two weeks. You should have loss five pounds wen you come back to see me, okay?**"

Comeaux say, "I'll do dat **Doc.**"

Wen Comeaux return to see da doctor he is shocked dat **Comeaux** done loss 53 pounds.

"**Mai, dat's amazing,**" said **Dr. Boudreaux,** "So you follow my instructions hanh?"

Comeaux say, "Well, **Doc,** I sure did, but I'll tole you wat, I tought me I was gonna drop dead on dat third day."

"**From da hunger you mean?**" **Axe** da doctor.

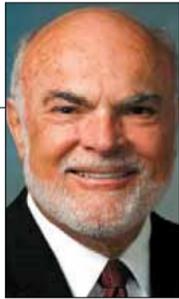
Comeaux answer, "No **Doc,** it was wuz from all dat day of skippin."

C'EST TOUT CHERRY UNDERGOES TRIPLE BYPASS

Our friend **Cherry Stout** underwent triple bypass heart surgery Friday. She was due for a double but during surgery the decision was made to go for a triple. She did well. A great-grandson is an RN and works in the area of the hospital where **Cherry** is so he was able to check on her. **Nova Dee Strickland** tells us she has known **Cherry** since 1953 when they were both young **Navy** brides stationed in **San Diego.** Several years ago **Cherry** married **Pearl Harbor** survivor, now 99-years-old, **Cedric Stout.** We wish **Cherry** a speedy recovery. She is due to come home Wednesday or Thursday.****That's all for today. Please stay safe, wear your mask, wash hands and most importantly get vaccinated. **Take care and God bless.**

My 5-Cents

By State Senator Robert Nichols



The 2021 Olympic Games have begun in Tokyo, Japan. Over the next few weeks, we will all get to watch and enjoy the very best the United States has to offer compete on a global scale. I'll be watching and cheering on our Olympic athletes, particularly the 40 athletes who are from Texas.

Here are five things happening around your state:

1. Grandmother of Juneteenth Opal Lee honored in Senate last week,

Fort Worth activist Opal Lee was recognized in the Texas Senate with a formal resolution honoring her work. Known as the Grandmother of Juneteenth she led the movement to make Juneteenth a state and national holiday. Juneteenth marks the day in 1865 that Union troops arrived in Galveston and informed the enslaved people there that they had been freed about two and a half years earlier by the Emancipation Proclamation. It's celebrated annually on June 19th. Juneteenth has been a state holiday since 1980. Last month, President Biden signed a bill that would make Juneteenth a federal holiday, something Opal Lee has been promoting for years. Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick also made a recommendation that her portrait be permanently hung in the Senate chamber. It was an honor to meet the remarkable Opal Lee and I appreciate all the work she's done to establish Juneteenth as a state holiday and now a federal holiday.

2. Texas adds back 1.1 million jobs since peak of pandemic unemployment

Texas employers have added back more than 1.1 million jobs since the end of April 2020, the peak of pandemic unemployment. According to the June jobs report, employers added 43,900 jobs just last month and the

state unemployment rate dropped percent. The Reserve Bank of Dallas said employment forecast pre-addition jobs will be added in Texas this year, leading to a total employment number of 13 million by December. They also estimate that job growth will increase by 5.6 percent in 2021.

3. Nacogdoches County launches development of countywide broadband

This month, the Nacogdoches County Broadband Committee has officially launched. The purpose of the committee is to develop a technology action plan to expand and improve broadband access across the county. The first step is the work with residents, businesses, community organizations, and others to share input through a survey. The committee is working with Connected Nation Texas to develop a plan that reflects the challenges for expanding high-speed internet in Nacogdoches County and solutions to resolve those challenges. These survey results will be integral in developing a community action plan and mapping of where broadband is currently available. These data will also be helpful when applying for funds and other grants. Residents are encouraged to fill out a survey for every sector that impacts you or your business. The survey should only take roughly 10 minutes to complete. The survey can be found at myconnectedcommunity.org/nacogdoches-county/.

4. Texas National Guard to aid law enforcement agencies on border

This week Governor Abbott ordered the

Texas National Guard to aid the Texas Department of Public Safety in their efforts at the border. DPS has been enforcing Texas law by the border by arresting those who are breaking state laws, including trespassing and other crimes. Border authorities have stopped over 188,000 attempted crossing just in June. That number is the highest this year. Local officials in border communities say this massive influx of migrants has stretched their resources thin and their law enforcement agencies to the brink. Those law enforcement agencies are overwhelmed by the presence of drug smugglers and human traffickers. The assistance of the Texas National Guard is necessary to assert some control over the situation at the border.

5. Texas reinstates full work search requirements as businesses struggle to fill openings

Last month, Texas reinstated its full work search requirements for unemployment benefits in an attempt to help businesses who are struggling to rehire employees for vacant positions. Unemployment recipients will no longer be able to cite COVID-19 concerns as a reason to not search for work.

Work search requirements include registering for work search within three business days of your unemployment application and documenting searching and applying for jobs on a weekly basis. Currently in Texas, there are over 800,000 job openings with over 32,000 employers hiring according to Work In Texas, a state-run job board. In June, the state ended the federal unemployment benefit that provided an extra \$300 per week in an early attempt to get the unemployed back to work.

If you're interested in applying for job openings, visit WorkInTexas.com.

Lyons promoted at BC branch Edward Jones

Madison Lyons has been promoted to senior branch office administrator at a Bridge City branch office of financial services firm Edward Jones. Lyons has been with Edward Jones the past three years.

Karen Collier, the local Edward Jones financial advisor, said Lyons is very deserving of the promotion.

"Lyons has demonstrated an outstanding ability to juggle the many complex tasks and responsibilities associated with helping run this office. I'm very pleased that her exceptional ability and dedication to the firm have been recognized and rewarded," Collier said.

To be named a senior branch office administrator, an individual must meet specific training requirements, demonstrate exceptional performance when completing office responsibilities, handle the complex tasks associated with running a high-volume office, and typically must have at least five years' experience with the firm.

Karen Collier and Branch Office Administrator Madison can be reached at 409-735-9413. You may also visit Collier's website at www.edwardjones.com/karen-collier.

Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company headquartered in St. Louis, provides financial services in the U.S. and, through its af-



Madison Lyons is seen with Karen Collier.

filiate, in Canada. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the investments its financial advisors offer to the location of branch offices, caters to individual investors. The firm's nearly 19,000 financial advisors serve more than 7 million clients with a total of \$1.6 trillion in assets under care. Visit edwardjones.com or the recruiting website at careers.edwardjones.com. Member SIPC.

Deaths & Memorials

Darrell Norwood, 62, Bridge City

Wallace Darrell Norwood, 62, of Bridge City, passed away on August 1, 2021, in Bridge City.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 5, 2021, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Officiating will be Reverend Paul Fregia. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Thursday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Born in Sulphur, Louisiana, on January 13, 1959, he was the son of Wallace Samuel Norwood and Betty (Clement) Norwood. Darrell was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Orangefield. He loved his family dearly, especially his mother, Betty.

Darrell enjoyed watching his nieces and nephews grow up as well as spending his



Darrell Norwood

spare time with them. He left an impact on many lives and will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved him. He was preceded in death by his father, Sam Norwood.

He is survived by his mother, Betty Norwood of Bridge City; siblings, Charles Norwood and wife Rebecca of Jasper and Phyllis Gurbach and husband Greg of Richmond; nieces, Amber Harris of Plano, Anne Robertson of Benbrook, Texas, and Britany Lovett of Houston; nephew, Brent Lovett of Katy; as well as 10 great nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to First Baptist Church of Orangefield, their kind and thoughtful neighbors, as well as the loving care the nurses of Texas Total Care Hospice gave to Darrell and his family during this tough time.

Dementia Care Givers' Support Group

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

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I Lay My Life in Your Hands

How Faith Prays In The Dark

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Down through church history, Christians have referred to the seven statements Jesus spoke from the cross as the “last words” of Christ. According to tradition, the very last of these last words, which Jesus cried out before giving himself over to death, were these: “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit” (Luke 23:46).

It was a powerful, heart-breaking, poetic moment. God prayed to his God by quoting God-breathed Scripture. The Word of God died with the word of God on his lips. And it was a word of poetry, the first half of Psalm 31:5.

Most of those gathered on Golgotha that dark afternoon likely knew these words well. They were nearly a lullaby, a prayer Jewish parents taught their children to pray just before giving themselves over to sleep for the night. So, in Jesus’s cry, they likely heard a dying man’s last prayer of committal before his final “falling asleep.” And, of course, it was that.

But that’s not all it was. And every Jewish religious leader present would have recognized this if he were paying attention. For these men would have known this psalm of David very well. All of it. They would have known this prayer was uttered by a persecuted king of the Jews, pleading with God for rescue from his enemies. They also would have

known it as a declaration of faith-fueled confidence that God would, in fact, deliver him. For when Jesus had recited the first half of Psalm 31:5, they would have been able to finish the second half from memory: “You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.”

What Was Jesus Thinking?

The most maddening thing for the Jewish rulers had always been trying to get inside Jesus’s head. What was he thinking? Who was he making himself out to be (John 8:53)?

Well, he had finally confirmed their suspicions at his trial: he believed himself to be Israel’s long-awaited Messiah (Matthew 26:63–64). It was true: he really did see himself as “the son of David” (Matthew 22:41–45).

Now here he was, brutalized beyond recognition, quoting David with his last breath — a quote that, in context, seemed to make no sense in this moment:

You are my rock and my fortress; and for your name’s sake you lead me and guide me; you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. (Psalm 31:3–5)

What had Jesus been thinking? This should have been a moment of utter despair for him. David had prayed, “Let me never be put to shame” (Psalm 31:1), but there Jesus was, covered in nothing but shame. David had prayed, “In your righteousness deliver me!” (Psalm 31:1) But Jesus was dying a brutal death. In what possible way could he have believed at that moment that God was his refuge?

David proved to be the Lord’s anointed because God had delivered him “out of the

net” of death. David committed his spirit into God’s hand, and God had been faithful to him by redeeming him. But this so-called “son of David” received no such deliverance, no such redemption.

King Who Became a Reproach

Yet, as they looked at that wasted body hanging on the cross, with a sign posted above it that read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews” (Matthew 27:37), and pondered his final words, might some of them have perceived possible fore-shadows of messianic suffering in this song of David?

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.

Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. (Psalm 31:9–11)

This psalm recorded a moment when David, the most beloved king of the Jews in Israel’s history, had become a reproach. He had been accused, blamed, censured, charged. He had become an “object of dread” to all who knew him; people had wanted nothing to do with him. He had “been forgotten like one who is dead”; he had “become like a broken vessel” (Psalm 31:12). Had this at all been in Jesus’s mind as he uttered his last prayer?

David, of course, hadn’t died. God delivered him and honored him. Surely he would do the same, and more, for the Messiah!

After Death, Life

Yet, there were those haunting words of the prophet Isaiah: “We esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities” (Isaiah 53:4–5). Pierced. Crushed. Indeed,

It was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. (Isaiah 53:10)

It would have been unnerving to recall that Isaiah’s “suffering servant” is first “slaughtered” like a sacrificial lamb (Isaiah 53:7) and then afterward “prolong[s] his days.” After death, life. Not only that, but God himself commends and promises to glorify him for his sacrifice: “Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted” (Isaiah 52:13).

Had Jesus really believed, even as his life drained away, that he was the King of the Jews bearing reproach, the Suffering Servant? Was this woven into the fabric of his final cry?

‘My Times Are in Your Hand’

This self-understanding would make sense of Jesus’s physically agonizing yet spiritually peaceful resignation to the will of God as he died. Even more, it also would fit with his previous foretelling of his death and resurrection — something these leaders were quite cognizant of at that moment (Matthew 27:62–64).

All this again aligned with the childlike faith and hope David had expressed in Psalm

31:

I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind! (Psalm 31:14–16, 19)

If any of the Jewish leaders (and others) had been paying careful attention to where Jesus’s words were drawn from, they would have heard more than a desperate man’s prayer before falling into deathly sleep. They also would have heard a faithful man’s expression of trust that his God held all his times in his hands, including that most terrible of times, and that his God had stored up abundant goodness for him, despite how circumstances appeared in the moment.

Let Your Heart Take Courage

I can only speculate what may have passed through the minds of the Jewish leaders as they heard the very last of Jesus’s last words. But I have no doubt that the words, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit,” were pregnant with meaning from the entire psalm when the Word cried them out.

Which makes Jesus’s quota-

tion of half of Psalm 31:5 the most profound and powerful commentary on this psalm ever made. We now read it through the lens of the crucified and risen Christ.

And one crucial dimension we must not miss is this: at that moment of his death, no one but Jesus perceived the faithfulness of God at work. He shows us that God can be acting most faithfully in the very moments when it appears he’s not being faithful at all.

We all experience such moments when we must, like Jesus, sit in the first half of Psalm 31:5 (“Into your hand I commit my spirit”). As we sit, we can lean into the faithfulness of God to keep his word, trusting that he who holds all our times will bring to pass the second half of the verse when the time is right (“You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God”). We can also, with David, sing the psalm all the way to the end:

Love the Lord, all you his saints!

The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord! (Psalm 31:23–24)

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Viator-Reeves win Sabine Redfish Series

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Dickie Colburn

Team Oyster Rash's, Justin Lowry and Jake Adame, managed to outlast a brutally hot day and out fish the field in the final Sabine Redfish Series event of the year last Saturday. Three other teams finished within three pounds of their winning three fish total of 20.92 pounds.

The big winner in the final and deciding event was Team East Texas Safe Floor as they earned the \$10,000 check for winning the Anglers of the Year award. Team members, Tony Viator and Jeremy Reeves closed the deal with three fish that weighed 15.15 pounds.

Nothing comes easy, however, and capturing the championship was no exception. Due to medical problems, Reeves was unable to fish and Viator was forced to go it alone with two other teams less than a fish off the pace.

Viator and Reeves had built their lead going into Saturday's showdown by averaging a solid 21-pounds for the first three tournaments. Aside from the blistering heat, the conditions could not have been more favorable, but fishing alone in a team event adds to the challenge.

Viator proved to be up to that challenge, however, and his three fish were enough to hold off the second place team of Matt and Roger Bertrand by eight pounds in the race to the championship. Mike Fesco fished alone as well in the final event and earned the second place check for the day with 19.60 pounds. Alan Hall and Ryan Harrison finished third followed by Eddie Roberts and Jerrod Broussard.

Roberts and Broussard took home side pot money for the heaviest red with an 8.40 pound fish and Lowry and Adame cashed the check for the red with the most spots. Their winning fish had five spots.

Congratulations to Viator and Reeves and everyone involved that made the new series work. I know a lot of very good anglers that opted to sit back and see if it would work as promised. The Series definitely has a future!

I got a little ahead of myself in last week's column, that happens to old fishing guides, but better late than never. Getting there early is a habit when anything to do with fishing is involved. The OCARC Tournament kicks off Friday evening with the final weigh-in set for 5:00 p.m. under the Riverside Pavilion.

The annual event benefits the Special Needs Clients at the Center. The entry fee is only \$30 with \$4000 up for grabs in twelve different categories. This is an all-afternoon affair that will entertain the

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MLB's tradings deadline sifts contenders from pretenders

KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

During the final two days of Major League Baseball's annual end of July trading deadline, when the clock struck 3:00 p.m. Friday and no more deals could be made, there were 32 different trades which moved 80 different players, including 10 who made the All-Star Game two weeks ago.

The Chicago Cubs and the Washington Nationals sold off several of their high-dollar, low-producing players and picked up young prospects—mostly high draft choices from the minor leagues—who have started their careers on the right foot production-wise in an effort to get a flying start with their respective rebuilding programs.

The World Champion Los Angeles Dodgers acquired future Hall of Famer right-hander Max Scherzer and shortstop Trea Turner from the Nationals for four prospects and also got left-hander Danny Duffy from Kansas City and cash for a player to be named later.

Washington also dealt closer Brad Hand to the Toronto Blue Jays for catching prospect Riley Adams and traded outfielder/designated hitter Kyle Schwarber to the Boston Red Sox for pitcher Aldo Ramirez. The Oakland A's also acquired catcher Yan Gomes and infielder Josh Harrison from Washington for three prospects. The Nats also sent Jon Lester to St. Louis for outfielder Lane Thomas.

The Cubs traded of their top slugger—third baseman Kris Bryant to the Giants plus Anthony Rizzo and cash to the New York Yankees for two prospects—to highlight their "fire sale".

Chicago also dumped shortstop Javier Baez and pitcher Trevor Williams to the Mets for outfielder Pete Crow-Armstrong and shipped closer Craig



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Kimberl and his dazzling 0.49 ERA and 23 of 25 saves across town to the White Sox for second baseman Nick Madrigal and right-handed reliever Codi Heuer.

Most of the first-place teams and those in the running for a wild card berth shuffled players around to shore up apparent weaknesses divulged during the first half of the season.

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What's amazing is that the Astros are still contenders for the post-sea-

son and even the World Series despite losing the likes of stars like George Springer, Gerrit Cole, Josh Reddick, Will Harris, Dallas Keuchel, Marwin Gonzalez and Charlie Morton over the last couple of years plus not having injured Justin Verlander for the last two seasons.

And while Manager Dusty Baker was factoring the four new relievers onto his roster, the likes of the Dodgers, San Francisco Giants, White Sox, Red Sox, New York Yankees all added future Hall of Famers and much bigger names. Even the market-challenged Tampa Bay Rays added a bigger name than the Astros did.

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Gulf Coast Fishing Report . . .

This week's Gulf Coast fishing report was compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

• Sabine Lake

Overall conditions: GOOD. 85 degrees. Fishing patterns remain the same as previous weeks with freshwater runoff continuing to be issue, so fish in water depths of 8-14 feet in the channel. The ship channel or the south end of the lake are great spots for speckled trout. Redfish and speckled trout are good on the humps 5-11 feet of water using live shrimp or live croaker on a popping cork, plastics with a quarter inch head with chartreuse tail. Flounder are good in 8-14 feet of water using jigs, gulf shrimp, and plastics with chartreuse tails. Fish in-coming tides and in the channel finding bait fish in the steel bulkheads. Trout are good in the jetty fishing early morning top water using live croaker, plastics, swimbaits, and topwaters. Many catches of sharks as well.



The Record's Capt. Chuck Uzzle shows off a nice redfish caught on Sabine Lake.

• Bolivar

GOOD. 85 Degrees. Speckled trout have been fair near the north jetty as well along the shoreline on live shrimp. Redfish have been good along the shoreline and are best caught on shrimp, soft plastics or topwaters early. Black drum are good around vegetation or structure on crab or shrimp. Flounder are fair around the jetty on shrimp.

• Trinity Bay

FAIR. 85 degrees. With the drainage of freshwater in the bay the fishing has been slow but is picking up as the salinity levels return. Look for the birds, the fish will typically be under them. Fishing the flats remains to be the best method to fish for both redfish and speckled trout. The northwestern and eastern sides of the bay are still solid. Flounder are fair around rocks using mullet or minnow.

• East Galveston Bay

FAIR. 85 degrees. We are seeing similar fishing patterns as last week. Redfish and speckled trout are still along the shorelines and near the jetties. You can also find them

in the deep water around structures like reefs. Soft plastics or shrimp are great. Sheepshead are good and will be found primarily around rocks on minnow.

• West Galveston Bay

FAIR. 85 degrees. West winds are mudding up the water, but some success has been seen with live bait early in the morning. Wade fishing in the west and closer to the pass has seen success. Redfish and trout are good using shrimp on popping corks, croaker bottom rigs.

• Texas City

FAIR. 85 degrees. Fishing has been slow with early morning bites. Redfish and speckled trout are good using any kind of live bait.

• Freeport

GOOD. 85 degrees. Red snapper season begins August 2, much success is already being seeing off-shore for red snapper, king fish, mahi-mahi and cobia using live and dead baits. Redfish and speckled trout will be found in the back bay around shell and marsh and are good on shrimp. 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 over grass.

• East Matagorda Bay

GOOD. 85 degrees. As the winds die down the surf is flat creating good fishing conditions for trout, redfish and black drum using artificials and live bait. Look for bait activity as a clue as to where the fish will be.

• West Matagorda Bay

GOOD. 85 degrees. The surf is proving to be excellent for trout, redfish and black drum as the winds die down. Use artificials and live bait for the best success. Shrimp is slow due to freshwater run-off.

• Port O'Connor

GOOD. 85 degrees. Fishing has improved as the winds have died down. The surf is the place to be for trout using live croaker. Black drum and redfish are good in the jetty using dead shrimp and mexican sardines.

• Rockport

FAIR. 85 degrees. With the run-off of freshwater fishing has been slow because the freshwater is killing off the bait fish, but as the salinity returns to normal levels we should better fishing. The redfish are biting on cut mullet and cut ladyfish around L reef. Speckled Trout are good on shrimp under a popping cork and are being found along the shoreline or around structure. Flounder have been good on minnow around the piers. Black drum are fair above the grass on crab.

• Port Aransas

GOOD. 84 degrees. In Ingleside, smaller redfish are plentiful along the channel edges

with shrimp, bigger reds are caught on cut ladyfish and cut mullet . The surf is full of menhaden balls follow the birds to find them. Trout are plentiful on croaker and piggie perch free lined in the first gut. Tarpon are around the 3rd bar. Sharks are in the surf around the bait balls, so use caution wading around the bait balls.

• Corpus Christi

GOOD. 84 degrees. Speckled trout are around the well using shrimp or croaker on a free line in water 10-15 feet. Sharks are plentiful around the gas rigs and will bite whatever you offer.

• Baffin Bay

VERY GOOD. 88 degrees. Freshwater runoff continues to be an issue as the fishing in the back bays is still slow. Redfish and speckled trout are good in the mouth of the bay on gaff lines and sandbars on live croaker, but with the best success using artificials.

• Port Mansfield

GOOD. 86 degrees. Trout are scattered on the flats in deeper water on the edge of the grass beds using kwiggler ball tail, shrimp under a popping cork and topwater lures. Redfish seem to be shallow on the sand flats using kwiggler paddle tail and topwaters. Also good numbers are at the jetty using gold spoons. This week should be good for snapper with light winds and calm seas. Keep a few to eat and release the rest.

• South Padre

surf on spoons, MirrOlures, topwater plugs and soft-plastic tails work best in the clear/green water. Holly Beach and the jetties are great locations to fish for redfish or black drum using live shrimp.

• Port Isabel

GOOD. 82 degrees. Long bar is a great area for wade fishing. Speckled trout are located in the lower Laguna Madre. They can also be found in the shallow water over grass and are best on live baits. Redfish will be found along the shorelines. Sheepshead are good on mullet around rocks. Flounder are good on mullet. Black drum are fair on blue crab in the deep water transitions.

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ents. The Orange County CCA Banquet is also right around the corner. I don't know that there are any remaining tables to purchase, but a few individual tickets are still available at this time. The event kicks off at 6:00 p.m. at the Convention Center on Hwy. 1442 on August 12th .

Your ticket is good for a year's membership in the CCA as well as an auction, dinner, drinks and raffles. For more information call Lou Moore at 409-988-4845 or Scott Bandy at 409-988-3667.

Five teams representing the LCM fishing team qualified for the National high school tournament held in Tennessee last week on Lake Chickamauga. They weren't alone as 308 other teams were in the hunt for the Championship.

Not surprisingly, the catching proved to be

especially tough on the entire field. Patterns put together in practice failed to hold up for the two day event, but it was still enjoyable and an invaluable learning experience for the qualifiers. It provided a hands-on learning curve for young bass fishermen entertaining thoughts of giving professional fishing a try after high school.

Justin James and Gavin Cooper finished in the top 100, but did not qualify for the weekend. Dakota Posey and Brendon Brones finished 120th followed by Garrison Byerly and Will Henson 157th, Jacob Longlois and Tanner Stewart 205th and Spencer Brister and Aiden Lofton 249th . The leading team qualifying for the weekend posted only a 15.5 pound total and that included an 8-pound big bass. Congratulations to all five teams and their captains on a remarkable year!

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Texas 4-H enrollment to begin Aug. 15, statewide events

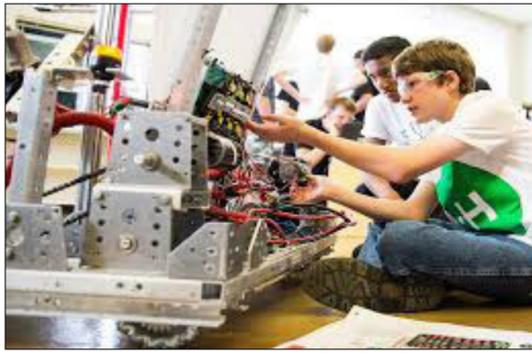
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Communications

Texas 4-H, part of one of the largest youth organizations in the nation, is once again getting ready to welcome new members as well as existing members through its annual enrollment process starting Aug. 15.

4-H clubs address a wide variety of youth interests. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo)

Texas 4-H is administered through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. AgriLife Extension offices throughout the state will be hosting events to introduce youth and adults to the program's variety of fun and educational opportunities.

4-H programs in science, healthy living, civic engagement and a variety of other interests are backed by universities and a robust community of 4-H volunteers and professionals. Through hands-on learning, youth build confidence, creativity and curiosity, while also developing life skills such as leadership and resiliency to



4-H clubs address a wide variety of youth interests. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo)

help them thrive in today's world.

Learning about Texas 4-H "Texas 4-H is for kids of almost any age," said Montza Williams, state 4-H program director. "Children in kindergarten to second grade can be Clover Kids if that option is offered in your area. Young people in third to 12th grade can be bona fide 4-H members who can experience every opportunity the Texas 4-H program provides."

Williams said more than 550,000 youth are involved

in Texas 4-H programs each year.

For more information on the Texas 4-H program, go to <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>. For detailed information on 4-H signup events in your county, contact the local AgriLife Extension office.

An example of what AgriLife Extension offices throughout the state touting Texas 4-H opportunities in their area might be doing is the 4-H open house in Williamson County.

The event, free and open to the public, will be held in

the parking lot of the AgriLife Extension office building, located at 100 Wilco Way in Georgetown, from 6-9 p.m. on Aug. 19.

"This event is a great opportunity for people to see the variety of youth interests that are addressed through these local 4-H clubs," said Paige McClellan, AgriLife Extension 4-H and youth development agent, Williamson County

McClellan said the open house will be set up in similar fashion to a fair, with booths where members of local clubs talk about club activities and some of the more specific interests of that specific club.

For more information on Texas 4-H open house for Williamson County, contact McClellan at 512-943-3300 or paige.mcclellan@ag.tamu.edu.

More about 4-H enrollment

"All 4-H members must be enrolled in at least one project," Williams said. "When

you choose a project, you will be given the opportunity to participate in activities and instruction that will provide a breadth of information and give an overall understanding of that topic."

He said there are 42 total 4-H projects that are broken into five main groupings:

- Agriculture and Livestock.
- Family and Community Health.
- Leadership and Citizenship.
- Natural Resources.
- Science, Technology, Science and Engineering, STEM.

A bunch of people with their backs to the camera look on as colorful spray fills the air during an event at the state 4-H center at Brownwood.

"Through Texas 4-H, young people can participate in various hands-on activities, learn new skills, serve their community and develop their leadership qualities," Williams said. "The programs address a wide variety of interests and focus on the development of life

skills and individual character."

He said current or new Texas 4-H members should sign up on 4HOnline at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4honline> once they have found a project and club that is right for them.

"4HOnline is the official registration system for youth members and adult volunteers directly involved with 4-H," Williams noted.

He said an active enrollment is required in order to register and participate in all 4-H activities and events. Each year on Aug. 15, all membership in Texas 4-H goes to inactive and all youth and adult volunteers must re-enroll. Adults and youth will need to enroll on 4HOnline and be active to be considered an official member of Texas 4-H. The 4-H year officially begins Sept. 1.

There is a \$25 participation fee for 4-H youth members enrolled by Oct. 31, and a \$30 participation fee for those enrolled from Nov. 1 to the completion of the 4-H year. Adults pay a \$10 volunteer application fee.

Kaz's Korner

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Baker now has Kendall Graveman, Rafael Montero, Yimi Garcia and Phil Maton added to his list of relievers to select before calling on All-Star closer Ryan Pressly in the ninth inning for the critical final two months of the season.

"Coming into this deadline we felt very, very good about our offense and we felt very good about our starting pitching and I think that Ryan Pressly has been one of the best relievers in the game," Click told the Houston Chronicle last weekend. "We felt like the area that we needed to address was the middle of the bullpen.

"If our offense continues to perform at the level that it

has, I think we have put together a roster that should be very, very capable of competing for a World Series championship," Click concluded, sounding somewhat like Dallas Cowboys idiot owner Jerry Jones.

The one deal Click made that I vehemently disagree with was trading starting outfielder Myles Straw to Cleveland for reliever Phil Maton.

Straw worked his way into the starting lineup by improving his batting average nearly .100 points, by being the fastest Astro on the roster and leading the team with 17 stolen bases, not to mention being one of the most popular players in the club-

house. I like Chas McCormick, who will take Straw's place in centerfield, but his puny .239 batting average doesn't impress me.

KWICKIES...

And while on the subject of the Astros, they signed 17 of their 19 draft choices, with only two high school draftees opting to go to college.

Vanderbilt's ace pitcher Kumar Rocker, who was one of only two pitchers to defeat Orange native Chad Dallas at Tennessee, did not come to a monetary agreement with the New York Mets, who drafted him in the first round last month. Word is that the Mets pulled back some of their offer and Rocker's agent told them to go fly a kite.

Former Chicago Cubs Kris Bryant (Giants), Anthony Rizzo (NY Yankees) and Javier Baez (NY Mets) are all off to flying starts with their new teams.

New Houston Texans quarterback Tyrod Taylor is impressing his coaches and teammates with the team leadership ability of a veteran and his work ethic. He is replacing Deshaun Watson, who demands to be traded but can't find an NFL team that's willing to take him and his 22 lawsuits.

Former Texas A&M quarterback Kellen Mond has been forced to quarantine by the Minnesota Vikings due to the NFL's COVID-19 protocols. According to league sources, Mond is vaccinated and if his positive case is asymptomatic, he will be able

to return as quickly as 48 hours with two negative tests taken a day apart.

JUST BETWEEN US...

The 2021 high school football season officially began Monday for the five Orange County teams, who all kick off their respective seasons Aug. 27. Two teams have

brand new coaches—Eric Peevey at Little Cypress-Mauriceville and Cody McGuire at Bridge City—while Josh Smalley guides Orangefield, Jeff Mathews begins his 22nd season at the helm of the Vidor Pirates and Cornel Thompson hopes to extend the West Orange-Stark Mustangs consecutive district championships to 12.

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The real thing is hard to beat when it comes to bait

Outdoors Captain Chuck Uzzle For The Record

No matter how hard lure manufacturers try they will never be able to create a lure that works better than real thing, period. The typical profile of the weekend angler is not that of the high end trophy trout hunter who chunks artificial lures for hours on end looking for one big fish, it's the fisherman who takes a quart of live shrimp or a bucket of mud minnows and looks for anything that will bite. Much has been made of the big trout phenomenon and all the hoopla that surrounds that style of fishing; I personally have devoted plenty of articles to the subject as well as many days on the water. On the other hand I devoted plenty of time on the water fishing with live shad or mullet and I enjoy those trips just as much or maybe even more on occasion. There is something very calm and social about an-



choring up in the mouth of a little bayou or in the river and peacefully anticipating the next bite for whatever species shows up next. Some of the best conversations I ever had with my son were on the back of boat as we sat fished live bait. The laid back mood associated with this style of fishing is a welcome change from the hectic world that we live in; it's a shame that more anglers aren't willing to participate for fear of their macho image being tarnished. I feel sorry for those folks because they don't know what they are missing.

Here in the Sabine area we are very fortunate to have such a great supply of free live bait, virtually anyone who can throw a cast net can catch enough bait to fish without spending a dime. Most anglers who live here locally have no idea about how much money weekend anglers on other bay systems spend on live bait, it's crazy. Live shrimp by the quart ranges anywhere from 12 to 20 dollars a quart! Now if you plan on fishing all day you probably will buy at least 3 quarts, that's an extra of 40 to 60 dollars a trip on top of 2 dollar, a gallon gas prices. Anglers who fish with guides



Live bait is a great option when both air and water temps climb during the summer.

on places like Calcasieu or Galveston bay not only pay guide fees but they also are expected to pay for the live bait as well, that price gets steep in a hurry. I don't know how many horror stories I have heard from anglers who went out with a guide and paid for live shrimp only to have the bait die half way through the trip due to a bad live well system or some other problem only to have to go back to the bait stand and by more shrimp. My wallet

hurts just thinking about it all.

The other high dollar live bait that we really don't have in this area is croaker, the big trout bait of choice on the lower coast. Live croaker cost anywhere from 6 to 10 dollars or more per dozen on average and will usually last all day with minimal care. The live croaker as bait industry is a huge money making business, the numbers of live croaker sold on Saturday at the big bait camps are

staggering. Many in the fishing community attribute the decline of the croaker to the emphasis on them as bait instead of a game fish. Live croaker are lethal on trout in the summer, while artificial only guides struggle to put together a decent box of fish many "croaker guides" limit out in 2 or 3 hours and get back to the dock well before lunch. There have been plenty of cleaning table altercations surrounding this practice but regardless what some may think using croaker for bait is perfectly legal.

While we don't really have a consistent supply of live shrimp or croaker in our area we do have live bait that is every bit as good if not better, live shad. The small pogies and menhaden that thrive in our waters are great baits for almost any and all species of fish that can be caught in our area either fresh or salt. Besides being readily available for those who can throw a cast net the best thing about them is that they are 100% free. The summer months are tailor made for drifting shad under a cork or fished along the bottom on a Carolina rig; both are popular methods and each works well. If there is a

draw back to fishing shad it's their durability, shad are difficult to keep alive for long periods if you don't pay attention. Most anglers try to put too many shad in their live well; this is a recipe for disaster. All the shad in the same small space produce waste and deplete the oxygen in the water which usually kills all the shad really quick. In order to make the most of your shad don't put too many in your live well, change your live well water frequently, and keep the water in you live well cool by adding frozen water bottles or some other means. By taking a few extra precautions you can keep your bait fresh and lively for a really long time.

Which ever method you prefer, live or artificial, the summer forecast looks really good for Sabine and Calcasieu. The saltwater content is super high right now and there are all manner of gulf species swimming around the lakes and the rivers right now so who knows what your next bite will be? Take precaution with the heat and keep an eye on the summer thunderstorms that will flare up in hurry, but most of all be sure to enjoy your time on the water

Great coaches change lives, one did for my daughter Jessica

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"A good coach can change a game. A great coach can change a life," said John Wooden, college basketball coach.

My daughter, Jessica, was fortunate to have a coach who changed her all too brief life. Coach Frank gave her a second chance to actually play softball and more importantly believed in her. She carried the lessons she learned with her, such as not giving up and hard work pays off for the remainder of her life.

Jessica will forever be 21 years old since gallstones took her life in 2009. Each year on her birthday I choose to celebrate her life in hopes of shedding fewer tears from the grief of losing my one of a kind daughter.

Jessica was seven years old when she wanted to play softball. The blonde haired and blue eyed tomboy loved adventure and believed she could do anything. Her stubbornness and desire to push through adversity had carried her through some tough times.

However, her faith in herself was short lived the first time she took the field. Jessica couldn't manage her glove, catch a ball or connect the bat to the ball.

It wasn't for lack of trying. She always gave everything she attempted all her might, over and over again.

I tried to work with her in the yard and slowly she got better. Jessica wasn't the only one on the team who was just starting out. I thought this would work in her favor. But, it didn't.

Jessica had two female coaches her first year. They played her the minimum amount of outs on the field. She usually got to bat at least once a game.

I overheard one of the coaches telling her as she was up to bat, "just stand there, maybe they will walk you."

It was hard for me to hold back the tears when I heard the coach but, Jessica's smile never faded. She was just happy to be playing softball.

Jessica continued to play softball each season and gradually got better. She went to every practice and game. Each day after school she would rush around to get ready and her brothers had better not make her late, she

would say.

Finally, a coach who believed in her chose Jessica to be on his team. At first I was worried because I had heard he could be kind of gruff. But, I quickly learned he was going to take this little diamond in the rough and she was going to sparkle.

It wasn't long and Jessica was hitting the ball and running towards first base regularly. She would grin broadly as she crossed the base. She would listen and watch intently for the OK to run to the next base. Finally, with the resounding thud of her cleats she crossed home plate. It was as though she was determined to make sure, loud and clear, she made it home.

It was her intense and captivating smile as she crossed home, others would remember for years to come when they reminisce about her. For this, was

true joy.

Jessica's field position was left field. It is not the most desirable place to be for most players. However, Coach Frank once told me he put her there because he knew that he could depend on her to back up the basemen, field the ball or run to center in lightening speed.

Jessica loved the whole softball experience, including the chants in the dugout. Often heard above the cheers of the game was Jessica laughing and giggling. After a pitcher threw an extremely low pitch, Jessica could be heard chanting, "get those worms a helmet." Then followed by more distinct laughter.

During the seasons on Coach Frank's teams Jessica found what she was looking for when she decided to play softball. She wanted validation and to simply love the game.

An occasional "good job" served dual purpose and was all she needed to make her want to persevere even more.

Jessica collected many softball trophies during her seasons with the league. She

also participated in many tournaments too. I still have the trophies boxed up unable to part with them and the special memories they provide.

I will be forever grateful to

Coach Frank for what he gave Jessica. Coaches are volunteers of their time. Coach Frank took it a step farther when he gave his heart by believing in her and as a result changed her life.

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Toyota ShareLunker Program Produces Hundred of Thousands of Big Bass Offspring in 2021

**Staff Report
For The Record**

ATHENS – The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Toyota ShareLunker Program is experiencing a banner year in its goal to create, bigger, better bass in Texas. After obtaining 18 successful spawns from 19 of the 23 13-pound or larger Legacy Class fish loaned to the selective-breeding program in 2021, the department's hatchery staff produced 271,872 fingerlings to benefit Texas public waters.

"We are thrilled with the number of ShareLunker offspring produced this year, and we couldn't have done it without the anglers who generously loaned us their 13 pound and larger bass for our selective-breeding program," said Kyle Brookshear, Toyota ShareLunker Program Manager. "This generosity doesn't just increase the lunker potential of the lakes where those fish were caught, it also helps us in our effort to convert our entire hatchery broodstock to ShareLunker offspring, which will benefit every lake in Texas for future generations of anglers."

Of the 23 Legacy class ShareLunkers in the 2021 season, 21 were brought to TPWD hatcheries, 19 were available for spawning, and combined they spawned a total of 18 times with the male offspring of previously spawned ShareLunkers. TPWD returned 20 of the 23 donated fish to the lakes where they were caught, one is being retained at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center for display and two unfortunately perished. However, due to the outstanding work by TPWD Inland Fisheries staff, the survival rate of this year's ShareLunker class was 91 percent.

The 10 reservoirs that produced Legacy Class ShareLunkers entries (O.H. Ivie, Sam Rayburn, Conroe, Austin, Travis, Palestine, Coleman City, Fork, Eagle Mountain, and Lake Tyler) this season all received stocking of ShareLunker fingerlings. A total of 271,872 fingerlings were stocked across these lakes with each one receiving more than 10,000 superior fingerlings. However, lakes that contributed multiple Legacy ShareLunkers received additional fingerlings. Lake Fork and Sam Rayburn received more than 20,000 fingerlings each and O.H. Ivie, which produced 12 Legacy class fish, received over 70,000 fingerlings.

In addition, 12,854 advanced-sized ShareLunker offspring (excess future broodfish from previous Legacy Class Spawns) and 79,482 fingerlings were stocked in 2021 in Bois D'arc Lake to support development of the fisheries resource in this new reservoir.

Key highlights from the 2021 Toyota ShareLunker

Free Backpacks at First Saturday

First Saturday at First Baptist Church of Bridge City will be giving away free backpacks, Bibles, tracts and candy the first Saturday of August in the church parking lot located at 200 @ Roundbunch Rd in Bridge City. Upon request, prayer will also be offered for anyone facing difficult times; it won't be necessary to get out of your vehicle. Look for the blue canopy and balloons August 7th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.



Big Sam Rayburn supplies ShareLunker #588. Congratulations and thank you to Derek Mundy of Broaddus, TX for loaning this 13.62lbs toad to the Toyota ShareLunker program.

PHOTO: Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

collection season include: 23 ShareLunkers this season, the most during January through March since 1995 (27)

10 different water bodies produced ShareLunkers in 2021

Five entries were new lake records (Eagle Mountain, Lake Tyler, Coleman City Lake, Lake Travis, O.H. Ivie)

The O.H. Ivie waterbody record was 16.40 pounds and is the 16th largest largemouth bass ever verified in Texas (private or public)

The Travis record was standing for nearly 30 years and was broken with the 15+ pound catch by 15-year-old angler Trace Jansen

Four entries were from new waterbodies for the Legacy program (Eagle Mountain, Lake Tyler, Coleman City Lake, Lake Travis)

For the second season in a row, an angler submitted two entries (this season from O.H. Ivie, last season from Alan Henry)

Surpassed the 600th Legacy Class (13+ pounds collected for spawning) ShareLunker entered into the program, reaching #608 since the program began in 1986.

Twice two ShareLunkers were submitted in the same

day and twice more three ShareLunkers were submitted in the same day, including when the program surpassed the ShareLunker 600 mark.

Five entries were greater than 15-pounds.

In addition, TPWD biologists through genetic analysis of this year's Legacy Lunkers, have made some discoveries in terms of lineage to previous and other 2021 ShareLunkers. ShareLunker's 587 and 600 from O.H. Ivie are related to each other while ShareLunker 602 from Coleman City is likely the granddaughter of ShareLunker 410 which was caught at Lake Conroe during the 2006 season. Biologists were able to identify that at least two fish this season, the Lake Travis ShareLunker 597, and ShareLunker 608 from Lake Fork, are fish from the pure Florida Largemouth Bass program that were spawned in and stocked out of the TPWD hatcheries.

"Much like last season, when ShareLunker 583 was determined to be a 6th generation offspring, it's always great to see the genetic analysis reaffirm the efforts," said Tom Lang, Director of the Texas Freshwater Fisher-

ies Center. "On the other hand, when ShareLunkers aren't related to previous ShareLunkers it is also valuable because those fish add more big bass genetic diversity to the effort. You really can't go wrong participating in the ShareLunker program."

Anglers who caught and donated one of these 13+ lunkers earn Legacy Class status, received a catch kit filled with merchandise, a 13lb+ Legacy decal for their vehicle or boat, VIP access to the Toyota ShareLunker Annual Awards event and a high-quality replica of their lunker fish provided by Lake Fork Taxidermy. These anglers also received entries into two separate drawings; a Legacy Class Drawing and the year-end Grand Prize Drawing. Both drawings will award the winner a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree and an annual fishing license.

Although the "Legacy Class" donation season has ended, anglers who enter data for any lunker they catch greater than 8 lbs. or 24 inches during the calendar year 2021 also receive a catch kit, a decal for their vehicle or boat and an entry into the year-end Grand Prize Drawing to win a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree and annual fishing license. ShareLunker entry classes include the Lunker Class (8lb+), Elite Class (10lb+), and Legend Class (13lb+).

As of July, 289 of these fish have been entered from 72 lakes across the state. Since the program expanded in 2018 to include the Lunker (8+), Elite (10+), Legend (13+ outside of collection season), and Legacy 13+ (during collection season) classes, a total of 1,441 fish have been approved for inclusion in the program's Lunker (1046), Elite (344), Legend (13), and Legacy (38) categories.

Once a lunker is reeled in, anglers need to enter the catch data on the Toyota ShareLunker mobile app – available for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play – or on the Toyota

ShareLunker online app at TexasSharelunker.com. In addition to providing basic catch information, anglers can also provide a DNA scale sample from their lunker bass to TPWD researchers for genetic analysis.

The Toyota ShareLunker Program is made possible in part by the generous sponsorship of Toyota. Toyota is a longtime supporter of Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation and the Texas Parks and

Wildlife Department, providing major funding for a wide variety of fisheries, state parks and wildlife projects.

Prize donors Bass Pro Shops, Lake Fork Taxidermy, American Fishing Tackle Co. and Stanley Jigs also provide additional support for this program. For updates on the Toyota ShareLunker Program, visit facebook.com/sharelunkerprogram/ or TexasSharelunker.com

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 in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on JULY 28, 2021, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Elizabeth Nicole Sonnier, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse, 801 W. Division., Orange, Texas 77630.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by **filing a written contest or answer** to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing with the County Clerk of Orange County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas at the office of the Orange County Clerk in Orange, Texas on March 15, 2018.

BRANDY ROBERTSON,
 County Clerk, Orange County, Texas
 By: **Samantha McInnis,**
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