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City, county award \$438K HOT taxes

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Nearly a half-million dollars in hotel-motel occupancy tax was in the process of being distributed to local non-profits Tuesday. Orange County designated \$263,000 for 19 different upcoming events or destinations Tuesday afternoon while the City of Orange was looking to spend \$185,000 on a dozen good causes. Orange County collects a 2 percent tax on overnight hotel and motel stays, while the City of Orange collects a 7 percent tax. From those funds, the

county and city are able to grant funds to local non-profits for use on activities that promote tourism and result in hotel nights – also called “heads in beds” – that, in turn refill the county and city coffers through future hotel occupancy taxes. The HOT tax money is only payable as reimbursement, meaning each of the recipients must furnish receipts before receiving the funds. The Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce received the most money from both governing bodies --

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OC thankful, wary after COVID cases decrease

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For The Record

Sheriff's Chaplain Mike Eaves opened Tuesday's Commissioners Court meeting with a prayer thanking God for the easing of the COVID-19 pandemic. He's not alone. Six weeks ago, new outbreaks of the coronavirus were popping up at alarming rates. And especially in school children. According to reports for Orange County, the number of “new” cases of COVID-19 in patients aged 5 to 18 went from 34 in the week ended Aug. 10 to 291 in the week ended Aug. 31. Bridge City High School had about 157 students and 20 adult staff members reporting active cases on Sept. 3, a number equaling 4.5% of its 3,500 total students and staff. Most other school districts in the county averaged close to 5% absent daily for a stretch around Labor Day.

“We have been about 12 days with no cases, so we are doing great,” Stacey Brister, Little Cypress-Mauriceville superintendent, said Monday night. West Orange-Cove, Bridge City and Orangefield have been reporting only a handful of active cases for weeks. Orangefield superintendent Shaun McAlpin said his district had only two active cases Monday. Bridge City's COVID tracker showed one case Tuesday. “A lot of people are getting vaccinated,” McAlpin said when asked for a reason in the rapid decline in Texas and U.S. cases, a spike that sunk away. On Sept. 5, Texas was averaging 40,000 new cases per day. By last week, it was down to 4,000 per day. Orange County has had 5,410 cases confirmed by the state, and 13,645 counting confirmed and probable, Joel Ardoin, Emergency Manage-

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★ Mustang running back breaks 14-year record held by coach



West Orange-Stark Mustang running back coach DePauldrick Garrett stands with Mustang Elijah Gales, who broke Garrett's all time career rushing yard record on Friday night. Garrett has held the record for 14 years and Gales rushed for just enough yards to break the record of 3,257 yards on Friday against the Liberty Panthers. RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs

Orangefield parents try to pierce earring code

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

A couple of parents pleaded for Orangefield's school district “to change with the times” Monday night. Ashley Petty and Scott Rollins want their sons allowed to wear earrings to classes, they said in the public forum portion of the October school board meeting. Currently, the school dress code for Orangefield Independent School District says earrings are prohibited for male students. “My 10-year-old little boy has his ears pierced,” Petty told the board members. But the school dress code won't allow him to wear earrings. “He asked me, ‘Mom, if you and Dad say this is OK [to wear earrings], why does the school make me take them out?’” Petty, who said she and her family moved to Orange

County a couple of years ago, reported being told that Orangefield has had the same dress code ban on boys' earrings for 30 years. “I was told, ‘That's how things have been conducted here for the past 30 years.’” Petty said. “Society has changed very much in 30 years. Things change, people change, communities change and evolve and grow. It's only natural. “Actually, I'm a very conservative person, a youth minister for a church, and to me, an earring seems like such a small thing. But it matters to my son, and I think he should have the right to express himself.” Rollins said he has a 16-year-old who wears earrings. “It's an outdated form of sexism,” he posted about the school district's dress code on Facebook prior to the meeting.

At Monday night's meeting, he suggested the prohibition on boys wearing earrings was “a relic of some decades-old thinking.” “Just because this is what we've always done doesn't mean we should always do it.” Orangefield's local policy code says, “The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruptions, avoid safety hazards and teach respect for authority.” It also says, “The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards – provided they comply with ... the student dress code.” Found in the Student Handbook, the dress code includes a lot of no-nos besides earrings on male students. Piercings (besides earrings for girls) are prohibited. Hair length is not an is-

sue, as long as it's clean, not a Mohawk, or not dyed a hair color “that causes a disruption.” Tops for both sexes must cover shoulders, chest, backs and midribs. Dresses for girls – and shorts for boys or girls -- should come down almost to the knees. No undergarments should be visible, but jeans with holes are OK as long as the holes are no higher than the lower thigh. Although board members aren't allowed to speak during the public forum, the son of one trustee, Donovan Weldon II, did. “I often get asked why Orangefield is so sought-after. ‘Is it the property? Is it the housing?’ To which I answer, it's the school district,” Weldon said. “While the teachers, principals and other faculty and staff make up a large portion

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Texas Governor Series: Governor Mark White

CARL PARKER
For The Record

Mark White was the governor who succeeded Bill Clements' first term in office. White was a member of a prominent Houston law firm. On his first political venture he defeated Price Daniel, Jr. for attorney general. This was a surprise to everyone. It was believed Price Daniel, Jr. was shoo-in to be elected following in the footsteps of his father, Governor Price Daniel. White went on to defeat Bill Clements in a close race for governor, running primarily on promises to enhance the lot of Texas school teachers and better education. As White's term continued, there began to be muttering among teachers claiming that White had failed in his promise to give teachers pay raises and generally improve the lot of public education in Texas.



Carl Parker has practiced law in Port Arthur since 1958. He is a 1958 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1962 and the Senate in 1976. Parker continues to practice law while writing and sponsoring hundreds of bills.

Fading the heat, White reacted by naming a blue-ribbon committee to study the lot of Texas education. He did so because another prevalent term floating around

politics in Texas was that Texans wouldn't mind enhancing their contribution to public education, but were entitled to get a better product than was prevalent at the time. White named a Dallas billionaire, Ross Perot, as head of the committee to study public education and make recommendations. It fell my lot to not only serve on the Perot Committee, but eventually to be the lead sponsor in the Senate of the complete re-write of the Texas Education Code. While subject to some criticism, Mark White will be remembered for contributing to great advancements in the quality of public education in Texas. While teachers rebelled in anger about a provision in the re-write forcing certified teachers to take a so-called competency test, the test was a total failure and contributed little to the improvement of teaching in Texas. At the same time, coaches



Texas Gov. Mark White served from from 1983 to 1987.

bridled at a provision of the re-write requiring what is known as “no-pass, no-play” in which students must maintain at least a “C” average academically in order to be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities including the most sacred of Texas' high school activities – football! In spite of the criticisms, the improvements made while White was governor

made Texas public education better: Proper testing to determine whether or not students were learning what they were supposed to, regulating class size and creating a more objective and better method of judging the quality of teachers and their performance in classrooms. While not as large as public school teachers had hoped, the education reforms espoused by White did

in fact lead to significant pay raises for public school teachers in Texas. Probably few, if any, and almost no succeeding past governors or governors since White have done as much to improve the lot of education in Texas. In addition to public education, White backed many improvements in higher education which made post-high school education more available to more Texans than ever before. Reforms in the method of funding higher education spread the wealth by placing lesser institutions under the umbrella of the Texas A&M and University of Texas systems. Lamar University was a beneficiary of many of these reforms backed by White while he was governor. Unfortunately, White was defeated in his effort to be reelected, defeated by the gentleman he had defeated four years earlier, Bill Clements.

What happened to our good jobs?

**JOHN CASH SMITH
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**John Cash Smith
Chairman - Orange County
Democratic Party**

Over the last forty years, the rich have gotten richer, the poor have gotten poorer, and the acclaimed American middle class has shrunk in size. Incomes for the lower ninety percent of the population have either remained flat or have fallen while the wealth of the top one percent, has grown to almost fifty percent of the nation's total income. And of that figure, four hundred families own almost half of the top one percent. That is just wrong.

The rest of the people of upper income brackets have managed to stay relatively unaffected by the losses incurred by the lower ninety percent. Millions of good jobs have been lost, and workers have either become unemployed, or have obtained employment in lower paying jobs, such as in the service industry. The older a person is the less likely he or she is able to find suitable employment. Once they have lost the good job, many never return to the work force.

After the 2008 financial crisis when the country nearly fell off the cliff, and the election of President Obama, there has been increasing unrest and division in the country. The rise of the Tea Party in 2010 was the beginning. The situation has only worsened since then, culminating on January 6th with the unbelievable assault on the United States Capitol building. It is obvious that people are angry and upset, and some are even at the point of being willing to sacrifice our constitutional democracy to save and reclaim what they perceive to be their lost status.

Their blame is directed at what they believe is responsible for their loss, such as immigration, integration, elitism, and "big government," which they believe

doesn't care about them. Many blame the Democratic Party. The situation got so serious that an unqualified demagogue got himself elected as President of the United States, and even after an unquestioned defeat for a second term, still exercises

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enormous influence over the Republican Party, and refuses to concede his loss.

What happened to cause the serious divide in our country that is only second to the divide that caused the Civil War in 1860? Where did the good jobs and middle class prosperity go? Who and what is to blame? Is it the fault of "others" breaking in line in front of real Americans? Is it because our morality has slipped so badly that God is no longer with us, as the Christian right would have us believe? Is it because the younger generation is on dope, lazy, and doesn't want to work? Or is it something else that has been swept under the rug?

The facts clearly show that the primary reason for the job and income loss and the middle class decline is the result of globalization, automation, and technology, which both parties ignored

until it was too late. One local example clearly illustrates the problem. When I graduated from Lutch Stark High School in 1957, good jobs were available at the plants on chemical row, Levingston Shipbuilding, and American Bridge. If you didn't want to go to college and you had a clean record, employment was readily available in our local industries. A young person could go in, be an apprentice or an operator trainee, and advance to a highly skilled job. Many of my classmates who didn't seek a higher education got those jobs, worked until they retired and got a good retirement which they still enjoy. Their children were not so lucky.

In 1940, the beginning of my generation, ninety percent of the young people

were going to do better economically than their parents, today that figure is less than 50 percent. What happened?

First, advancing technology resulted in automation in nearly every industry. Automation means that a robot or something like it can do a job that a human being used to do. The plants on chemical row are still there doing well but the plentiful jobs there aren't. At least half of them have been lost, and to have one of them now you have to have a two year operator certificate from Lamar Orange or Lamar in Beaumont. The jobs require skill and intelligence. Levingston and American Bridge have gone the way of the dodo. Globalization means that it is a lot less expensive to build ships and manufacture pipe in other countries where the costs are less. The same thing can be said of many

other industries, but our local example is clear. Who profited? People with educations that gave them the skills that were not replaceable, big corporations that could profit by sending work abroad and laying off American workers, and the rich who could invest their profits anywhere they wanted, and American workers be damned.

Who is at fault? Both major Parties either failed or didn't want to recognize what was happening, and millions of people fell between the cracks. The federal government and state governments could have taken measures to attenuate the problem but it didn't happen. The fault lies at the door of my generation, and those of us who could have done something and didn't. Too many of us that had good jobs were obsessed with enjoying our own prosperity without it caring about those who were losing out. It is shameful, and history will not treat the baby boomer generation kindly. Those of us who could have done more didn't, and now we have a mess on our hands.

The next question is, what can be done to change the situation we find ourselves in? The fact is that despite of what some people want to believe, the federal government is the only institution that can do what is needed. We need another 1932, and another New Deal. The spearhead has got to be better and more education for everybody that needs it. We need to start earlier, and go later. Pre-K and at least two years beyond high school aren't a luxury, they are a necessity, and it needs to be affordable. Lamar State College Orange is another good local example that cannot be ignored. Two years of education there are giving thousands of young people marketable skills and the good jobs that are available whether it is in the medical field,

industry, or law enforcement. Our young people need to have the opportunity to get that kind of extra education without having to go into debt to get it. The average student debt at Lamar State College Orange is \$19,000 when a person graduates, and that is ridiculous. Students ought to have free public education for fourteen years not twelve. Thousands of lives can be changed by simply making education more affordable. Additionally, we need medical care for everyone, decent and affordable housing, affordable day-care so moms can work, and a decent, livable minimum wage. Those factors alone can lift people out of poverty into the middle class and make the good skilled jobs attainable. And what about those who just can't get the education because they just can't do it? A humane government should put a safety net under the people who just aren't mentally capable of doing jobs that require a

skill that they can never get. It's the right thing to do, and the richest country in the world ought to be able to find a way to do it.

The major social problem of the 21st century is how are we going to remake our society to provide good jobs and a good life for those who are capable of doing it, and how to provide a good life for those who can't. That, and global warming are staring us in the face and we are either going to fall off the cliff or rise up like Americans have always done and avert the disaster that surely awaits us if we don't. There isn't much time left.

One final question, Which party is trying to do something about the problem described above? And which party is sitting on its hands, causing fear and blaming the "other"? As a truly great president said, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Let's unite, and move forward.

There is no other solution.

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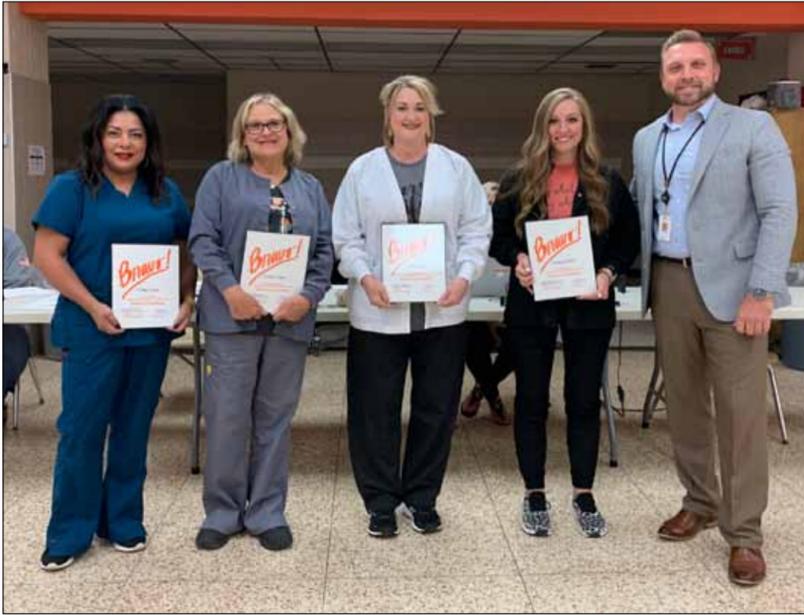
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Orangefield Superintendent Shaun McAlpin, right, presented his school district's Bravo Awards to school nurses during Monday night's board meeting for their hard work the past year during the coronavirus pandemic. Nurses, from left, are Ozhny Scogin, Connie Dorman, Sandy Frye and Lauren Hollier. **RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers**

Earrings debated in Orangefield From Page 1

of our success, I believe it is the conservative leadership of the board and administration that established OISD to be the only place to be."

Weldon decried "the slow process" of not holding people accountable for their actions that created "a society where right is wrong and vice versa."

Before urging the school board to "stick to your conservative morals and values and do not forget the silent majority in Orangefield supports you," Weldon complained about "Keyboard Warriors" who "speak their mind online" but fail "to speak at a meeting where it matters."

Weldon said his appearance at Monday's meeting was the result of an Oct. 8 Facebook thread in which Petty asked for support in her bid to change the board members' minds.

Response was about 50-50

between people saying change was good and those saying change was bad.

Dean Crooks, another Orangefield parent, said he garnered 101 favorable comments out of a total of 110 responses when he asked on Facebook if OISD fans would prefer the district to go back to accepting cash for sports tickets.

"The PAYK-12 app has no option to pay cash," he said of the phone app stakeholders were asked to download to purchase tickets with.

"A lot of people are upset about not being able to pay cash."

Crooks also pitched the school board to set up an advisory committee of parents who want to make sure the district stays on the right track.

"The mission statement for our board says, 'We selflessly serve our students while serving the communi-

ty values,' Crooks said.

"How can you know what those are without getting input from the community?"

In other business Monday, the board certified the county's calculation that the 2021 tax roll for the district was \$7.4 million and approved the purchase of 134 wifi clocks for the campuses at a cost of \$30,503.

Superintendent Shaun McAlpin said the clock makeover has been needed since Hurricane Harvey.

McAlpin, a 1996 Orangefield High graduate, said he surveys teachers and administrators at the end of every spring term about issues raised by students concerning the dress code.

"During the summer, we review the list," McAlpin said. "If it's something in the dress code, we decide how best to address it."

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\$80,000 from the county and \$50,000 from the city.

The Chamber's biggest event for about a decade has been an annual fishing tournament, usually under the auspices of B.A.S.S., formerly known as the Bass Anglers Sportsmen Society.

The Bassmaster Elite tournament put on by BASS, is the top tier tourney and those tourneys in Orange have brought in as much as \$3 million, according to economic impact studies.

A year ago, the county gave the Chamber \$100,000 which was used as a buy-in with the BASS organizers.

Since the Bassmaster Elite only stops in a city no more than once every two years, Steve Jones, Chamber vice chairman, said the city would probably settle for one of Bassmaster's lower tier events.

"We were very successful last year and we plan to do it again this year," Jones said. "We'll again be a part of the city's music and rides festival."

Lutcher Theater was the second to top recipient.

The world-class performance center is maintained by the Stark Foundation whose matriarch, Frances Lutcher began the practice of bringing the country's best artists and shows to downtown Orange.

However, the Theater

fends for itself in putting on programs.

The City of Orange was expected to grant \$50,000 to the Theater to go with \$40,000 granted by the county.

Lutcher Theater, rebounding from last year's COVID shutdown, has a schedule of 10 major shows on tap, including seven Broadway shows, two Grammy Award singers and a special Cirque Christmas show, the Theater's Lynae Sanford said.

Each show costs about \$7,000 to book, she said.

Heritage House Museum was in line to realize \$50,000 in grants as both the county and city threw in \$25,000 to help with its programs and ongoing rebuild from hurricane damage.

Krewe de Onyx was up for a \$35,000 grant from the City of Orange to go with an \$8,000 award from the county.

The community organization is sponsoring a June-teenth Festival next year.

The Orange Lions Club, annual producer of the county's biggest carnival, was awarded \$12,000 total, \$7,000 by the county and \$5,000 by the city.

The county set aside \$8,000 and the city \$3,000 for the Gulf Coast Cajun Music Festival, held each year at the Orange VFW Hall.

Cormier Museum received \$8,000 from the county and Friends of the Orange Depot also received \$8,000, with \$5,000 coming from the county and \$3,000 from the city.

The county earmarked \$30,000 to the Orange County Economic Development Corporation to pay for four tourism billboards on Interstate 10. The county set aside \$10,000 for the Mauriceville Heritage Association.

Vidor's Music By The Stars concert and Vidor's Texas Star Music Festival each received \$7,500 from the county. Cowboy Church was granted \$7,500 by the county for its annual pro rodeo event.

Others winning county grants were Orange Amateur Radio Club HamFest (\$6,500); Q-ing for a Cause BBQ Bash in Vidor (\$4,000); Orange County Livestock Association (\$3,000 for each of two livestock shows); and Vidor FFA (\$1,500 each for two livestock shows).

The City of Orange was set to vote Tuesday night on \$3,000 awards each for the Orange African-American Museum; Adventures 2000 Plus; Dragon Lady Airboat Services; and Gate City Guild.

The city awarded \$2,000 to the South East Texas Art Guild.

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OC Covid cases decrease From Page 1

ment Coordinator, said. Last week, the county recorded 32 new cases, 10 confirmed, with three citizens hospitalized and none on ventilators.

Ardoin reported Tuesday that while new cases continue to drop, so too do those taking advantage of the Southeast Texas Infusion Center near Parkdale Mall.

"The Infusion Center has done 5,500 infusions. We're one of the busiest infusion centers in the state."

The centers provide recently diagnosed COVID patients with monoclonal antibodies and often can ease the effects of the virus, avoiding hospitalization all together.

The county's new vaccine

clinic is open on Strickland Drive. Call 409-550-2536 for appointments.

"I think there's an awareness," Brister said, attempting to explain the quick fall in the number of school students with COVID. "People are monitoring their children. We're monitoring ourselves as adults," she said.



From The Creaux's Nest

IS THIS THE YEAR OF THE ASTROS

I'm just going to prop my feet up, sit back and enjoy the games. Every year I look forward to the **World Series** but it's even sweeter when the **Houston Astros** are in it. Tuesday evening the **Astros** and **Atlanta Braves** held the first game of the series. I've enjoyed watching the playoffs and glad that **Atlanta** won for the **National League**. I believe **Houston** has a better chance than they would have against the **LA Dodgers**. I believe they are probably the best team in baseball overall, they just didn't hit on all cylinders against the **Braves**. One of my favorite all time **Brave** was **Hank Aaron**, who died in January. **Dusty Baker** coming to **Houston** as manager was a good move. **Dusty** started his baseball career in 1967 when he was drafted by **Atlanta** and spent the next eight years with the **Braves**. **Dusty** is still looking for his first **World Series** title. His **Giants** lost to the **Angels** in a 4-3 series in 2002. **Dusty**, who was under the wing of **Aaron** at **Atlanta**, will now try to beat their old team for the world championship. **Dusty** says he was blessed to have been around players like **Hank**, **Jim Gilliam**, **Bill Lucas**, **Roy Campanella**, **Satchel Page**, **Donny Newcombe**, **Frank Robinson** and so many others that he learned from. **Baker** said his dad always told him, "Your job is to pass on the knowledge and wisdom that you learned onto others so they can continue it." Great advice for anyone. **Roy** will probably be holding his **Hank Aaron** trophy bat, signed by **Aaron**, with a plaque showing the 715 homeruns, breaking **Babe Ruth's** record. **Go Stros, win in six.******I'd better move on and get ready for the first game. Unfortunately it will end too late for my deadline. Come along, **I promise it won't do you no harm.**

ABBOTT NAMES TRUMP LAWYER TO KEY POST

Last week Gov. **Greg Abbott** named **John Scott** to be **Texas Secretary of State**, the top official, who oversees **Texas'** voting process and election law. **Scott**, who worked for **Abbott** while he was attorney general, also represented **Trump** in his bid to overturn the 2020 election results in **Pennsylvania**. The appointment shows **Trump's** sustained influence over **Abbott** and **Texas** election decisions. **Trump** had lobbied the state to pass an election audit bid. **Abbott** heeded his call and made it part of the agenda in the recent special session. The measure didn't have enough votes to pass and **Speaker Phelan** refused to bring the measure to the House of Representatives. **Trump** then publicly pressured **Abbott** to prioritize full forensic audit of **Texas'** four most popular counties at tax payer expense. **To prove what?** **Scott** will now supervise that endeavor, which **Trump** has pushed in other states. **Democrats** immediately criticized **Abbott's** pick as the latest **GOP** attempt to bolster **Trump's** false voter fraud, claims **Abbott** was also blasted for waiting until the end of the special session to choose **Scott**, who won't have to go through confirmation until 2023 in regular session. My take is that **Abbott** and Florida governor **Ron DeSantes**, are trying to outdo each other to grab **Trump's** blessing. I recall when **Texas** was independent and didn't have to take outside orders.****Here at home, our state representative, **Speaker of the House Dade Phelan**, shows signs of taking **Donald Trump's** threats seriously for not calling a vote on **Trump's** proposal to audit the entire state after a general election. This would cost each county government that many can't afford. **Dade** has already started running TV political ads.****On the state front, the 3rd **Court of Appeals** ruled in favor of former employees of Texas Attorney General **Ken Paxton**, who reported him to law enforcement for corruption. The count said **Paxton** is not exempt from the whistleblower law. The employees accused **Paxton** of bribery and abusing his power to help his friend and campaign donor **Nate Paul**. The state's top lawyer has been under indictment on felony securities fraud charges for five years without going to trial. The appellate court's decision comes months before **Paxton** faces the political fight of his career. He has drawn three serious challengers in the **GOP** primary. Land Commissioner **George P. Bush**, former Texas Supreme Justice **Eva Guzman** and State Representative **Matt Krause**. Adding to **Paxton's** legal troubles, the **Texas Bar** is investigating his Supreme Court challenge of the 2020 election results which purposely contained false and misleading information.

CONDOLENCES

Mary Ann Cruse, age 88, passed away at her home October 22. A private graveside service was held at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves, under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. For 48 years **Mary Ann** had been our neighbor. She was a sweet, kind Christian woman. She was the kind of person who found good in everyone and rolled with the punches that came her way. She counted her blessings. For 60 years she served as pianist for Bridge City First Baptist Church. Condolences to her family, **Raye Ann**, **Tyler** and **Sylvia**, sister, **Martha Lou Byrd** and her many friends. May she rest in peace. Please see obituary.

Remembering Gus Harris, Jr., a Real Cowboy

We're sorry to hear that **Gus Harris, Jr.**, age 77, passed away October 18. Services were held October 22. **Gus** had not been out of Texas A&M very long when we first met him. Fifty-years ago, our Opportunity Valley News office was located next door to Farmer's Mercantile. Over the years, we got to know **Gus, Sr.** and all of his family and employees. In this long life I have never met any better, salt-of-the-earth folks. **Gus** and his brother **Dan** owned the legendary mercantile store, visited by tourist from around the nation. The family, **Lou, Sue, Jo** and the rest worked at the store and kept it authentic and friendly. The presence of **Gus** will be missed by everyone who knew this good man. He is surely headed to Cowboy Heaven where he will meet up with all the great cowboys he has known. May he rest in peace. Please see obituary.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2011

Everyday I think about how fortunate we are to have the **Stark Foundation** in Orange County. The Foundation is a great asset to Orange. This month in "Texas Monthly" people will be able to read, in a two-page layout, about the **W.H. Stark Victorian House**, in the heart of historical downtown Orange. ****It's **Bayou Bowl** time. The annual big game between **Orangefield** and **Bridge City**. It's always a good game and unpredictable. The winner gets to keep the **Buzzie Gunn** trophy for a year.****A tribute to **Johnny Preston** to be held at **Port Arthur Lamar Performing Arts Theater**, Nov. 5. Performing will be **Jivin' Gene**, **Dickie Lee**, **Chris Montel** and **Johnny Tillotson**. All great artist.****

18 Years Ago-2003

Bill Nickum will be Parade Marshall of the **Bridge City Holiday Parade**, Nov. 11. ******County Commissioner John Dubose** is honored by the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Southeast Texas. **Commissioner Owen Burton**, of Pct. 2, nominated **Dubose** for the **Texas Courthouse Community Award**.****Meanwhile, **Burton** opens new Pct. 2 office in Mauriceville.****Professional female boxer **Valerie Mahfood** trains in Bridge City at "The Gym" with trainer **Chris Williams**. Her personal trainers in the ring are **Henry Murdock** and **Austin Green**. **Mahfood** was defeated recently by **Laila Ali**, daughter of **Mohammed Ali**, and is now hoping to regain her title in a rematch.******Doris Sanders**, 70, died Sunday, Nov. 2. Services were held Wednesday at **Claybar Funeral Home**. This good lady left behind husband **Lynwood**, daughter **Ann**, sons **Alan**, **Jim**, **Steven** and their families. (**Lynwood** has since passed).******Mary Bryant** has triple bypass surgery at **Park Place Hospital**. She is expected to be released next week. Son **Matt**, kicker for the **New York Giants**, flew in to be with his mom.******Country Music Awards** are coming up. Country, going back to it's roots, nominated **Willie Nelson**, **Randy Travis**, **George Strait**, **Dolly Parton**, **Alan Jackson** and **Patty Loveless**.******Joel Steirman's** wife says a big party is being planned for Nov. 21, when **Joel** turns 60. (Editor's note: I attended that party at the **Boat Club** and it was big. Now **Joel** will be 78. ******Gene** and **Judge Flo** headed to the deer lease. **Flo** kills them, **Gene** does the heavy lifting.****The **Record's** "Football Players of the Week" are **Ryan Crouch**, West Orange-Stark, **Luke Lyons**, Bridge City, **John Medina**, Orangefield and **Donald Tardy**, Little Cypress-Mauriceville.

33 Years Ago-1988

Jim Gunter a native of Pinehurst, wears three hats; he works at **B.F. Goodrich**, is a real estate broker/insurance salesman and he sings and picks a guitar. **Jim** also plays harmonica and entertains at local restaurants. He perfected a routine for "Orange Blossom Special," which, according to "Music Trade" magazine, can't be done. **Gunter** plays two harmonicas, the guitar, the drums and bass all at the same time. It compares to typing and writing at the same time. He calls his act "Funny Business One Man Band."******Tim Hughes**, a Scot-Irishman, recently returned from Ireland. While there he located a Irishman named **Timothy Hughes**.******Corky** and **Betty Harmon** have just returned from a trip to Germany, Egypt, Holland, Belgium, the Nile River and the Pyramids.****A new building has been completed next to **H.D. Pate's** law office and will be occupied by **Rusty Nicks Real Estate** and **Larry Webb, CPA**. (Editor's note: That building later became "The Creaux's Nest."****The **West Orange-Stark Mustangs** wiped up on **Thomas Jefferson** with a 34-14 win. **Ernest Anderson** scored first and **Kerry Franks** booted the extra point. **Franks** also scored an 80-yard touchdown run. **Anderson** ran for 120 yards on 25 totes. **Franks** had 97 yards on six tries.****The **Bridge City Cards** beat the **Silsbee Tigers** 21-6. **Bryan Ward** took the opening kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown. **Ward** threw an option pass to **Shannon Foreman** for a T.D.******Bill Clements** and wife, **Rita**, to make a stop in Orange. He is a **Republican** candidate for governor.

50 Years Ago-1971

Dudley LeBlanc, after 50 years of history making, passes away. The Abbeville, Louisiana native known as "Cusin Dud" was a true Cajun. He never forgot his people. He became famous after discovering **Hadacol** and promoting it nationwide with his **Hadacol Caravan**. The state senator also ran for Louisiana's governor. The word **Hadacol** came from the words **Happy Day Cough Syrup Company** that **Dudley** owned. He added an "L" at the end for **LeBlanc**. This colorful Cajun was a cousin to **Mayo LeBlanc** of Bridge City.****The **Opportunity Valley News** featured three female columnists, **Virginia Gilbeaux**, "The Art World"; **Betty Drake**, "Banter with Betty" and **Arlene Turkel** with a Abby-type column, "Ask Arlene." Also **Louis Dugas** writes a weekly Orange County history column.******Pete Runnels** writes in his sport's column that **Larry Diediker** is the first real athletic trainer that **Stark High** has ever had. **Larry** is from Topeka, Kansas.******Joel Grossman**, who works for **Nacol's Jewelry**, in Port Arthur, is going to be the manager of **Nacol's** new store on MacArthur Circle.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

I heard Saturday that **Barbara Stringer** was in the hospital in Galveston. I don't know the cause. **Judge James Stringer** also had COVID and relatives are caring for him. We wish both speedy recovery.****Our friend **Richard Albair** was away from **Peggy's Place** last week. He was at

the **V.A. Hospital** where he received a couple of stints. He's doing well. Speaking of **Peggy's Place**, you can get a fresh batch of delicious gumbo every Friday. Call ahead if you want a bucket full to feed the whole family. Don't forget the big seafood platter or **Peggy's** special burgers.****A few folks we know celebrating their special day. **Oct. 27:** Celebrating today are a bunch of fine folks. Longtime friend **Betty Harmon**, **Joe Kazmar**, **Ron Sigler**, **Brandi Teal** and pretty **Josette Choate**, also it's hard to believe **Judge Don Burgess** will be 75.******Oct. 28:** Happy Birthday to **Heather Dubose**, **Chris Stone**, **Loia Wilkerson**, **Derrick Cole** and **Brandon Allensworth**.******Oct. 29:** Celebrating today are **Vickie Bormier** and **Zach Corbello**. **Clay Dunn** was born on this day in 1893. He passed away Feb. 19, 1959.******Oct. 30:** Happy Birthday to **Jessica Bradberry**, **Alan Hollier** and the banker, our friend, former TCU halfback, **Carlos Vacek**.******Oct. 31:** Trick or Treaters are **Mark Dunn**, **Joey Campbell**, **Stacy Doiron** and **Taylor Thurman**. The late **Don Harmon** celebrated on this day.******Nov. 1:** Celebrating are coach **Chris Moore**, **Aubree Snipes**, **Whitney Gonzales**, **Caroline Young**, **Nancy Blacksher** and **David Moreau**.******Nov. 2:** Happy Birthday to **Dale Dardeau**, **Kimberly Hall**, **Keith McCurry** and **Amy Skidmore**. ******BREAUX'S TIP OF THE WEEK:** Place fabric softener sheets in dresser drawers and your clothes will smell freshly washed for weeks. You can also do this with towels and linens.******CAJUN DEFINITION:** Tasso, (tah-soh) strips of spiced pork or beef which are smoked like jerky and used to flavor many dishes.**** Actor **Alex Baldwin** fatally shot cinematographer **Halyna Hutchins** and wounded director **Joel Souza**. The accident occurred during the filming of the movie **Rust**, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. An assistant director handed **Balwin** a loaded pistol and told him it was a cold gun, safe to use. An investigation will continue.******Kimbrough** has predicted that the **Texas Longhorns** will end this season 8-4. The question is how will they do against the **Baylor Bears**, who are a 2.5 favorite. **Tommy Gunn** and **Sharon Bearden**, both **Baylor** law grads, pick the **Bears**. **Bearden** says they will beat the spread. **John** will pick Friday night. My guess is his heart will rule.****Being watched closely is the **Virginia** governor's race next Tuesday. Former governor **Terry McAuliffe** is a slight favorite over **Trump** candidate **Glen Youngkin**. In all **Virginia** races but one, the party in the **White House** lost the governor's race. **Obama** was the exception when **McAuliffe** was first elected. Maybe history will repeat itself, good for the Democrats, bad for **Trump's** first gubernatorial nominee.******Wesley** and **Ronda Dishon** are putting on the **Halloween** party of the year on Sat., Oct. 30, "Voodoo on the Bayou" at **High Tides in Bridge City**. The festivities include free entry, **Halloween** cocktails, costume contests and live music by "Still Cruisin." **Still Cruisin'** is a ten piece "Dance Horn Band" that plays live music of all types from **R&B**, **Rock**, **Disco**, and **Pop**. Join the **Dishons** at **High Tides** for **Halloween** fun and entertainment.****

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

October 27: **Kelly Osbourne**, 37 TV Host; **Marla Maples**, 58 Reality Star; **John Cleese**, 82 Actor.**** **October 28:** **Bill Gates** 66 Entrepreneur; **Caitlyn Jenner**, 72 Reality Star; **Julia Roberts**, 54 Movie Actress; **Brad Paisley**, 49 Country Singer.******October 29:** **Wino Ryder**, 50 Actress; **Randy Jackson**, 60 Pop singer; **Kechi Okwuchi**, 32 Pop Singer.******October 30:** **Ivanka Trump**, 38 Business Executive; **Mia Long**, 49 TV Actress; **Henry Winkler**, 74 TV Actor.******October 31:** **Vanilla Ice**, 52 Rapper; **Rob Schneider**, 56 Actor; **Nick Saban**, 68 Football Coach.******November 1:** **Peter Onofri**, 62 Actor; **Jenny McCarthy**, 47 TV Show Host; **Penn Badgley**, 33 TV Actor.******November 2:** **David Schwimmer**, 53 Actor; **Nelly**, 45 Rapper; **Shah Rukh Khan**, 54 Actor.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

One of Taunt Blanche's former girls in the sticks, **Agnes "Cutie Pie" Marceau**, walks into da Abbeville welfare office wit nine kids trailing her. "Wow," says **Shriley Boudreaux**, da social worker, "Are dem all yours?" she axe.

"Mais Yea, dey all mine," **Agnes** answer. Den she says "Sit down LeRoy."

All da chilluns rush to a seat.

Da social worker says, "Me, I'll need all your chilluns names."

"Well, to keep it simple, I named all da boys LeRoy and da girls Leighroy."

Ms. Boudreaux, da case worker, axe, "Are you serious, dey all named Leroy?"

"Dey sure are," said **Agnes**, wen it's time to get dem out of bed, I yell Leroy. Wen it's time for supper, I just yell Leroy and dey all come running. If I need to stop da kids from running in da street, I just yell Leroy and all of dem stop. It's the smartest idea I ever had me, naming all dem Leroy."

Ms. Boudreaux, da social worker, shakes her head, wrinkled her forehead and axe, "But **Agnes**, wat if you just want one of dem kids to come and not da whole bunch?"

Agnes answer, "Well den, I call dem by dere last names."

C'EST TOUT Our Apologies

Last week, in this column, we wrote a two part piece on **George P. Bush** running against **Ken Paxton** for attorney general and **Matthew Dowd** running against **Dan Patrick** for lieutenant governor. Due to lack of space, the two part piece was cut and condensed. In that rewrite, **Dowd** ended up running against **Paxton** with no mention of **Bush** and **Patrick**. A real screw up and we're sorry. We will have plenty of time to comment on those two races, between now and election time.******Dave** had some of the same **Gremlins**. In his county redistricting article, he had commissioner **Beauchamp** in Pct. 1 and running for re-election under the name of **Broussard**. You know what the bumper sticker says.***** My time is up, thanks for yours. Read us cover to cover and look the ads over for great bargains. Take care and God bless.



Deaths & Memorials

Mary Ann Cruse, 88, Bridge City

Mary Ann Cruse, 88, passed away peacefully at home in Bridge City, Texas, on October 22, 2021.

She was born on July 24, 1933, to Collis Melvin Williamson and Gladys Ola Dimsky Williamson. Mary Ann began studying piano at an early age and developed a lifelong love for the piano and sacred music, which she expressed faithfully for over sixty years by serving as Church Pianist, particularly at First Baptist Church of Bridge City,



Mary Cruse

where she was a member since 1958. She is survived by her three children, Raye Ann Swarts (Chris) of Sulphur, LA, Tyler Jay Stagg of Bridge City, and Sylvia Gaye Gisclar of Bridge City; and sister, Martha Lou Byrd, and her family all of Oklahoma.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 15 years, George Allyson Cruse.

A private graveside service was held at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves, under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Christopher Raymond Conley, 33

FORMERLY OF BRIDGE CITY

Christopher Raymond Conley, 33, departed this life on October 20, 2021 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Chris was born on January 9, 1988 in Heerlen, The Netherlands to parents Dana (Clark) and Brad Conley.

He attended school and spent his younger years in Bridge City, Texas before later moving to the Houston area. He enjoyed drawing and creating art with his hands at an early age and his artistic ability and passion for art and beauty always remained.

Chris made many friends in the restaurant industry where he also excelled as a waiter with his vibrant personality and smile.

More recently, Chris was enjoying a new career in photography and was specializing in real-estate photography. His biggest accomplishment and joy of his life was his daughter, Abbey. Chris and Abbey enjoyed many fun times together laughing and teaching each other about the good things in life.



Christopher Conley

He enjoyed making people laugh and spending time with his friends and family.

Chris will be remembered for his kind personality, loving heart and fun-loving spirit.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Dana Lea Clark Conley; grandfathers, Lee O'Daniel "Bill" Clark and John R. "Jack" Conley.

Chris is lovingly survived by his daughter, Abigail "Abbey" Rose Bryan Conley; father and step-mother, Brad and Lisa Conley; grandmothers, Doris Ann Myers and Marilyn J. Conley; as well as numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, and many friends that became like family to him.

Funeral services officiated by Rev. Ken Durham will be held at 6:00 PM Friday, October 29, 2021 in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

Friends are welcome to join the family for a time of visitation and remembrance beginning at 5:00 PM before the service and will continue until 9:00 PM after the service.

Clarence Alton Droddy, 83

FORMERLY OF ORANGE

Clarence was born in Call, Texas on January 8th, 1938, to parents Lexie Droddy and Vivian (Smith) Droddy. Clarence loved Texas and spent much of his life in and around Orange County. He graduated from Buna High School in 1955 and, in 1956, married the love of his life, Barbara Strahan, with whom he shared over 62 happy years of marriage. He served in the United States Air Force before going to work for Spencer Chemical Company, which would later become Gulf Oil and Chevron, and retired as an E&I Maintenance Supervisor after 37 years. Later, in 2006, Clarence moved to Washington State where he lived for eight years before moving to Simpsonville, South Carolina. He was a founding member of Eagle Heights Church in Orange and was an active member of Temple Baptist Church in Simpsonville.



Clarence Droddy

He is preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Strahan Droddy; parents, Lexie Droddy and Vivian Smith; sister, Tressie McClure; brother, Carrol Droddy; and daughter-in-law, Rhonda Droddy; mother and father-in-law, Bertha and John Everett Strahan; and brother-in-law, Jim Scarbrough.

He is survived by his three children; daughter, Cheryl Squires and husband Danny; son, John Droddy and wife Alicia, and son, Robert Droddy; and his three grandchildren, Matthew Squires, Olivia Droddy, and Erin Droddy. He is also survived by his brother, Charles Droddy; sisters-in-law, Mary Dell Droddy, Imogene Droddy, and Jenny Scarbrough, as well as numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services for Clarence will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 29, 2021, at Bridgepoint Fellowship Church in Bridge City. Officiating will be Pastor Lance Faulkner. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m., October 29, 2021, at Broadus Cemetery in Broadus, Texas.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, October 28, 2021 at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jim Droddy, Phil McClure, Mike Droddy, Dane Droddy, Ed Scarbrough, Keith Kemper and James Michael Droddy.

Orange County events and fundraisers

Life Chain event Oct. 31st

This year's Life Chain will be Sunday, October 31, 2:30pm – 3:30pm. Ecumenical participation has always been critical in assuring a good turnout of caring pro-life Christian people. Encourage your congregation to stand for life at First Baptist Church-Bridge City. Texas is closer than ever in shutting down abortion in our state. The Texas Heartbeat Act needs public support and prayer.

Friends of the Orange Depot to meet Nov. 4th

The next meeting of the Friends of the Orange Depot will be held on Thursday, November 4, 5:30PM at the Depot at 1210 Green Avenue. Refreshments will be served beforehand to celebrate the success of Depot Day 2021! All interested volunteers are welcome to attend, to help us with upcoming events such as Christmas at the Depot on Sunday, December 7. On the agenda is an election of officers so all board members are encouraged to attend so we will have a quorum. For information, call 409-330-1576 or click www.orangetxdepot.org.

Wesley UMC Pecan and Walnut Fundraiser

Wesley United Methodist Church will be selling this years crop of Durham/Ellis pecans and walnuts, delivery early November. Pecan halves or pieces \$10.50 per pound, walnuts \$8.50 per pound. Call Jan 409-734-8036 or the church 409-886-7276 to place an order or for additional information.

Daughters of the American Revolution meets third Tuesday of the month

The Daughters of the American Revolution William Diamond Chapter of Orange County meets the third Tuesday of the month at St. Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City at 1:00 p.m. To become a member, a woman must be 18 years or older who can prove lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American

Independence. She must provide documentation, as well as the Revolutionary War service of her Patriot ancestor.

DAR promotes Patriotism, Historical Preservation, Educational, Veterans and Women's issues. For additional information contact Bertie Herman, Regent, at 409-735-5253 or 409-960-4560



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 <p>2019 Ford Expedition Limited SUV 3.5L 6 Engine, Automatic Trans., Black Exterior, Ebony Interior, 18617 Miles, Stock #: P2374</p> <p style="font-size: 24px; color: red; font-weight: bold;">\$57,333</p>	 <p>2019 Ram 1500 Limited Crew Cab 5.7L 8 Engine, Automatic Trans., Granite Crystal Metallic Clearcoat Exterior, Black Interior, 59708 Miles, Stock #: P2414</p> <p style="font-size: 24px; color: red; font-weight: bold;">\$51,269</p>	 <p>2020 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT Crew Cab 5.3L 8 Engine, Automatic Trans., Black Exterior, Jet Black Interior, 36193 Miles, Stock #: P2396</p> <p style="font-size: 24px; color: red; font-weight: bold;">\$41,846</p>	 <p>2019 Toyota Tundra 4WD SR5 CrewMax 5.7L 8 Engine, Automatic Trans., Gray Exterior, Black Interior, 11461 Miles, Stock #: C1102</p> <p style="font-size: 24px; color: red; font-weight: bold;">\$46,957</p>

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A Pandemic of Disunity

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If an individual Christian does not show love toward other true Christians, the world has a right to judge that he or she is not a Christian.

I read Francis Schaeffer's *The Mark of the Christian* shortly after it was published in 1970. Schaeffer quoted Christ's words in John 13:35: "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Then he cited Jesus's prayer in John 17:21 that the disciples "may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

Schaeffer tied the verses together:

[In John 13:35] if an individual Christian does not show love toward other true Christians, the world has a right to judge that he or she is not a Christian. Here [in John 17:21] Jesus is stating something else that is much more cutting, much more profound: We cannot expect the world to believe that the Father sent the Son, that Jesus's claims are true, and that Christianity is true, unless the world sees some reality of the oneness of true Christians. (26-27)

A beautiful, biblical slap in the face.

Final Apologetic

I was sixteen — a new believer studying how to defend gospel truth to friends and family. Yet Schaeffer called Christian love and unity "the final apologetic," the ultimate defense of our faith.

Schaeffer helped me see what should have been self-evident in Christ's words: believers' love toward each other is the greatest proof that we truly follow Jesus. If we fail to live in loving oneness, the world — or to bring it closer to home, our family, and friends — will have less reason to believe the gospel.

In 1977, some of us who'd struggled at our churches gath-

ered to worship and study Scripture. Before we knew it, God planted a new church. At twenty-three, as a naive co-pastor, I thought we'd found the secret to unity. But eventually, though our numbers rapidly increased, too many left our gatherings feeling unloved, not experiencing what Schaeffer called the "reality of the oneness of true Christians" (27).

Our Deep Disunity

In the 52 years I've known Jesus, I've witnessed countless conflicts between believers. But never more than in the last year. Many have angrily left churches they once loved. Believers who formerly chose churches based on Christ-centered Bible teaching and worship now choose them based on non-essential issues, including political viewpoints and COVID protocols.

Churches are experiencing a pandemic of tribalism, blame, and unforgiveness — all fatal to the love and unity Jesus spoke of. Rampant either/or thinking leaves no room for subtlety and nuance. Acknowledging occasional truth in other viewpoints is seen as compromise rather than fairness and charitableness.

Sadly, evangelicals sometimes appear as little more than another special-interest group, sharing only a narrow "unity" based on mutual outrage and disdain. This acidic, eager-to-fight negativity highlights Schaeffer's point that we have no right to expect unbelievers to be drawn to the good news when we treat brothers and sisters as enemies.

Playing into Satan's Strategy

The increase in Christians bickering over non-essentials doesn't seem to be a passing phase. And it injures our witness, inviting eye rolls and mockery from unbelievers and prompting believers to wonder whether church hurts more than it helps.

Satan is called the accuser of God's family (Revelation 12:10). Too often we do his work for him. His goal is to divide

churches and keep people from believing the gospel. "By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother" (1 John 3:10). When we fail to love each other, we are acting like the devil's children.

"When we fail to love each other, we are acting like the devil's children."

"Give no opportunity to the devil" (Ephesians 4:27). To resist the devil, we must love God with abandonment, and love our neighbor as ourselves. That central principle is the heart and soul of Scripture. "The whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another" (Galatians 5:14-15).

Unity of Differing Opinions

When Paul wrote to believers in Rome, he addressed the issues of what meat was considered "unclean" and which day to worship on — each certainly as controversial in the culture of their day, if not more so, as most political issues or COVID responses are today. The paradigm-shifting revelation he shared in Romans 14 is this: while true love and unity are never achieved at the expense of primary biblical truths, they are achieved at the expense of our personal preferences about secondary issues.

We are "not to quarrel over opinions" (Romans 14:1). Or as the NLT puts it, "Don't argue with them about what they think is right or wrong." Love doesn't require wholesale agreement.

Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. (Romans 14:3)

Pursue What Makes Peace

As long as we hold our convictions with faith and a good conscience, God himself approves of people on both sides of non-essential matters. And if God can be pleased both by those who do and don't eat certain foods that were prohibited under Old Testament law, and by those who worship on the Sabbath or on another day of the week, can't he also be pleased with those who choose to take or not take a vaccine, or to wear or not wear a mask?

"Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another?" (Romans 14:4). God warns us not to set up our own judgment seats as if we were omniscient. Why do we imagine we can know that a brother's or sister's decisions, heart, and motives are wrong?

The call to "pursue" peace (or "make every effort," NIV) means unless there's a compelling reason to speak or post, and you've sought God's direction and sense his leading, and you can speak graciously, then do what Scripture says and keep what you believe between yourself and God. Having a strong opinion never equals God telling us to express it. Scripture confronts us for how we have treated each other before the watching world:

"A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion" (Proverbs 18:2).

"When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent" (Proverbs 10:19).

"There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing" (Proverbs 12:18).

Steps Toward Love and Unity
What other practical steps might we take toward love and unity in our fractured times?

1. Practice James 1:19. If we would only "be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger," this alone would foster love and unity to an astonishing degree.

2. When you disagree, if pos-

sible, meet face to face and talk. Don't shred each other publicly.

3. Ask yourself where you are pointing. Will my words or social-media post be more or less likely to draw others to Jesus?

4. Raise your expectations for love and unity in your church. Lower your expectations for them coming naturally or easily.

5. Repent of being an agitator; commit to becoming a peacemaker.

6. Talk to your church leaders. Honestly articulate problems and ask how you can help foster love and unity.

7. Pray for those who've hurt you. Doing so transformed my relationship with a brother. One of my wife's closest friends is someone she chose to intercede for decades ago, despite their conflicts.

8. Ask God to help you reject pride and develop true humility. A.W. Tozer said, "Only the hum-

ble are completely sane, for they are the only ones who see clearly their own size and limitations" (Tozer on Christian Leadership, 11). To think clearly is to think humbly. "Think of yourself with sober judgment" (Romans 12:3).

True unity is grounded on mutually believed primary truths about Jesus, refusal to elevate secondary beliefs over primary beliefs, demonstrated heartfelt love for Jesus and others, and the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit.

When I reread *The Mark of the Christian* fifty years later, when divisiveness is the air we breathe, it spoke to me more deeply than ever. Schaeffer's message rings true: when we call upon God, and make concerted efforts to live in humble love and unity, people see Jesus, and some will believe in him.

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Dickie Colburn

I was walking out the gate at the end of a recent junior varsity game when a young man called out my name. He was already asking a question as he approached which was of no use since I now strain just to hear a train whistle.

"I would like to ask you something," he said in a much louder and clearer voice. "I have these two soft plastic tails that are my favorites, but the trout aren't biting them. Are they the wrong size or wrong color or what?"

I don't know how many high school youngsters are walking around with plastic trout lures in their pocket, but I immediately knew that I was in good company. In truth, I have asked myself that same question while on the water. If you know you are in fish, not getting a bite is even more frustrating.

Both of the baits he held in his hand were very reliable colors, but they were the longer five-inch version and that can sometimes make a difference. Are you sure you were even in fish," I asked.

"They were chasing shrimp everywhere and I caught one or two fish, but they really didn't like my baits," he replied. "I don't care if I am catching only small trout....I just want to catch fish!"

This young man was obviously serious so I told him that I was walking home and would meet him in my driveway in five minutes. He was already there when I arrived so I bypassed the front door and we headed for the garage.

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★ HOMETOWN FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS



Bridge City Cardinal linebacker Mason Pruitt hones in on Orangefield ball carrier Hunter Ashworth during Bayou Bowl action in Bridge City. The Bobcats defeated the Cardinals 23-14 to earn the Buzzie Gunn Trophy for another year.

RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland

Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast...

★ LITTLE CYPRESS-MAURCEVILLE over Livingston

The Battlin' Bears looked really good when they had to Friday night at Lumberton, edging past the Raiders 33-31 and taking sole command of second place behind undefeated Vidor in District 10-4A-II. The visiting Lions are only a game behind the Bears and should treat this game Friday night as their "Super Bowl".

★ BRIDGE CITY over Liberty

The Cardinals battled Orangefield all the way down to the final gun before losing 23-14 while the Panthers are still licking their wounds after being blown out by the Mighty WO-

Stark Mustangs 73-7. The only thing Liberty has going for it Friday night is the home-field advantage, and that may not be enough. But this is the final home game for the Panthers this season.

★ ORANGEFIELD over Hamshire-Fannett

The Bobcats are always ready to put out their usual 100 per cent effort like they did last week at Bridge City and hope to treat their many loyal fans to a victory in their season's home finale. But the Longhorns are battling for one of the few play-off berths still available.

★ DEWEYVILLE over Burkville

Both of these teams are tied for second place in District 12-

2A-II and will have a major bearing on the outcome of the league. Both teams suffered losses last week and are anxious to get back to their winning ways.

★ VIDOR over Huffman

This match-up should be better than the records indicate. The Pirates have been doing whatever necessary to get into the win column while the Falcons have had a couple weeks to get ready for this battle.

★ Eastern Kentucky OVER LAMAR U.

The Cards continue to play almost well enough to win and this week could be the one. The Redbirds got off to a slow start last week and never could catch up. Perhaps it will be different this time.

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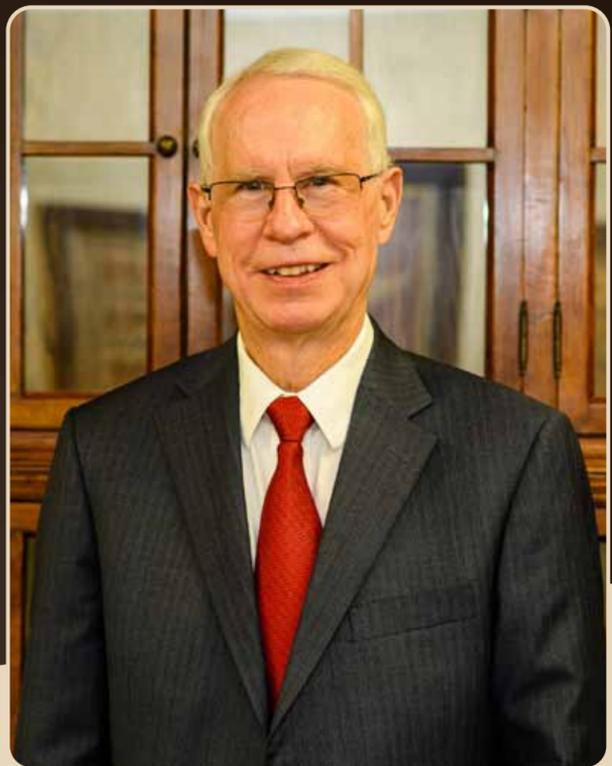
Advocating for the good of the Orange County community, Tommy is a former President of the Bridge City Independent School District school board and a past President of the Bridge City-Orangefield Rotary Club. He is also a former Director of the Orange Chamber of Commerce and serves as City Attorney for the City of Pinehurst since 1988. At present, Tommy is a former director and Chairman of the Board of Orange Savings Bank and First Financial Bank.



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★ Orange County Football Highlights ★

Orange County teams look to clinch post season trips



Orangefield Bobcat running back Hunter Ashworth rounds the corner behind a wall of Bobcat blockers led by Cameron Dischler and Ransom Gibson. RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland



Orangefield Bobcat running back Cameron Dischler heads for the goal line in the 23-14 Bayou Bowl victory over the Bridge City Cardinals. RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland



Bridge City Cardinal quarterback Ethan Ocegeura hands off to Kyler Garlaska during Bayou Bowl action at Larry Ward Stadium in Bridge City. RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland

victory effectively clinched 12th district title for West Orange-Stark as well. This week the Mustangs are off and are able to rest before traveling to Bridge City on Nov. 5 for the final district contest of the season and the start of post-season.

The Bridge City Cardinals (3-5, 1-3) fell to rival Orangefield 23-14 in the Bayou Bowl last Friday night in Bridge City. Quarterback Ethan Ocegeura had two more touchdown passes in the loss as both teams did all of the scoring in the first-half. Although not eliminated from a post-season playoff spot, the Cardinals have the tall task of needing to win both games against the Liberty Panthers this week and the West Orange-Stark Mustangs on Nov. 5, and the need to get a little help along the way. The Cards have an opportunity to grab another victory this week against Liberty. The Panthers de-

fense is allowing nearly 32 points per game, so the high-flying Cards offense may find some success this week.

The Orangefield Bob-

cats (6-2, 3-1) laid claim to the Buzzy Gunn trophy again this year after defeating Bridge City 23-14 in the Bay-

ORANGE COUNTY Page 4B

TOMMY MANN FOR THE RECORD

Two weeks remain in district play for our local football teams, and there is still plenty on the line for each team as all six could potentially make the post season. However, each team needs to take care of business this

week before looking ahead.

The No. 4 state-ranked West Orange-Stark Mustangs (7-1, 5-0) pummeled district rivals the Liberty Panthers this past Friday 73-7 and the score probably could have been much worse. Mustangs running back Elijah Gales set the all-time

WO-S Mustangs rushing record during the third quarter as he reached 3,258 yards. The record was previously held by Depauldrick Garrett, who just happens to be the Mustangs running back coach. The Mustangs defense added two interception returns for touchdowns as well during the contest. The

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★ Orange County Football Highlights ★



The Orangefield Bobcats gather around head football coach Josh Smalley and the Buzzie Gunn Trophy following the team's 23-14 Bayou Bowl victory over the Bridge City Cardinals.
RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland



Bridge City Cardinal running back Kyleer Garlaska scrambles just out of reach of Orangefield Bobcat defender Justin Frederick during Bayou Bowl 2021.
RECORD PHOTO: Darren Hoyland



Not only was it a big win for the Mustangs Friday night, but Elijah Gales rushed for enough yards to break the 14 year old record of career rushing yards held by his coach, DePauldrick Garrett.
RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs



Mustang Isaac Morris hit Liberty's Austin Walker so hard both were flying in the WO-S 73-7 win over the Panthers.
RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs

Kaz's Fearless Forecast From Page 1B

Southeastern Louisiana over McNEESE STATE—

The Lions have been bullying most of their opponents and should be ready for the Cowboys, despite them being on a two-game winning streak.

AREA HIGH SCHOOL—

Houston C.E King over Beaumont West Brook, Baytown Lee over Beaumont United, Port Arthur Memorial over Baytown Sterling, Texas City over Port Neches-Groves, Houston Lumberport over Splendora, Silsbee over Hardin-Jefferson, Woodville over East Chambers, Anahuac over Kirbyville, New Waverly over Kountze, Newton over Hemphill, Nederland over Kingwood Park, Jasper over Center.

COLLEGE PICKS—

Coastal Carolina over Troy, East Carolina over South Florida (both Thursday); Tulsa over Navy, Nevada over UNLV (both Friday); Wisconsin over Iowa, Buffalo over Bowling Green, Wake Forest over Duke, Michigan State over Michigan, North Carolina State over Louisville, Syracuse over Boston College, Georgia State over Georgia Southern, Iowa State over West Virginia, Indiana over Maryland, Florida Atlantic over UTEP, Pittsburgh over Miami, Illinois over Rutgers, Minnesota over Northwestern, Central Florida over Temple, Georgia Tech over Virginia Tech, Clemson over Florida State, Liberty over Massachusetts, Rice over North Texas, Utah State over Hawaii, BYU over Virginia, Utah over UCLA,

Arizona State over Washington State, California over Oregon State, Marshall over Florida International, USC over Arizona, San Jose State over Wyoming, Oregon over Colorado, Oklahoma State over Kansas, Louisiana Tech over Old Dominion, Louisiana-Lafayette over Texas State, Middle Tennessee State over Southern Mississippi, Nebraska over Purdue, Missouri over Vanderbilt, Kansas State over TCU, Kentucky over Mississippi State, Oklahoma over Texas Tech, Ohio State over Penn State, Houston over SMU, Auburn over Ole Miss, Appalachian State over Louisiana-Monroe, South Alabama over Arkansas State, Western Kentucky over Charlotte, Colorado State over Boise State, Notre Dame over North Carolina, Stanford over Washington, San Diego State over

Fresno State.

PRO PICKS—

Arizona over Green Bay (Thursday Night); Atlanta over Carolina, Cincinnati over NY Jets, LA Rams over Houston, Buffalo over Miami, Philadelphia over Detroit, Cleveland over Pittsburgh, Chicago over San Francisco, Seattle over Jacksonville, Tennessee over Indianapolis, LA Chargers over New England, Tampa Bay over New Orleans, Denver over Washington, Dallas over Minnesota (all Sunday); Kansas City over NY Giants (Monday Night). Bye Week Las Vegas, Baltimore.

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We have been able to extend our booth registration

deadline, as additional spaces have been added this year. So if you're interested in getting a booth for the festival, now's the time and if you have one of those fine classic cars or trucks and want to show it off to others, the Holiday in the Park car/truck

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OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

One of perhaps the most anticipated hunting days of the year is upon us; Saturday morning starts off the annual youth hunting weekend in Texas.

Young hunters and adults alike look forward to this very special weekend for a variety of reasons. For many young hunters this is their opportunity to take center stage and reap the benefits of all the practice and preparation they have been through during the off season.

The trips to the range, the work at the hunting lease, or perhaps all the scouting on public land will now hopefully pay big dividends once legal shooting time actually gets here.

Texas has a great history of promoting the next generation's hunters and fishermen through various programs so the Special Youth hunting seasons are always very important. Sharing the outdoor



Chuck Uzzle

experience with any teenager or child is both a luxury and a duty that adult hunters should embrace. By realizing that

the youth of today will be the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts we are ensuring that the sport we love will continue to thrive.

If you are planning on participating in this weekend's hunts there are a few things to remember in order to make sure that the time spent in the field is a positive for everyone involved. Probably the most important thing to bring along on the hunt is plenty of patience. Don't push a young hunter or add any pressure to the hunt, keep everything low key and all about them.

Adults who get caught up in the moment can ruin the whole experience if they are not careful. Whatever the young hunter wants to do is



Watching younger generations enjoy the sport of hunting makes the future much brighter. RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle

fine, if they just want to watch the wildlife or learn more about the habitat then that's okay. Keep the experience positive, it's not just

about killing an animal or a bird. Also be sure to take along some vital necessities such as plenty of snacks, drinks, and even something

to waste a little time like an iPad to keep them from being bored.

Remember their attention span is short and you are catering to them, this is a special day and it's not about the adults. One other staple that should always be in the blind bag, especially with kids, is toilet paper. Enough said, you will thank me later.

Now when the business of actually pulling the trigger happens be prepared for a wide range of emotions. Some youngsters have very mixed reactions after they shoot. I remember the first deer my son Hunter killed, we hooped and hollered and celebrated immediately. After we calmed down I took that time to impress upon him about what happens when you pull the trigger on a gun, "this is not a game and there are no re-sets" I told

him. "When you pull the trigger on a gun and kill something it never comes back, it's final, so remember that and treat guns with the respect they deserve" I added.

Nothing makes a bigger impression in my book, especially when you tell them that could animal could be a human being. Hunter still talks about that today so I know I got my point across.

One other bit of information to pass along is to be sure everyone involved in the hunt is properly licensed and has all the necessary tags, permits, and stamps required to participate.

Check online or at the Texas Parks and Wildlife office in Beaumont for any and all questions concerning the subject. Nothing puts a damper on the hunt like a ticket.

Orange County football From Page 2B

ou Bowl this past Friday at Larry Ward Stadium in Bridge City. Running back Cameron Dischler managed to surpass 1,000 rushing yards on the season with another outstanding performance, which included two more rushing touchdowns for the season. This week Coach Josh Smalley and the Bobcats are back home to take on the Hamshire-Fannett Longhorns (5-3, 2-2). A win will give the Bobcats the second seed in district as the playoffs approach, while a loss could cause a whole lot of complications as both Silsbee and the Longhorns only have two losses in district.

The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Battlin' Bears (6-2, 2-1) got back on the winning track this past Friday night with a 33-31

victory over the Lumberton Raiders (5-3, 2-1). The loss was the Raiders first in district play this season. LC-M running back Da'Marion Morris had over 100 yard rushing, a rushing touchdown, a receiving touchdown and he made an interception on defense to snuff out a Raiders drive as well. The victory put the Bears in a second-place tie with the Raiders, and it keeps the team in line for a shot at the district title should Vidor falter down the stretch. LC-M is back home this week to host the Livingston Lions (5-3, 1-2). The Lions defense is allowing 33.3 points per game in district play, so the Bears offense could explode for big plays this week.

The Vidor Pirates (7-0, 3-0) celebrated homecoming this past Friday night with a 40-7 victory over the Livingston Lions and have claimed sole possession of first place, for the moment, courtesy of the LC-M victory over Lumberton. The Pirates offense churned out nearly 400 yards on the night, while the Vidor defense held the Lions to less than 140 total yards. Running back Jason Watson scored two rushing touchdowns and added a fumble return for a touchdown on defense, all in the third quarter. The victory pushed Vidor into the Top 10 in updated Class 4A Div. I poll released Monday. Vidor travels to Huffman this week to face the Hargrave Falcons, who got back on the winning track with 41-7 win over Splendora. A victory this Friday will give Vidor a share

of the district title, at minimum, prior to the Week 11 showdown with Lumberton, while a loss opens the door for several teams.

The Deweyville Pirates (3-4, 2-1) lost a bid to repeat as District 12-2A Div. II champions this past Friday when they lost the River Bowl to the Evadale Rebels, 26-22. The Pirates took a lead late in the game, but could not keep the Rebels (4-2, 3-0) out of the end zone one last time. Deweyville travels to Burkeville this coming Friday night to take on the Mustangs. A Pirates win will lock up the second seed in the playoffs, while a loss could push Deweyville into the third or fourth seed depending on how other contests shake out the final two weeks of district play.

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State Senator Robert Nichols



The Legislature adjourned Sine Die for hopefully the last time this year after completing our third special session. While we accomplished many great things for the state over the past ten months, I'm glad to be back in East Texas.

Here are five things happening around your state:

1. Redistricting maps finalized, sent to the Governor

The Legislature has finished the third called special session of the year and completed the challenging redistricting process. The state grew substantially over the past decade which forced the ideal district size for State Senate districts to increase to 940,178 people. Due to these changes, Senate District 3 (SD-3) saw some changes in the makeup of the district. Previously, SD-3 comprised of 19 East Texas counties including the northern half of Montgomery County. After the redistricting process, SD-3 will no longer include San Jacinto County or Montgomery County. Instead, the district will now include the greater part of Jefferson County, including Beaumont, Nederland, Port Neches, Groves and part of Port Arthur. I have represented part of Montgomery County and all of San Jacinto County since I took office in 2007, so I will dearly miss all of the friends I have made in those areas. However, I am looking forward to meeting the people of Jefferson County and representing them. I will be running for re-election in the newly drawn district, but I will still represent my current district until the 88th Legislature convenes in 2023 and I am sworn in. It's been one of the greatest honors of my life to represent East Texans in the Legislature, and I hope to continue doing just that.

2. Property tax relief measures pass both chambers

In the waning hours of this special session, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 1 and Senate Joint Resolution 2, which puts a constitutional amendment before Texans to lower

their property taxes. SJR 2 will increase the homestead exemption from \$25,000 in appraised home value to \$40,000, equating to a 60 percent increase over existing law. Additionally, school districts will be held harmless which means the money for the property tax cut will come from the state. Both chambers approved the measure unanimously and now it's up to voters in May 2022 to approve the constitutional amendment.

3. Funding secured for higher education capital projects

After Governor Abbott added higher education improvements to the special session call, the House and Senate worked quickly to put together a proposal for over \$3 billion in capital projects for higher education institutions. Every region of the state will see an investment from the state in campus improvements. In Senate District 3, Stephen F. Austin State University received over \$44 million for an Interdisciplinary and Applied Science building and Lamar State College - Orange received over \$37 million for a new academic building and information technology services. CCAPs are bonds that are secured with tuition and other charges but are paid back out of state funds over a series of years. The Legislature appropriated \$325 million in federal American Rescue Plan funds as a down payment for these projects.

4. Bill clarifies eligibility for tuition benefits for dependents of fallen first responders

The House and Senate both passed House Bill 133 this week which clarifies eligibility for higher education tuition benefits for children and dependents of fallen first responders. The law came about after a Fort Bend County deputy was killed by friendly fire in May of 2020. Deputy Caleb Rule was survived by his wife and four

children, including his daughter who graduated from high school the day he passed. Because she was already 18 at the time of his death, she did not qualify for tuition survivor benefits. Therefore, the Caleb Rule Act was passed to increase survivor benefits to include college-aged children to receive tuition assistance. The legislation was passed unanimously in both chambers and now heads to the Governor's desk.

5. WorkForce providing services to Texans with barriers to employment

WorkForce Solutions Deep East Texas is providing vocational rehabilitation services to East Texans over the age of 14 with a disability that presents a barrier to seeking employment. That could be mental health conditions, deafness, alcoholism, learning disabilities, or other impairments. WorkForce Solutions can help connect clients with professionals to verify disabilities, so Texans do not have to come with a diagnosis in hand. Services are catered to each individual and can include professional training, social learning experiences, or even vehicle modifications for those with physical disabilities. To learn more, visit <http://twc.texas.gov/job-seekers/vocational-rehabilitation-services>.



Bees of the Big Thicket attract university researchers

Bees of the Big Thicket captured the attention of Dr. Daniel Bennett of Stephen F. Austin State University and Dr. John Pascarella of Sam Houston State University. Beginning in 2017, Bennett coordinated research culminating in the documentation of 130 species of bees. Bennett and SFA graduate student, Archie Sauls, collected and compared species diversity in various habitats of the Big Thicket National Preserve.

In 2019, Phase II of the project added documentation of the flooding effects on insect populations. Pascarella identified specimens and supervised the pinning and labeling activities by students. A ditionally, SFA undergraduate Xander Haynes pinned and labeled trap bycatch which included select beetle families, orthopterans, neuropterans manitds, wasps and ants.

PHOTO Above: Dr. Daniel Bennett doing field work in the Big Thicket.

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It took only one trip looking around the garage for him to declare, "How do you ever decide what to use? I walk two dogs for a lady every evening and mow a neighbor's yard just to make gas money. Is there maybe just one color that works better than others?"

For the most part, it is all about the time of year and water clarity. Larger or smaller is predicated on time of the year while choice of colors is based on water clarity. I have a simple rule as far as color goes. In clearer water I like translucent colors and in dirtier water I prefer an opaque color which enhances the silhouette.

Length is more seasonal only because of the type of bait you are trying to mimic at the time. Longer tails and larger topwaters are more effective when larger trout are feeding on mullet while the shorter tails work better when shad or shrimp are the main entre'.

If I could only fish one or the other year round, it

would be the shorter four inch tail. With the exception of the Lil John, I would also fish only a paddle tail type bait. I have found that even the three-inch Swim Baits are more effective most of the time.

I have no idea why the Lil' John works so well as it is shaped like a chopped off pencil, but there is seldom a time when it doesn't work. They have saved many a bad day fished both under a cork or hopped across the bottom on a jig head.

A lighter jig head can make a huge difference as well. You may have to switch to spinning gear or a lighter casting rod to throw the lighter head, but the slower your lure sinks through the strike zone the better. If the tide is too strong you may have to upgrade to a quarter ounce to even get it down.

It was obvious by the end of our conversation that he was both frustrated and dismayed as he now felt even more behind the eight ball. "I fish Cow bayou in my Un-

cle's flat bottom boat, but I know a lot of good spots and I can fish no matter how hard the wind blows," he proudly stated.

"I only have a casting rod, but it is a good one and I only buy quarter ounce heads because that is what I saw tied on most of the fishermen's rods," he added. "I've got to find another yard to mow if I am going to catch more fish."

I agreed with that assessment, before filling a plastic grocery bag with packages of different color tails and a handful of one-eighth and quarter ounce heads. Because I noticed that I had at least one more spinning combo than I needed, I included that as well.

His smile covered the bill!

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o:
Paul M. Fukuda
Attorney At Law
312 Border Street
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DATED the 21st day of October, 2021.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MICHAEL RICHARD QUIGLEY**, Deceased, were issued on **October 20, 2021, in Cause No. P19193**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **CORY QUIGLEY**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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DATED the 20th day of October, 2021.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **ROBERT BACA**, Deceased, were issued on **OCTOBER 11, 2021, in Cause No. P19130**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **VIRGINIA JOHNSON**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Dated the 14th day of October, 2021.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **STEPHEN WAYNE TARVER**, Deceased, were issued on **October 20, 2021, in Cause No. P19220**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **JANNA GAYLE TARVER**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o:
Janna Gayle Tarver
C/O: **Stephen C. Howard**
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DATED the 15th day of October, 2021.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **BOBBY PARROTT** aka **BOBBY DARRELL PARROTT, SR.**, Deceased, were issued on **OCTOBER 13, 2021, in Cause No. P19183**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **ARLINE PARROTT**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o:
James R. Dunaway
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Dated the 14th day of October, 2021.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **KIRBY E. PROCELL**, Deceased, were issued on **October 12, 2021, in Cause No. P19132**, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **QUINCY PROCELL**.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Dated the 14th day of OCTOBER, 2021.

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On October 5, 2021, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI") filed an application to amend its Transmission Cost Recovery Factor ("TCRF") with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission" or "PUC"). The application was assigned PUC Docket No. 52624. The proposed TCRF is requested in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act § 36.209 and 16 TAC § 25.239. A TCRF allows a utility to recover its reasonable and necessary costs that have occurred since the end of the test year in the utility's last base rate case for transmission infrastructure improvement and changes in wholesale transmission charges to the electric utility under a tariff approved by a federal regulatory authority. In its requested amendment, ETI is seeking recovery of costs for transmission capital investments it incurred from September 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021. ETI also seeks to recover approved transmission charges that are not otherwise being recovered through rates.

The proposed TCRF as amended would result in total TCRF retail revenues of approximately \$66.1 million, which is \$15.1 million in incremental annual TCRF revenue beyond ETI's currently effective TCRF. This \$15.1 million amount would be a 1.57% increase in ETI's annualized non-fuel revenue requirement as compared to revenues approved in Docket No. 48371, ETI's most recent base rate case, and a 1.01% increase in ETI's overall annualized revenue requirement including fuel costs as compared to such revenues. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice.

The effective date of the proposed rate change would be the date that a Commission order adopting the proposed TCRF is issued. ETI has requested that, if no hearing is requested, the Commission adopt an order approving the proposed TCRF at or before its currently-scheduled open meeting on December 16, 2021. All customers in ETI's Texas retail rate classes are affected by this request.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this filing may contact ETI at Entergy Texas, Inc., Attn: Customer Service—2021 TCRF Case, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, email tcr@entergy.com, or call 1-866-981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application is available for inspection at the address listed above.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 52624 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas (commission) as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the commission. Therefore, ETI has requested that the deadline be November 19, 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the preferred method for you to file your request for intervention is electronically, and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention request. Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>.

Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at: http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New_PUC_Web_Filer_Presentation.pdf. Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Filer, you may email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: centralrecords@puc.texas.gov. For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas
To any and all Unknown Heirs and all Persons Interested in the Estate of
SANJA MARIE POPILLION, Deceased
Cause No. P19225
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 OCTOBER 7, 2021, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Sanja Marie Popillion, 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 on October 14, 2021.

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