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Chris Sowell, President of the Mauriceville Heritage Association, announces his candidacy for Precinct 2 County Commissioner at Tuesday's Commissioners Court in Orange.

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Candidates step forward for Pct. 2 seat

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

The 2022 Orange County Election is off and running.

Theresa Beauchamp announced Tuesday she will not run for reelection as County Commissioner for Precinct 2.

Chris Sowell of Mauriceville, president of the Mauriceville Heritage Association, followed up her announcement during a Commissioners Court meeting by taking the podium and announcing he will be seeking that empty seat.

"When elected," Sowell said, "I look forward with working with the Commissioners and other county officials to continue to move the county forward in a positive manner than benefits all of the county residents."

A day earlier, Shawn Hare, a local rancher and fifth-generation Orange County resident, had thrown his hat in the ring for the \$74,256 per year job to represent a precinct that stretches from east Vidor to Highway 62 and the northern county line.

In April, Mauriceville gun store employee Tim McCarver turned in paperwork to designate a campaign trea-



Shawn Hare

sure for a run for the Precinct 2 seat.

McCarver confirmed Tuesday that family health concerns had forced him from going forward.

Both Sowell and Hare say they will run as Republicans.

"We have a lot of expansion coming our way in Orange County and I feel like we're poised for an economic explosion," said Hare.

Chevron Phillips Chemical and Entergy are considering plant expansions that could create as many as 17,000 temporary jobs over the next 5 to 7 years and news on a medical center at Highway 62 and Interstate 10 is expected any day.

"It's important for Com-

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★★★ VETERANS DAY ★★★

Arrington cooks up legacy

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

J.B. Arrington only chews on the end of his cigar these days, but the 96-year-old McLewis native is still smoking.

He's up all night smoking briskets for JB's Barbecue, the Pinehurst eatery he founded in 1972 and has run ever since.

But running a restaurant is just one of many chapters in his life. Like Orange County's other dozen or so living World War II veterans, he's deep into the Book of Life.

Thursday, November 11, is Veterans Day, an occasion to celebrate the bravery and sacrifices made by the members of our armed forces.

"Freedom is not free," Orange County Judge John Gothia said at Tuesday's Commissioners Court when he read a resolution saluting the 100th birthday of Pearl Harbor survivor Cedric Stout of Bridge City.

Stout is one of three 100-year-old WWII veterans calling the county home, the others being Ray Fontenot and Ed Hyatt.

Arrington grew up in Orange during the Depression and helped his family hustle for every dollar and bite they'd eat, only to give much of it to those who were needier.

After graduating from Orange High School at 15, he helped build Orange's



J.B. Arrington has had many chapters in his 96 years of living. The World War II veteran and owner of JB's Barbecue spent nearly a quarter of his life as a teacher.

RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

Riverside and Navy Additions and welded in the shipyard until he was old enough to enlist in the Navy.

He was hand-picked to go to the Navy's communication training.

Arrington spent a lot of his three-year Navy stint teaching others the skills to communicate from ship to shore and ship to ship.

He sailed in both the Atlantic Ocean, hunting German submarines in fast PT boats, and the Pacific, where he learned a night-vision technique and used it

against the Japanese.

While he managed to steer his vessel out of the paths of two Japanese torpedoes, Arrington says his biggest scare came when he and crewmates were dumping defective depth charges overboard and sinking them to the ocean's bottom.

He recalls someone decided to dump an entire case at once, and the crate of explosives didn't sink, but floated off the rear end of the boat.

The twin propellers created a suction that drew the depth charges under the

ship. "It was only a few seconds actually, but all my past lives, all my current lives and all my future lives flashed right in front of me," Arrington said.

"No one on that ship said anything for about the next four minutes. Then one guy said, 'It didn't scare me.'"

"A bunch of us threw him overboard."

Arrington had a lot of skills before he ever got to the Navy.

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Texas to receive \$35 billion for infrastructure

REESE OXNER
The Texas Tribune

The White House estimates that Texas will receive about \$35.44 billion over five years for roads, bridges, pipes, ports, broadband access and other projects after federal lawmakers passed a long-anticipated national infrastructure bill on Friday.

The influx of capital is set to advance existing transit plans, pay for much-needed repairs and could lay the groundwork toward increasing transportation options for Texans.

U.S. House lawmakers gave the roughly \$1.2 trillion measure final approval late Friday after a series of negotiations and concessions to get the bill passed. President Joe Biden is expected to sign the bill into law soon.

"The need for action in Texas is clear," a White House fact sheet read. "For decades, infrastructure in Texas has suffered from a systemic lack of investment."

The funds expected to come to Texas were determined by the White House through the bill's state allotment formula. Texas will also have the opportunity to

apply for grants in a variety of categories in addition to these funds.

It's unclear how the money will be spent or what projects it will fund at this point, but the dollars will be set aside for a variety of new and maintenance projects, from highway expansions and broadband access to modernizing public transit throughout the state.

Here is the breakdown of the funds that Texas is expected to receive based on estimates from the White House:

- Federal highway programs: \$26.9 billion

- Public transportation: \$3.3 billion

- Drinking water infrastructure (and removing lead pipes): \$2.9 billion

- Airports: \$1.2 billion

- Bridge replacement and repairs: \$537 million

- Electric vehicle charging network: \$408 million

- Broadband expansion: \$100 million

- Wildfire protection: \$53 million

- Cyberattacks protection: \$42 million

The White House also estimated that \$3.5 billion will

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TEXAS GOVERNOR SERIES: Bill Clements comes back from defeat

CARL PARKER
For The Record

Bill Clements was only the second governor to have served as governor, suffered a defeat and made a return. The other governor sharing this unique election experience was Ma Ferguson. Mark White was not able to survive his failure to keep several promises, including the one to grant school teachers a large pay raise. He lost his bid for re-election to Bill Clements.

Clements' second term was fairly non-eventful as he continued his policy of retribution against those of us Democrats he chose to punish. He continued to have an inordinate number of vetoes of bills, most of which had local application, such as the



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 including many regarding consumer safety.

one he vetoed, passed by me, having to do with the continuation of supporting various historic projects having to do with Lamar University.

Fortunately, however, even though Clements was not dedicated to fully funding public education, he was, at least, on one occasion dissuaded from cutting funds to higher education by one of his billionaire friends who at the time had a strong position with the Coordinating Board. Ross Perot was able to convince Clements to sign the numerous reform bills introduced based on the recommendations of the Perot Committee.

Clements claimed to be a great friend of higher education based on the fact that he had been chairman of the Board of Regents of Southern Methodist University. How-

ever, he was best remembered for the scandal that caused SMU's sports teams to be banned from competition for a year or two. It seems that SMU athletes, particularly football players, were found to have received large cash payments in order to commit for SMU scholarships. The investigation also revealed that while Clements was chairman of the board two SMU football players broke into the athletic office, knowing where the cash was kept, robbed the office of several thousand dollars. When asked whether or not he was aware of payments to the athletes, Clements strongly denied he had any such knowledge. Later, as it became apparent that Clements had told a fib when denying his knowledge about illegal payments, his only re-



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tort was that there wasn't a Bible in the room when he told his lie. Fortunately for Texas waiting in the wings to seek public office was a

sharp-tongued, female activist who had gotten herself elected to the Travis County Commissioners Court.

LSCO faculty earn reaching excellence credentials

Staff Report
For The Record

ORANGE, TX – Two Lamar State College Orange faculty members earned a teaching excellence credential from the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) recently. Jessica Montgomery, an instructor in the nursing program, and George Scarborough, a math professor, both completed the ACUE's program to certify that their teaching skills achieve a level of excellence as determined by its national certification standards.

"Jessica and George are excellent examples of how our Gator faculty members go above and beyond to ensure that our students have the knowledge and skills they need in order to transform their lives. This recognition by the Association of College and University Educators shows how committed Jessica and George are to their craft. We couldn't be



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prouder of these members of our Gator Family; this recognition is well-deserved," said President Tom Johnson.

Faculty credentialed by the Association of College and University Educators have demonstrated compre-

hensive knowledge and skills across all of the core teaching competencies defined in ACUE's effective practice framework.

Faculty who satisfy course requirements earn certificates in effective college in-

struction, awarded in collaboration with the American Council on Education. These credentials distinguish faculty and institutions for their commitment to educational excellence.

The Orangefield High School debate team competed in UIL Region Congress Debate



The Orangefield High School debate team competed in the UIL Region Congress Debate meet Saturday, November 6, 2021. The team consists of Major Copeland, Leroy Bergeron, Hannah Block and Gracie Cross and alternates

Calvin Kelly, Aiden Taylor, and Sarenity Lindenberg. Congratulations to Gracie for placing 3rd and advancing to the state meet in January. The team's sponsor is Bridget Trawhon.

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Candidates step forward From Page 1

missioners Court to prepare Orange County both with infrastructure and planning for that construction," Hare said.

Beauchamp is a former Orange city councilwoman and the daughter of Orange County's first female commissioner, Marcelle Adams. She defeated incumbent Barry Burton by two votes after a recount of the 2018 election totals.

"After much thought and many prayers, I have decided not to seek reelection," she said Tuesday afternoon.

"At this time, my family needs my time and attention. And I have three small grandchildren that live in Houston that I would like to see more than I get to."

The County Commissioners' four-year terms don't of-

ficially end until Dec. 31 of the even-numbered years and begin on Jan. 1 of the odd-numbered years.

Precincts 2 and 4 (Robert Viator's Commissioner there) are up for reelection in 2022.

But often, lame-duck Commissioners step aside early (before Dec. 31) if someone else wins their seat.

"I will finish my term of one more year and work diligently to continue with improvement in Precinct 2 as well as finish ongoing projects as we begin new projects for the future," Beauchamp vowed.

The semi-unique feature of Orange County is that it is so dominated by the Republican Party that often – usually – no Democrats register to run and everything is decid-

ed in the GOP primary in March.

The primary election for the Nov. 1, 2022 election is March 1.

Appointing a campaign treasurer is the first step in running for office and required of candidates seeking to raise money for county, state and federal office.

A run for office is not completely official until candidates file for a place on the ballot with their party and the deadline for that filing isn't until Dec. 13.

One other county elected official, Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Joy Dubose-Simonton, will have a familiar foe. Candice C. Steele, who ran unsuccessfully against Dubose in 2014 has filed her fundraising papers.

Texas benefits from Biden plan From Page 1

will be invested to weatherize the country's energy infrastructure, but it wasn't immediately clear how much of that money would go to Texas or how those plans could combine with measures approved by the Texas Legislature this year in response to February's devastating winter storm.

U.S. Rep. Lizzie Pannill Fletcher, D-Houston, said the massive spending bill will help revitalize projects across the state and jumpstart new ones — as well as stimulate the state's economy, which is still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"One of the really important things about this bill is that it's gonna help spur economic investment. [Infrastructure is] a huge driver here in Texas," Fletcher said. "We know that we need to invest in our infrastructure and so it's really going to help us complete a lot of or begin a lot of projects that we know we need."

Fletcher said the bill will boost weatherization and

storm management throughout the state with funds planned for U.S. Army Corps of Engineer projects and will likely help boost port infrastructure in Houston.

"This comprehensive bill is just a giant step in moving forward," she said.

The Texas Department of Transportation is waiting to see how the federal funds will be divided up for initiatives throughout the state.

"The infrastructure bill passed by Congress will help address transportation needs in Texas," TxDOT communications director Bob Kaufman said in a statement. "While we do not specifically know which projects will get the additional funding yet, it's likely we could move forward projects already in various phases of development in our ten-year planning document. ... With our state's population booming, funding for transportation is as vital as ever."

Kaufman referenced the department's Unified Transportation Program, a document that began in 2015 out-

lining priorities over the next decade. The plan includes hundreds of projects across the state, including highway repairs and improvements and additions to public transit.

All Texas lawmakers voted along party lines — with the majority of Democrats voting for the bill and most Republicans voting against it. The road to passage was fraught with intraparty debate among Democrats, with some opposing it in an attempt to get leverage for a more socially progressive bill. All but 13 Republicans in the U.S. House pushed back on the proposal, largely saying it was bloated and dedicated funds to unnecessary priorities.

"We support roads and bridges, we don't support roads and taxes and spending that really drive down this economy," U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady, R-The Woodlands, told The National Desk. "I think most of us felt two things. Most of it was wasteful spending on Green New Deal issues."



These Orangefield High School students were among many who passed Mrs. Bellard's Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Word Associate exam. They are members of the OHS Business Information Management class. (ABOVE) Mrs. Bellard's 7th Period: Matthew Goleman, Kail Washington, Kyle Mitchell, Ezequiel Yanez-Macias, Claire Giffin, Abby Broussard, Camden Fountain and Gracie Bickham. (Not pictured: Carly Fisher)

JB Arrington From Page 1



J.B. Arrington, 96-year-old owner of JB's Barbecue in Orange, tends a firebox for just the right flavor on his brisket. Arrington served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. **RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers**

He grew up not far from the Old Orange Baptist Church, and now he's the first person worshippers see on Sundays.

"I'm the greeter," he said. He said he smoked "all my life," getting a first taste while helped his grandfather, "Uncle Joe" Arrington, plant, pick and process tobacco in the 1930s.

After the war, Arrington continued his education at Lamar Junior College and the University of Houston.

"I started off in mechanical engineering, and then they started an agricultural department," he recalled.

That led to a job at the Port City Stockyard in Houston, where he helped ship thousands of King Ranch cattle and horses overseas.

In 1949, he married his wife Mary K. Jones.

"We've been married for 72 years," Arrington says. "We've been happily married for two years."

"She asked me, 'What was the happiest two years, J.B.?' I said, 'When I was hunting and fishing."

"Then I asked her, 'What was your happiest two years?' She said, 'When you were hunting and fishing.'"

J.B. went for more schooling at Sam Houston State, commuting 160 miles from Houston to Huntsville three days a week while working 12-hour days at the stockyard.

Then he took his first teaching job as an ag teacher at Navarro College in Corsicana.

"What I was making at the stockyard, I took a job at Navarro College for half what I was making," he said. "I guess it was in my blood."

Three years in Corsicana and Arrington jumped at the chance to return to his hometown. He was the ag teacher at Orange Stark High for 19 years. He also taught butchery, welding and fence-

building. In 1972, Arrington opened JB's Barbecue, expecting it to be a part-time venture.

"I was going to McNeese, working on my doctorate," Arrington said. "But I couldn't get my residence (for in-state tuition) and this (the restaurant) was going good, so I just give it up."

Over a 5 a.m. cup of coffee Tuesday morning, Arrington explained the two days of work that went into each of the briskets he smoked, mentioning that he sometimes came into his place as early as 2 a.m. to be sure his house specialty was cooked just right.

But the specialty of any house Arrington is in is Arrington, 96 and going strong.

"I've had some accolades, but my purpose in teaching was to teach a student to be a good, useful citizen. And, hopefully, a Christian."

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SALUTE TO OUR HEROES-OUR VETERANS

Over the years, young men and women have chosen, for many reasons, to serve, starting with the **Revolutionary War**. On November 11, we stop to observe and honor our vets, the real **American heroes**. For years, besides volunteers, the United States had a draft. Many served at a time when it put a stress on their families. Today, we have an **all-volunteer military**. Every generation has produced a new generation of heroes. **WWII veterans** are referred to as "**The Greatest Generation**." The real backbone of this country since its independence has been, and will continue to be, the men and women who serve to protect this great nation. We salute every veteran who has ever worn the uniform of the red, white and blue, the greatest troops the world has ever known.**** I've gotta move on. I'm way behind. **Please come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.**

OUR CONDOLENCES

We were sorry to learn of the death of **Mary Walles Tate**, age 59, who passed away November 7. A native of Orangefield, she leaves many family members and friends. She was the sister of our feature writer Penny Leleux. Our sincere condolences to her entire family. Please see obituary.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2011

For many years, the one and only **A.J. Judice** played the **Cajun Santa Claus** and made the "**Cajun Night Before Christmas**" famous. He had a young Cajun helper who recited the **Cajun Night Before Christmas** to school children and other events. Now **Carl Thibodeaux** is the old Cajun guy and will be reading in several places and will again feature his reading at the **West Orange** Christmas tree lighting in **West Orange**.****We understand **Sharon Bearden** had a shot at a nice big buck on the deer hunt last week but one bad thing happened, the experienced old hunter got buck fever and was shacking so bad he missed his shot. The buck just walked off. That's what the **Peveto** boys tell me.**** The most stupid statement of the week came from **Mitt Romney** in the last debate. "If you reelect **Obama**, **Iran** will have nuclear weapons, if you elect me they won't." Now he's talking about the guy that killed **Bin Ladin**.******CREAUX'S TIP OF THE WEEK:** To remove old wax from a glass candle holder, put it in the freezer for a few hours, take it out then turn it over upside down. The wax will fall out.******CAJUN DEFINATION:** Bourre, (pronounced **Boo-Ray**) French for stuffed. To cut small pockets in various meats such as a roast, chicken or wild game and stuff the slotted pockets with seasoning mix. It also is the name of a **Cajun** card game which requires the loser of the hand to stuff the pot with chips.****We were sorry to hear about pretty **Linda Claybar's** accident that broke her leg and required surgery.******Darlene Montagne** and her family threw one heck of a 90th birthday party for her dad **Cedric Stout**, our **Pearl harbor** survivor. They lit up Lafayette. **Cedric** says 100 of his **Cajun** relatives showed up. Even **Johnny Montagne** danced and the ex-boxer was surprisingly still light on his feet.**** We were sorry to learn about the death of **Hardy "Bruce" Broussard**, 69, who passed away unexpectedly Friday, Nov. 11. A mass will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m. at St. Helen Catholic Church. **Hardy** was retired from Orange County Road and Bridge. To his wife **Shirline** and the family, we extend our condolences.****We were also saddened to learn of the death of **Richard "Ricky" Dale Britnell, Jr.**, who died Nov. 11. Services Wednesday 10 a.m. at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. To his wife **Brenda**, mother **Jeanette Wise**, children and their family, we extend our sincere sympathies.

18 Years Ago-2003

Mildred Wozencraft, of Bridge City, has given four acres of land on IH-10 to the Orange chapter of the **American Red Cross**. **Mildred** is the widow of **Morris "Woody" Wozencraft**, owner of **Woody's Pest Control** and **East Texas Neon Sign Co.******West Orange mayor **Roy McDonald** announces the opening of **Seals-Alford Plaza**, a place for the whole community. May 29 will mark a half-century of the city's existence. City officials plan a big birthday party in **Seal-Alford Plaza**, next to City Hall.****The year of the **Bobcats**. Orangefield, in a great game, knocked off **Liberty** 15-6 in a playoff game.******Joel Beckcom** and **Leah Johnsson** will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, Nov. 22. (Editor's Note: These two old high school friends made a good attempt but it didn't take and in a few months they went their separate ways.)****Sixteen year olds celebrating their birthdays are **Whitney Mott** and **Brock Haymon**.******Ed Nimitz**, a multi-talented man who wrote poetry, composed songs, played tennis well and served as state representative from **Orange County**, died this week at age 86.******Frances Elizabeth Reid**, who served as a surgical nurse in North Africa and Italy during WWII, also passed away this week. She and **Louis Dugas** started the **Orange County Historical Society**.****A fire at **Long's Furniture Warehouse**

in Orange, which started at 5:50 a.m., took over three hours to contain.****A longtime friend, **Mike Keogh**, 75, passed away Saturday, Nov. 15. He leaves behind wife "**Sis**" and their two boys.******Frenchie Longron**, 67, passed away Friday, Nov. 14. We had known **Frenchie** since 1952. An entire book could be written about this unique guy.

48 Years Ago-1973

The **Bridge City Cardinals** have eight wins and one 14 to 14 tie with **Jasper**, the only points the **Cards** have allowed going into their final game against the **West Orange Chiefs**, who are 9-0. Neither team has a defeat.

****The following copy was written by **Joe Kazmar**, for **The Record**

Coaches at Bridge City are H.W. "Chief" Wilson, **Buddy Gillis**, **Bob Pantes**, **Randy Arnaud**, **Chuck Young**, **Raymond Bennet** and **Bob Hollier**. The trainer is **Moe Litton**. Bridge City takes great pride in its "**Wild Bunch**" defensive squad, spearheaded by veteran linebacker **Mark Dunn**. Joining **Dunn** behind the line is **Mike Swiere**, **Tim Lawler** and **Charley Hillebrandt**. Defensive end is **Kenny Brown**, brother of **John**, an all-stater and **Aval**, all-district a few years ago. Tackles **Randy Fults**, **Randy Feverjean** and **Mark Flanagan** at the other terminal flank him. The B.C. defensive secondary features 75 percent of last year's third best mile relay team in the state in **Bo Worrell**, **David Guidry** and **Mark Truncale**. The "**Wild Bunch**" is complimented by the offense, centered on **Lanston Fall**, **Chuck Majors**, **Guidry** and quarterback **Terry Bridgers**, in the backfield which operates behind a great offensive line.******West Orange** operates out of many offensive sets. **Ray Pousson** is a cool headed quarterback. He can call on speed in wingback **Roy Williams**, power from fullback **Barney Duhon** and sophomore **Lorraine Wills**. **Pousson** also does a good job whenever he keeps the ball, running the option or finding one of his many sure-handed receivers. The offensive blocking is the responsibility of such stalwarts as center **Dwayne Callahan**, **James Long**, **Victor Enard**, **Mike Deason**, **Marlin Richard** and **Mike Conway**. Outstanding on defense are **Long**, **Mike McDonald**, **Enard**, **Bill Dickey**, **Tom Yett**, **Larry Spears**, **Bo Guillory**, **Chris Judge**, **Randall Teate**, **Marty Edwards**, **Ronny Duhon** and **Dave Hastings**.****Seniors at Little Cypress-Mauriceville playing for coach **Jim Crossland** are **Mike Watts**, **Robert Dunn**, **Robert Jacobs**, **David McKinley**, **George Mortimer**, **Hunter White**, **Mark Parren**, **Steve Pachuca**, **Donnie Harmon**, **Tommy Barrett**, **Gary Lunsford**, **Benny Woodcock**, **Jerry Person**, **Don McClain**, **Jimmy Reaves**, **Chris Tiger**, **Scott Morrison**, **Robert Mandy** and **Tommy Martin**.

50 YEARS AGO-1971

"**The Big Shootout**." The **Purple Pride** and **Big Red** will clash to determine who will represent 11-AAA East Zone. The **West Orange Chiefs** need a win to stay on top and the **Bridge City Cards** also need a win to get there. The **Chiefs** will host "**Big Red**" with one of the most talented 3-AAA defenses in the state. The **Chiefs** are a highly productive offense, with the area's leading scorer, junior running back, #47 **Butch Campbell**. The **Red Birds** will counter with flashy running backs **Roger Easterling**, **Lanston Fall** and **David Mires**. Junior quarterback **Keith MacCammond** leads the explosive trio. The **Chiefs** have the quickest secondary in the state led by **Ennis Judge**. If the **Chiefs** win, they will be in ownership of the East Zone. A win by **Bridge City** would be shared with **Jasper** and **West Orange**. A flip of the coin would decide who goes up against the West Zone champs. The winner would be district champs of 11-AAA.******Citizen of the Week** is **C.W. "Bubba" Hubbard**, a Bridge City resident. **Hubbard** is a **Stark High** grad and **Port Arthur** native. He owns and operates **Hubbard Electric and Appliance** store. He is an active member of **First Baptist Church of Bridge City**. He and his wife, **Wylba**, and three children, **Jan**, **Lon** and **Jeffery**, reside in **Bridge City**. **Bubba** has played a big part in the development of the community. He is past president of the **Chamber of Commerce** and in February, 1971, he was named **Citizen of the Year**. He has been most active in youth sports and sponsored the first Little League football program. **Bubba** has been involved in almost every **Bridge City** accomplishment over the last 17 years.

Fatal Crashes Hits Record Numbers

What has really been disturbing is how many of our young people are losing their lives in auto accidents. My first thought always goes to those poor parents. It's just not supposed to happen that way. To date, 3,574 fatalities have been reported in Texas in 2021. **TXDOT** predicts over 4,200 people will die in crashes before the end of the year. In the last 20 years, over 75,000 lives were lost in auto accidents. So far this year, in the **Triangle**, 124 people were killed in auto accidents. Most have been attributed to speeding, drunken driving, not wearing seat belts, distraction by use of cell phones, etc. That means thousands of children die in senseless, preventable crashes. Pedestrians killed in the last two years have increased. Last year over 700 were killed in Texas **TXDOT** has launched a grassroots social media campaign, **ENDTHESTREAK.TX**. It's not just youngsters that are being killed; thousands are mothers, fathers, husbands and wives. Please practice safe driving; the life you lose could be your own.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Several hundred **QAnon** members from around the country gathered in **Dallas**, at the **Dealey Plaza**, where **President Kennedy** was killed. They awaited the return of **JFK, Jr.** He didn't show up. **John Boy**, who is at the bottom of the ocean, stood them up. How does a mind get so twisted? Another of many conspiracy theories is their belief that **Gen. Patton** is **Donald Trump's** biological father.****Speaking of gatherings, Saturday the family of **Cedric Stout** threw a party at The Palms, in Orange, to celebrate his 100th birthday. The party was limited to family and longtime friends. It turned out to be a large crowd. **Cedric** has nine children and wife **Cherry** has seven. That's lots of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The **Pearl Harbor** survivor was also honored by the city of **Bridge City** and **Orange County**.****A few folks we know celebrating birthdays in the coming days. **Nov. 10:** It's been a few decades since **Steve Carlton** showed up in Orange as a young lawyer. **Steve** is still at it and still doing a great job for his clients. Happy Birthday **Steve**. Also celebrating are **Judy Hunt**, **Joann Alford**, and **Trey Todora**.******Nov. 11:** **Nolan's** brother, the "**Ice Man**" **Greg LeBlanc**, is a year older today, also celebrating is one of **Pattie's** pretty daughters **Bree Hanks**, who is 20 years older than when I last saw her when she was a teenager also

happy birthday to **Michael Fisette** and **Allison Ball**. We wish a very Happy Anniversary to **Brad** and **Carlis Roy**.******Nov. 12:** A great guy, former Coast Guardsman, **Karen's** middle son and one of **Roy** and **Phyl's** five grandchildren, **Sean Cade Gros** celebrates today. Sharing birthdays are **Jeanne Blacksher**, **Phillip Kimbrow**, **Liz Briggs**, **Lou Brackin** and **Kathy Reeves**. Happy Anniversary to **Pat** and **Donnie Stanton**.******Nov. 13:** Happy Birthday **Karla Holden**, **Darla Murphy**, **Cody Edgerton** and "**Rock**" turns 96. Also Happy Anniversary to **Debbie** and **David Fusilier**.******Nov. 14:** A big happy birthday to a special lady **Ruby Wimberley**. We haven't heard about her in a longtime but hope she's doing fine. Celebrating also are **Lois Sheppard**, **Susie Riedel**, **Dana Perkins** and **Kristina Schisler**.******Nov. 15:** Celebrating today is **Julian Ocegueda**, **Glenda Dixon**, **Stuart Bertles**, **Kelli Peery**, **Nikki Courtney** and **Julie Smith**.******Nov. 16:** Today **Dr. Servet Satir**, **Thad Angelle**, **RaeAnna Todora**, **Rebecca Collins**, **Chris Byers** and **Allene Manuel** celebrate birthdays.****Our friend **Karen Fisher**, **Orange County Tax Assessor**, has gone through some rough times at the office lately due to the pandemic. She was finally able to get away and go on a long awaited cruise. She was back to the grindstone at the tax assessor's office Monday.****I have been kidding **Kimbrough** about picking the **Texas Longhorns** but it's no longer funny. Last week he picked **Iowa State** hoping he was wrong. He wasn't. **Texas** lost their fourth straight game 30-7 to **Iowa State** and are now sub-500 at 4-5 and 2-4 in the **Big 12**. If **UT** loses one of the last three games, they will end up 6-6 and probably blow the chance for a bowl game. This week they play **Kansas** at home and are a 30-point favorite. I'm a **Longhorn** fan except when they play the **Aggies**. Side Bar: **Mark's** daughter **Amber**, is a **UT** grad, her husband **Clay** is a **Kansas Jayhawks** graduate, so it's a split in the family. Game time 6:30 p.m., **ESPN**. Good luck **John**, this is the week to stop the bleed. What in the world is wrong with the **Longhorns**?****Tell your children the truth about the insurrection on the **United States Capital** on Jan. 6, 2021. Don't let them pass a lie down to your grandchildren and the generations to follow. There are those who want to change history. Don't let it be one of yours. I wish everyone could see the **CNN** documentary, "**Trumping Democracy, an American Coup**." It's an eye opener from start to finish and it features only **Republicans** telling what they know about the invasion of the Capital from start to finish.******Peggy's Place** can't get a break. The Roundbunch Cow Bayou Bridge, which was shut down for nearly four years, finally re-opened and **Peggy** and **Richard**, of **Peggy's Place**, were back in business. So they thought. Now the bridge has been shut down again since Oct. 22. It's due to reopen by Wednesday. People always seem to find the place. **You can't hide good food**.****Near 40 cases have been filed so far against organizers of the **Astroworld Music Festival**. Eight youngsters were killed and many others injured at one of the deadliest concerts in U.S. history. The festival held Friday, Nov. 6, in Houston, was headlined by rapper **Travis Scott**.****Voter rolls in **Texas** surpasses 17 million voters for the first time despite new election regulations by the **Abbott administration** purging inactive voters from the rolls. **Texas** has added nearly two million voters in the last four years. At least one of every five voters in **Texas** has ever cast a ballot prior to 2014. The surge in voter registrations is primarily in the big cities and their suburbs. The money is pouring in and there are a lot of boots on the ground. **Democrats** have registered 215,000 voters who have never voted before, and hope to double that number. The **Demos** are targeting people under the age of 35. **Texas** politics should be more competitive in 2021.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 10: Comedian **Tracy Morgan**, 53; Actor **Ellen Pompeo**, 52; Country Singer **Miranda Lambert**, 38; Actor **Josh Peck**, 35; Actor **Mckenzie Foy**, 21.****Nov. 11: Country Singer **Narvel Felts**, 83; Actors **Stanley Tucci**, 61; **Demi Moore**, 58; **Calista Flockhart**, 57; **Leonardo DiCaprio**, 47.****Nov. 12: Sportscaster **Al Michaels**, 77; Singer **Neil Young**, 76; Actor **Ryan Gosling**, 41.****Nov. 13: Actor **Whoopi Goldberg**, 66; Comedian **Jimmy Kimmel**, 54; Actor **Gerard Butler**, 52.****Nov. 14: Britain's **Prince Charles**, 72; Actor **Josh Duhamel**, 48.****Nov. 15: Actors **Sadie Stanley**, 19; **Shailene Woodley**, 29; Rapper **B.o.B.** 32; Rock Singer **Chad Kroeger**, 46.****Nov. 16: Comedian **Pete Davidson**, 27; Instagram Star **Cindy Kimberly**, 22; Country Singer **Mason Ramsey**, 14.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Oris Comeaux's boy, **Joseph**, went to da cemenary to become a priest him. **Wen** he was ordained, he was sent to da Catholic parish in New Orleans. He was nervous bout hearing confessions for da first time so he axe **Father Broussard**, an older priest, to sit in on his sessions.

Father Comeaux him, hears a couple of confessions, den **Father Broussard** axe him to step out of the confessional for him to give a few suggestions.

Father Broussard suggests, "Cross your arms over your chest and rub your chin wit one hand and try saying tings like "Yes," "I see," "Go on" and "I understand."

Da new priest, **Father Comeaux** him, crosses his arms, rubs his chin wit one hand and repeats all da suggested remarks to da old priest.

Father Broussard say to da young priest, "Now, don't you tink dats a little better dan slappin your knee and saying, "Keyaw, wat happened next hanh?"

C'EST TOUT

Former Bridge City Teacher's Book Published

While a resident of **Dugas Addition** and a Bridge City High School teacher, **Jeanne Wood**, now **Kern**, started to write a book. She moved to Nebraska 20 years ago, a place she dearly loves. From time to time over the years we heard from her. Last week, we were glad to hear that she had completed the book she started all those years ago and that the **Wild Rose Press** wanted to publish it. She sold it to the well known publisher. The book, "**Love is a Filing Cabinet**," took 20 years to write. She had a writing mentor in South Africa that helped her for three years and according to **Jeanne**, finally dragged her to the finish line. The last time she was in **Johannesburg** she got to meet her mentor and they spent a great time together as old friends. It was a coincidence but she sold the book on the same day her husband **Rich** was voted into the **Volleyball (AVCA) Hall of Fame**. The Genres: **Humor**, **Romance**, **Romatic Comedy**. **Jeanne's** book can be found at **Amazon**, **Barnes & Noble**, **Kobo**, **Apple Books**, **Google Play** or **Wild Rose Press**.****That's all for me today. Thanks for your time. **Take care and God bless.**

Deaths & Memorials

Stephen "Steve" Wyatt Evans, 68

Steve Wyatt Evans, 68, of Beaumont, passed away on November 4, 2021, at his home.

A graveside service will be 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 20, at Pinecrest Cemetery in Troup, Texas. Officiating will be Pastor Kirk Ellender.

Born in Jacksonville, Texas, on April 17, 1953, he was the son of Jesse Wyatt Evans and Patsy (Stephens) Evans. Steve was a 1971 graduate of Bridge City High School and went on to attend Stephen F. Austin University.

He worked for Valero as an operator for almost 40 years. He enjoyed hunting, cooking,



Stephen Evans

riding his Harley Davidson, and listening to country music. Steve was an avid sports fan and could always be found watching his favorite teams, the Texas Longhorns and the Dallas Cowboys. He loved his French Bulldog, Pierre but adored his family most of all. Steve will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Patsy Evans. He is survived by his daughter Jessica Ellender and husband Jadon of Bridge City; grandchildren, Anderson Wyatt Ellender, Joliet Ryan Ellender, and Austin Everett Ellender. Arrangements are under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Mary Beth Walles Tate, 59

Mary Beth Walles Tate, 59, passed away on November 7th in the early morning. Cremation will be handled by Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. A private family memorial will be held at a later date. Born in Orange, Texas on November 22, 1961, she was the daughter of Hilton and Helen Walles of Orangefield. Retired from USPS, she moved back to Orangefield one year ago to spend time with her grandkids and other family members. She enjoyed working with clay, traveling, and reading. She was huge fan



Mary Tate

of John Wayne and Harry Potter and she made a trip to Universal Studios just before she passed. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Joy Walles McNeely, and her brother Charles David Walles. Mary is survived by her husband, John Tate, her sons, Terry Walles and wife Janet, and John-David Walles and wife Karen, her sisters, Penny LeLeux and husband Gerald, and Sherry Walles, her brother, Mark Walles and wife Charlotte and loads of grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Her remains will be interred at Mary Williams Cemetery.

Elizabeth "Betty" Garrett Lundquist, 88

Elizabeth "Betty" Garrett Lundquist passed away peacefully at the age of 88 in Lubbock, Texas on October 13, 2021. Betty was born in Port Arthur, Texas on October 24, 1932, to William Henry "Sonny" Garrett and Pansy Elizabeth Garrett (née Doiron). After graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School, she earned her BA in English from the University of Texas in Austin and began her teaching career. In 1963 she married David Andrew Lundquist of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and raised two daughters while continuing her studies and receiving an M Ed in Special Education from Lamar University in Beaumont, ultimately completing many additional hours of post-graduate work, and earning numerous specialized teaching certifications. Betty was an active member of her local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, where she served as president, the American Association of University Women, and the Texas League of Women Voters. One of her greatest joys in life was teaching and working with children, and most of her almost 30-year teaching career was in the West Orange Cove Consolidated School District. During the final years of her career, she also taught adult English classes in the evenings at Lamar University in Orange. Often described as a force of nature by family and friends, Betty had a boundless enthusiasm for life, and was a woman of many talents. Those who knew her were also familiar with another one of her passions: singing and performing. A confident and talented performer, she was a long-time member of the Orange Community Players, and performed with several other theater groups in Port Arthur, Beaumont, and Wilmington, Delaware as well. Betty also had the distinct pleasure of performing with a Broadway cast of Annie Get Your Gun. Her favorite roles included Bloody Mary from South Pacific, Rose from Gypsy, Mrs. Paroo from The Music Man, and Lady Thiang from The King and I.



Elizabeth Lundquist

Other great passions were travel, history, and involvement in and support of the Orange community. When her husband David was transferred to France, Betty embraced the move, and ensured that her family traveled extensively during their four years abroad. Travel played an important part of her life throughout the rest of her days. After retiring from teaching, giving tours at the Stark Museum of Art and the W. H. Stark House became favorite activities. Betty was also enthusiastically involved in the Heritage House Society, the Lutcher Theater Guild, Southeast Texas Arts Council, Orange Antique Study Group, Leaf and Petal Garden Club, and Chamber Musicians. Betty felt that the arts were vital and supported the Houston Grand Opera and the Symphony of Southeast Texas. A long-time member of the First Christian Church of Orange, Betty found much joy in her church family and spiritual home. Later in life, after the death of her husband David, she married Melville Hyatt and became a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she served on numerous committees. She loved her church community, and the magnificent organ at the Presbyterian Church brought her great pleasure. Betty is survived by her two daughters, Ruth Brunson (husband Cliff) of Hobbs, New Mexico and Dru Anne Lundquist of Houston, Texas, grandchildren Laura Henderson (JB) of Lubbock, Texas, Price Brunson (Chasity) of Seaside, Florida, and great-grandchildren James and Vivienne Henderson, and Andrew and Beck Brunson. A memorial service will be 10:00 a.m. Friday November 12, 2021, at First Presbyterian Church in Orange with Reverend Bobby Daniel, pastor, officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial contributions be made to the Heritage House of Orange County at 905 West Division Street, Orange, Texas 77630 or Orange Community Players at PO Box 442 Orange, Texas 77630. Arrangements are under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

St. Paul UMC Holiday Bazaar, Nov. 13

The 5th Annual St Paul UMC Holiday Bazaar is Saturday November 13th from 9-2. We have dozens of local vendors ready to jumpstart your holiday shopping. We will also have pulled pork sandwiches for sale for only \$5. Come join us and shop local business and enjoy the start of the holiday season!

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The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the November Student of the Month for Bridge City is Carter Lapeyrolerie. Carter is ranked 27 of 195 with a GPA of 4.45. Pictured from Left to Right: Arlie Lapeyrolerie, Karen Lapeyrolerie, John Lapeyrolerie, Carter Lapeyrolerie, Lisa Lapeyrolerie, Scot Shaffer, Susan Veillon. Dr. Mike Kelly and Tim Wooley.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the November Student of the Month for Orangefield is Mary Wernig. Mary is ranked 9 of 138 with a GPA of 4.64. Pictured from Left to Right: Brandy Slaughter, Shawn AcAlpin, Britni Briggs, Mary Wernig, Kristi Wernig, Natalie West, Rea Wrinkle.

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Bless Those Who Hate You

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But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. (Luke 6:27-28)



Over two decades ago, on an unusually hot July evening in Syracuse, New York, I stood on Pastor Ken Smith's porch and knocked on the door. I had been doing this for months, dining with my enemies.

I was a lesbian feminist activist English professor at Syracuse University. I thought I was doing research on this odd tribe of people called Christians, people who stood in the way of full civil rights for gay people like me. Ken was the pastor of the Syracuse Reformed Presbyterian Church. On that July night, Ken opened the door and warmly embraced me and welcomed me inside. Dining with my enemies was a fascinating experience. It made me feel like a bona fide liberal.

I knew I was on enemy territory. But I didn't believe that I was the enemy. How could I be? I was on the side of social justice, reparations for the disempowered, racial reconciliation, and equitable inclusion for all.

Identifying the Enemy

For years — and before I became a believer and Ken became my pastor — I enjoyed the company of the Smiths' table fellowship. I sat under Ken's family devotions and joined in the Psalm singing. And then, at this July dinner, I realized it. I wasn't the victim dining with my

persecutors. I wasn't at the enemy's table. I was the enemy.

I thought I was on the right side of history. It was my undoing to finally realize that it was Jesus I was persecuting the whole time. Not some historical figure named Jesus. But King Jesus. The Jesus who was this world's sovereign King and would become my Lord. My Jesus. My Prophet, Priest, King, Friend, Brother, and Savior. That Jesus.

I don't like thinking about the fact that I was the enemy who hated, the enemy who cursed, and the enemy who abused. But it's true. And instead of hating me back, Ken Smith assembled such a wide team of prayer warriors that I likely won't meet all of the believers who prayed for my salvation until heaven.

From Cursing to Cursed

As soon as the Lord claimed me for himself, I had the opportunity to model what had been given to me: to love, do good, bless, and pray for those who curse me. It's a lot harder than it sounds.

Everyone from the lesbian partner I broke up with, to the graduate students in Queer Theory whose Ph.D. dissertations I could no longer supervise, to the LGBTQ+ undergraduate student groups I could no longer

support felt the stunning betrayal. I had changed my allegiance. Were their secrets still safe with me? I was disappointing almost everyone I loved because I believed in Jesus — the real Jesus who reveals himself in the Bible. My treachery to my lesbian community was only bearable through my union with Christ.

In such circumstances, union with Christ is the source of a Christian's love that overcomes hatred: spiritual, unbreakable, irreplaceable, and eternal. It springs from the power of Christ's resurrection, in which every believer abides. Conflict with others is never pleasant. It is disarming, disillusioning, and depressing. Union with Christ is our active comfort.

Cursing Continues

More recently (about a year ago), I found myself under attack again, and this time on three different fronts.

A national LGBTQ+ rights group grew angry with me as the 2020 PRIDE Parade was canceled for the first time in fifty years. Christians from a discernment ministry believed that I was too charitable in my evangelism in the LGBTQ+ community. Self-described gay Christians believed that I was too harsh in my rejection of "gay Christianity." It was tempting to

handle this in the flesh — to wish that all of these people could be locked in the same room and wrestle it out.

But that is not what God calls us to do when we're under attack. God calls us to love our enemies. This season was spiritually rich with Psalm singing and reflection, repentance, and prayer. As the negative attacks intensified, the words of the great Puritan John Owen started to make sense. Owen considers union with Christ "the cause of all other graces a believer receives" (A Puritan Theology, 485). This is because union with Christ depends first on Christ knowing you.

Known by Christ

The issue for the suffering Christian isn't first if you know Christ. Rather, the first issue is: does Christ know you? Union with Christ is first about Christ knowing you. Suffering for Christ is a great privilege. It is the privilege of John 10:27: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." Because Jesus knows the believer, we hear him, we follow him, and we suffer with him.

Do you want to know why the church lacks unity? Because we try to build our unity on issues — on where we stand on pressing matters of the day. But unity does not and will never derive from shared loyalty to issues. Christian unity flows from our union with Christ because he alone equips us to die to ourselves.

The comfort we find in Christ is not a passive repose in our favorite recliner. Even in the English language, comfort is an old word harkening from the Middle Ages and referring to needed moral and physical strengthening. Comfort is active. God

gives us comfort because we are too weak to go on, and his comfort enlivens us. God's comfort is power. It's not meant merely to make us feel better. It's meant to make us more like Jesus.

Fellowship of Suffering

The Heidelberg Catechism declares that our "only comfort in life and death" will not be found in any of the values to which I had decades ago committed my life: social justice, reparations for the disempowered, racial reconciliation, and equitable inclusion for all. No. My only comfort in life and death, says the majestic Heidelberg, is that I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who with his precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, wherefore by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto him. (emphasis added)

What's the big difference between a believer and an unbeliever? The believer does not belong to himself.

What does the experience of hatred, abuse, slander, and unjust discrimination mean to a believer? It means that, under God's providence, these painful circumstances are "subservient to my salvation." The hatred that a believer receives is subservient, which means that it is in-

strumental; it is a means to an end. And what is that end? To join in the "fellowship of his suffering" (Philippians 3:10 KJV). To grow in sanctification. To become more like Jesus.

Persecution Has a Master

Luke's words are directed only to believers, to "you who hear." Someone with a new heart, receptive ears, and bright eyes. We live in a noisy world — podcasts, television, social media, and so on — but Jesus is telling us to hear him.

What an amazing privilege it is to be someone chosen, elected, saved, justified, sanctified, and daily guided by the King of kings and Lord of lords. If nothing else is good in your life except that Jesus has unstopped your ears, you are already more blessed than any persecution or persecutor that comes your way. Persecution is subservient — it is a means to an end. And that end is your sanctification.

In God's providence, as believers, we will have many opportunities to love, do good, bless, and pray for those who hate us. And as God enlarges our hearts by his Spirit, comforting us through union with Christ and assuring us of his sovereignty, we will not fail to do so.

Rosaria Butterfield is former tenured professor of English at Syracuse University. She is a homeschooling mother and writer and pastor's wife, and is grateful to God that her church has been able to worship on the Lord's Day at the church building once again.

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Will Astros be better or worse for 2022 season?

KAZ'S KORNER
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 For The Record



The Houston Astros attained nearly all of the goals they set for the team before spring training began last February EXCEPT winning the 2021 World Series.

They were the preseason favorites to whip through the American League West Division which they did. They were picked by most to win the American League Championship Series which they did.

However, they were picked to win the World Series over the Atlanta Braves, which they didn't accomplish mainly because they Braves had a very solid pitching staff and a great bullpen just like the Astros and hit more home runs than Houston. These two factors were the undoing of the Astros when the chips were down.

Both Atlanta and Houston strengthened their weaknesses before the July 31 trading deadline. The Astros went after relief pitching and added four good arms to their tired bullpen while the Braves restructured their entire outfield with new faces that really beefed up those three positions.

Despite the fact the Atlanta Braves are the world champions, "the Astros already have been declared favorites to win the 2022 Fall Classic, joining the Los Angeles Dodgers, At-

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★ HOMETOWN FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS



Bridge City Cardinal quarterback Ethan Ocegura trudges for yardage against the West Orange-Stark Mustangs. The Mustangs won the game 42-0. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson

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Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast...

★ WEST ORANGE STARK (8-1) over La Marque (4-6)

Game Time: 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Randall Reed Stadium in New Caney—This used to be a classic battle 20 years ago when the winner of this game usually got to the regional finals. But in tomorrow's meeting between these two teams, the district champion Mustangs are meeting the fourth-place team and should take care of business quite handily.

★ LITTLE CYPRESS-MAURCEVILLE (8-2) over Palestine (5-5)

Game Time: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Yates Stadium in Willis—The Battlin' Bears enjoyed their best season in a very long time and should continue their success over third-place Pal-

estine Friday night.

★ Bellville (9-1) over ORANGEFIELD (7-3)

Game Time: 7:30 p.m. Friday at Splendora—Although the Bobcats finished third in their district, they knocked over some very talented teams, like the one they're facing Friday night. Bellville had better be able to stop the 'Cats' running attack or they will be watching from the stands next week.

★ VIDOR (8-1) over Tyler Chapel Hill (7-3)

Game Time: 7 p.m. Friday at Turner Stadium in Humble—The Pirates came one game away from a perfect regular season but still won their district championship. Chapel Hill has been a regular in the state playoffs and should not be taken lightly.

★ West Sabine (6-4) over DEWEYVILLE (4-4)

Game Time: 7 p.m. Friday at Bulldog Field in Jasper—The Pirates didn't have as good a season as last year but should hold their own against a good West Sabine team. An upset could very well happen Friday night.

★ Jackson State over LAMAR UNIVERSITY

The Cards are the only team without a victory in the new conference and will have to play their best game of the season to change that on Saturday in Beaumont.

★ McNEESE STATE over Houston Baptist

The Cowboys have been very competitive as the regular season gets near the end. If they can pull off an upset Saturday it will be a satisfying experience.

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★ Orange County Football Highlights ★

Four Orange County teams move on in state playoffs

**Tommy Mann Jr.
For The Record**

It was a great end to the regular season of high school football as four of our five Orange County schools booked trips for the post-season and three of those teams earning outright or shares of district titles. Deweyville also clinched a playoff spot, and now the real fun starts.

The No. 4 state-ranked West Orange-Stark Mustangs (8-1, 6-0) earned a 12th straight district title this past Friday night with a 42-0 victory over the Bridge City Cardinals. It was also the Mustangs 61st consecutive district win and the team's first shutout of the 2021 season. Now the District 11-4A Div. II champion Mustangs will face a familiar foe in the Bi-District matchup, the La Marque Cougars (5-4), the fourth seed from District 12-4A, at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, at Randall Reed Stadium in New Caney. The two teams last met in 2014 with WO-S claiming a 34-0 win. La Marque's offense has been shut out in its last two district matches and averages a paltry 14.8 points a game, while its defense allows an average of 22.6 points per game. By comparison, the Mustangs offense averages 38.8 points per game and its defense only allows 12.1 points per game. Weather could be a factor on Thursday night as a cool front pushes through the region, but Coach Cornel Thompson will have WO-S ready for the challenge.

The Bridge City Cardinals (4-6, 2-4) season came to an end this past Friday following the 42-0 loss to the WO-S Mustangs. The Bridge City defense did its best to hold down a powerful WO-S offense, but the Cardinals offense could not get any traction on the night and was held to negative total yardage for the game. Despite the loss and ending of the season, the young Cardinals surpassed several expectations this year and finished in fifth place in a strong seven-team district. Coach Cody McGuire has set a strong foundation for coming seasons.

The Orangefield Bobcats (7-3, 4-2) handled business this past Friday with a 27-13 victory over the Har-



The Bridge City Cardinal defense led by Harrison Gauthier (16) and assisted by Dorian Pruitt (5) and Mason Pruitt (24) take down a West Orange-Stark Mustang running back in the final district game for Big Red. The Mustangs move on to take on LaMarque this week in the bidistrict round.
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The WOS The Mustang defense swarmed to the ball and held the Bridge City Cardinals to -33 yards for the night. (More Photos Next Page)
RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs

din-Jefferson Hawks to finish in a three-way tie for second place in District 11-4A Div. II with Silsbee and Hamshire-Fannett. However, due to a point tie-breaker system, the Bobcats will represent the district as the fourth seed and now must face the No. 6 state ranked Bellville Brahmas (10-0) at 7:30 p.m., Friday, at Wildcat Stadium in Splendor. The teams have met twice in the post-season

with Bellville winning both, including a 35-14 contest in 2017. The Bobcats offense averages 27.0 points per game, while the Orangefield defense allows just 16.7 points per game, which is the second best in District 11-4A. However, the Brahmas are loaded this year on both sides of the ball as its offense averages 50.8 points per contest and has only been held under 40 points once all sea-

son. Meanwhile, its defense allows a mere 8.2 points per game and has pitched four shutouts in 2021. The Bobcats have a tall task ahead of them this week, but if Orangefield is firing on all cylinders on both sides of the ball, then Coach Josh Smalley and the Bobcats may have a surprise waiting for the Brahmas this Friday night.

The Little Cypress-Mau-

riceville Battlin' Bears (8-2, 4-1) went on the road and beat Splendor 41-7 this past Friday night and came home with a share of the District 10-4A Div. II title and the second seed in the playoffs. LC-M has had a spectacular turn around under first-year coach Eric Peevey and the Bears are not done yet, as the team goes into the post-season looking to make some real noise. The Battlin' Bears will face the Palestine Wildcats (5-5), the third seed from District 9-4A, at 7:30 p.m., Friday, at Berton Yates Stadium in Willis. The LC-M offense averages 32.5 points per game, the best in District 10-4A, while its defense only allows 21.2 points per contest. Meanwhile, the Wildcats come from a district with a lot of firepower. How much firepower? Well, Palestine averages 28.9 points per game, which is fourth out of its district's four playoff teams. Its defense gives up 32.0 points per game, so a high scoring game might be on tap this Friday.

The Vidor Pirates (8-1, 4-1) had a game for the ages this past Friday night as the Pirates overcame a 27-7 deficit in the third quarter and scored 21 straight points for a 28-27 come-from-behind win over the Lumberton Raiders and, in the process, a share of the District 10-4A Div. I title and the district's first seed in the playoffs. Now the Pirates look to continue a successful season as they face the Chapel Hill Bulldogs (7-3), the fourth seed from District 9-4A, at 7 p.m., Friday, at Turner Stadium in Humble. Vidor's run-

heavy offense averages 28.4 points per game, while its defense has been stingy all season allowing 18.8 points per game, second best in District 10-4A. Chapel Hill's offense has been held to less than 35 points per game only three times this season and averages 39.2 points per game. Its defense allows 25.2 per game. Both teams have one common opponent from the 2021 schedule in Livingston. The Bulldogs beat Livingston 35-15 in the second game of the season, while Vidor beat Livingston 40-7 in a week 9 matchup.

The Deweyville Pirates (5-4, 4-1) handily beat High Island this past Friday by a score of 68-0 and will now represent District 12-2A Div. II in the playoffs as the second seed. The Pirates will now face the West Sabine Tigers (3-6), the third seed from District 11-2A, at 7 p.m., Friday, at Bulldog Field in Jasper. The Deweyville offense averages 31.5 points per game this season, while its defense allows 19.5 points per game. The Tigers offense averages 28.5 points per game, but its defense has been allowing 32.8 points per game. Both teams have a common opponent from the 2021 season in Colmesneil. Colmesneil defeated Deweyville 30-22 in the second game of the season, while Colmesneil beat West Sabine 40-28 in the ninth week of the season. West Sabine and Deweyville have met several times over the years with Deweyville winning the most recent meeting in 2019 by a score of 42-14.

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Join the Stark Museum of Art from your home as we toast the holiday season during Lunch & Look @ Home: Charlie Russell's Holiday Greetings on Thursday, December 2, 2021, from Noon – 1:00 p.m. (central standard time). In this one-hour program, Curator Sarah E. Boehme will discuss the Christmas and New Year's cards and letters that Charles Marion Russell sent to friends and family.

The program is free to the public and attendees must register in advance. The program is in conjunction with the Stark Museum's exhibit "Christmas from Char-

lie: Charles M. Russell Holiday Greetings." Dr. Boehme will explore the works in that exhibit, supplemented with examples from other museums. "Russell loved the holidays and he took great pleasure in preparing Christmas cards and letters with his illustrations and writings.

Through these documents, we can see how he observed Christmas in the rural West of the early twentieth century. In looking at that time in history, we can also address universal themes of joy and sometimes sorrow at the holiday time," commented Boehme.

Participants must register

for this FREE program in advance. Registration will close on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. (central standard time). The program will be facilitated live through Zoom at the Stark Museum of Art.

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WOS Mustang Elijah Gales breaks through the Bridge City defense. Gales finished the game with three touchdowns, 62 yards on the ground, caught 3 passes, one for a touchdown.
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After Bryson Jordan blocked a Bridge City punt, Mustang Carlton Simien scored his first varsity touchdown in the 42-0 win over the Cardinals.
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lanta Braves and New York Yankees at the top of the way-too-early list" according to an article in Sunday's edition of the Houston Chronicle.

"Manager Dusty Baker is confident his team will be back with five consecutive American League Championship Series appearances highlighting the greatest run in the history of Houston sports," the article pointed out.

Baker was managing all season without any guarantee about his future or any idea if he would be re-signed for 2022. That predicament was solved last week when he signed a one-year deal to manage the Astros next season.

The San Francisco Giants didn't renew Baker's contract after his team captured the 2002 National League pennant. The Washington Nationals dismissed him in 2017 after seasons of 95 and 97 wins forcing him into a retirement he didn't want. "I didn't retire," Baker revealed. "I didn't have a job."

When the Astros won the American League last month, it made Baker the ninth manager to win pennants in both leagues. He was hired in 2020 to stabilize a shaken franchise and then agreed last Friday before owner Jim Crane made the announce-

ment alongside Baker and general manager James Click during a news conference at Minute Maid Park.

Baker needs only 13 more wins to reach 2,000, a milestone accomplished by only 11 other men, ten of whom are enshrined in the Hall of Fame. The other—Bruce Bochy—is not yet eligible.

Shortstop Carlos Correa, who received his first American League Gold Glove last weekend along with American League batting champion Yuli Gurriel, is major league baseball's top free agent.

He is seeking a long-term contract and has turned down Houston's offers of around \$120 million for six years and later a five-year \$125 million before the season began and just recently a five-year, \$160 million that he hasn't responded to yet. He wants to hear what the other 29 teams have to say.

Other free agents include pitcher Zack Greinke, an Astro since July 2019, who's a free agent after his six-year, \$206.5 million deal expired and former ace Justin Verlander, who's a free agent for the first time in his 16-year career and is still recovering from Tommy John surgery performed last September.

The Astros extended Correa and Verlander one-year, \$18.4 million qualifying of-

fers Sunday, which isn't much more than a formality for free agency. Both players have until Nov.17 to accept or reject the Astros' offers.

When Correa declines, Houston will receive a compensatory pick following the second round of the 2022 draft if he signs elsewhere.

The Astros will miss Correa—if he doesn't have a change of heart and stays with his team and best friend second baseman Jose Altuve. He will be harder to replace than Verlander or Greinke.

Baker is happy with the players who will return for the 2022 season calling the team "his family". And I believe the Astros will have another great team next season, especially with Dusty Baker in command of the talent!!

KWICKIES...

Last weekend was a hum-dinger for upsets in the college and NFL ranks. Two undefeated teams in the Associated Press College Football Poll's Top 10 fell by the wayside as No. 3 Michigan State was whipped by Purdue 40-29 and No. 10 Wake Forest was nipped by North Carolina in a 58-55 shootout. Other Top 25 teams losing were Baylor, Auburn, Mississippi State, Minnesota and Fresno State. Six out of the 13 NFL teams that played last week also were favored and got

smoked including Dallas, New Orleans, Cincinnati, Buffalo, Las Vegas and the LA Rams.

And while on the subject of the AP College Poll, once again the top four teams remained intact—Georgia, Cincinnati, Alabama and Oklahoma—Oregon moved up two spaces to No. 5, Ohio State remained No. 6, Notre Dame came up one to No. 7, Michigan State slipped down three spots to No. 8, Michigan stayed at No. 9 and Oklahoma State jumped up one to No. 10. The Texas Aggies rose two spots to No. 11 and UTSA came up one to No. 15, Houston came up three places to No. 17 while Baylor dropped four spots to No. 18.

Several NFL analysts commented about Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers' play on words pertaining to him being "immunized" but not vaccinated against COVID-19 and still managed to test positive last week and missed Sunday's game at Kansas City. His back-up Jordan Love looked like a lost goose at Arrowhead Stadium when he was blitzed from every direction. If Rodgers cared about his team, he would have taken the vaccine and probably won the game for the Packers. Kansas City was a ½-point favorite last Wednesday until Rodgers tested positive when the Chiefs suddenly were a 7 ½-point favorite. Incidentally, Kansas City

did not cover the point spread, winning 13-7.

With the New England Patriots' 24-6 victory over the Carolina Panthers Sunday, it marked the first time since Game 3 of last season that Head Coach Bill Belichick's team was above the .500 mark. They were 2-1 after three games last year.

JUST BETWEEN US...

The Houston Texans had an actual chance to win Sunday's game against the Dolphins in Miami if quarterback Tyrod Taylor had sat on the bench for another week. He moved the team as if his

tie rod was broken and he had four flat tires. He should have gotten the game ball from the Dolphins because his many mistakes enabled Miami to win the game. His back-handed flip out of bounds ended up in bounds and intercepted by the Dolphins, who scored a touchdown a couple of plays later, which meant the difference in the 17-9 final score. Miami gave Taylor five turnovers with which to work and he flubbed every one. If Tyrod Taylor is the future of the franchise, there will be many No. 1 draft choices headed Houston's way.

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Other Playoff Games of Interest to Southeast Texas—Lumberton (6-4) over Lindale (6-4), Kilgore (9-1) over Huffman (7-3), East Chambers (7-3) over Huntington (4-6), Newton (8-1) over Harleton (3-7), Jasper (6-3) over Waco Connally (7-3), Diboll (6-4) over Buna (4-6), Sealy (9-1) over Silsbee (6-4), Hamshire-Fannett (7-3) over Sweeny (5-5), Evadale (7-2) over Cushing (3-6), Manvel (8-2) over Beaumont United (4-6), Port Arthur Memorial (8-2) over Fort Bend Hightower (8-2), Gale-

na Park (8-2) over Port Neches-Groves (6-4), Fort Bend Marshall (10-0) over Barbers Hill (5-5), Lovelady (7-3) over Hull-Daisetta (4-6), Elysian Fields (8-2) over Kountze (6-4), Galena Park North Shore (9-1) over Pasadena Dobie (8-2), C.E. King (8-2) over South Houston (4-6), Texas City (9-1) over Houston Sterling (6-4), Crosby (8-2) over Madison (6-4), Friendswood (8-2) over Angleton (7-3).

COLLEGE—Toledo over Bowling Green, Central Michigan over Kent State, Ball State over Northern Illi-

nois (all Today); Pittsburgh over North Carolina (Thursday); Cincinnati over South Florida, Boise State over Wyoming (both Friday); Kansas State over West Virginia, Coastal Carolina over Geor-

gia State, Clemson over UConn, Iowa over Minnesota, Virginia Tech over Duke, Boston College over Georgia Tech, Penn State over Michigan, Indiana over Rutgers, Houston over Temple, Michigan State over Maryland,

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Rare Whooping cranes arriving at the Texas coast

**Staff Report
For The Record**

AUSTIN — With the first sightings of iconic, endangered whooping cranes along the Texas coast being reported, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is reminding Texans to be on the lookout for these impressive birds as they move through the state.

Whooping cranes are the tallest, rarest birds in North America. Currently, there is a population of around 506 individuals. Thanks to coordinated conservation efforts, whooping cranes are slowly returning from the brink of extinction.

Whooping cranes make a 2,500-mile journey from their Canadian breeding grounds in northern Alberta's Wood Buffalo National Park to the coastal marshes of Texas each year. The migration south to Texas can take up to 50 days.

During their migration, whooping cranes seek out wetlands and agricultural fields where they can roost and feed. The birds often pass large urban centers like Dallas-Fort Worth, Waco and Austin. Though whooping cranes rarely stay in one place for more than a day



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during migration, it is important that they not be disturbed or harassed at these stopovers. As a federally protected species, it is illegal to disturb or harass these birds.

With sandhill crane and waterfowl hunting seasons opening and whooper migration in full swing, TPWD urges hunters to be extra vigilant. Whooping cranes are sometimes found in mixed flocks with sandhill cranes,

which are gray and slightly smaller. With their all-white body plumage and black wingtips, whooping cranes may also resemble snow geese, which are much smaller and have faster wing beats. A video detailing the differences between snow geese and whooping cranes can be found on the TPWD YouTube Channel.

There are several other non-game species that are

similar in appearance such as wood storks, American white pelicans, great egrets and others, but a close look will reveal obvious differences. More information on look-alike species is available online.

Wade Harrell, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Whooping Crane Coordinator at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), says the first of the season was a family group consisting of two adults and a juvenile on the Aransas NWR, along with another tracked bird that arrived in the Port O' Connor-area, both on Oct. 29.

Harrell says typically most all of the tagged Whooping Cranes he studies are on the move in November as they head for their wintering grounds. The majority of the birds arrive on the Texas Coast in December.

Once whooping cranes arrive on their wintering grounds, many stay in the same general area. Younger birds, however, often haven't paired yet and may wander a little off their usual flight path, using areas quite distant from the Aransas NWR area.

Harrell says due to the La Niña weather pattern fore-

cast for this winter, the Southwest is in for a drier, warmer season. While this past summer was relatively wet and freshwater wetlands currently have water, a dry winter may require the use of freshwater wells on the Aransas NWR and surrounding areas to provide freshwater to the whooping cranes later in the winter. The USFWS is encouraging landowners to consider providing freshwater on their properties as well to aid the birds during their migration and wintering period.

The public can help track whooping cranes by reporting sightings to TPWD's Whooper Watch, a citizen-science based reporting system to track whooping crane migration and wintering locations throughout Texas. More information about Whooper Watch, including instructions for reporting

sightings, can be found online and by downloading the iNaturalist mobile app. These observations help biologists identify new migration and wintering locations and their associated habitats.

Biologists remain optimistic that continued research and restoration work will ultimately lead to improved numbers of whooping cranes and say that new pending federal legislation, the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA), could help in a big way. RAWA would provide the funding needed to continue the important conservation work that is vital for whooping cranes and other species throughout Texas. Learn how to help through the Texas Wildlife Alliance's online toolkit. Texas Wildlife Alliance is a grass roots coalition formed to support RAWA.

Kaz's Forecast From Page 3B

Syracuse over Louisville, Oklahoma State over TCU, Texas over Kansas, Wake Forest over North Carolina State, Oklahoma over Baylor, Notre Dame over Virginia, Wisconsin over Northwestern, Western Kentucky over Rice, Utah over Arizona, Appalachian State over South Alabama, UCLA over Colorado, Arizona State over Washington, Hawaii over UNLV, Oregon over Washington State, Oregon State

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Miss, Georgia over Tennessee, Ohio State over Purdue, Miami over Florida State, Marshall over UAB, LSU over Arkansas (Upset Special), Texas State over Georgia Southern, Middle Tennessee State over Florida International, Tulsa over Tulane, North Texas over UTEP, Arkansas State over Louisiana-Monroe, Fresno State over New Mexico, Air Force over Colorado State, San Jose State over Utah State, San Diego State over Nevada (all Saturday).

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

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If you're a hunter there's a lot to like right now



Caden Copen and Makenzie Sattler took this nice buck in Hardin County on opening weekend. RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

I would like to go on record as suggesting that we make some sort of holiday out of opening weekend of hunting season, give everyone the following Monday off to enjoy one of the greatest events in Texas. This past weekend kicked off the general hunting season in our great state and to say we could not have asked for better conditions would be an understatement. Absolutely "chamber of commerce" weather greeted hunters all over the state and for many it was the perfect set up for success. Many of the local deer hunters I have spoken with were really happy with the cooler temps as they reported increased rutting activity and above average deer movement in general. I saw several very nice deer that were taken locally and I look for that trend to continue.

Waterfowl hunters who have patiently waited for the regular season to begin, after the early teal season appetizer, got their chance to burn a



Chuck Uzzle

little powder and they made the most of it. Reports from the coast were good overall as many hunters reported mixed bags of both green winged and blue winged teal along with a good many gadwall as well. A few hunters were lucky enough to even take a few geese as they wan-

dered into range. Local hunters taking advantage of public opportunities were very hit and miss, it was truly a case of the "haves and have nots". The results also varied from Saturday to Sunday as some hunters enjoyed limits on Saturday only to return to seemingly empty skies on Sunday. Such is the life of a duck hunter.

Looking ahead it appears that the folks to our north are getting ready to get some real winter weather and I for one cannot wait. The extreme front that is scheduled to come barreling down from Canada could do a lot of good for local hunters, especially waterfowlers. Getting a huge front like the one forecast this early in the season will most definitely help usher more birds down the flyway and in turn help bring more birds to our area. For several years now we haven't really had any type of weather to speak of that would help out the duck hunters, especially this early in the season. If we can get those birds to our part of the world that will help them come back on the next migration next season and that will be a big plus going forward. Hopefully we can keep some cooler temps for a while so the birds don't reverse migrate once they get here, only time and the weatherman will tell.

Do yourself a favor and get out and enjoy the conditions because right now its about as good as we can ask for. Be safe and be courteous.

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can pose a different set of problems for anglers, be mindful of using a leader and downsizing your lure never hurts. The last redfish I cleaned had 40 shrimp in its stomach and they would all fit in your hand, they were that small. Looking at those shrimp was a great reminder that sometimes a smaller bait makes all the difference in the world.

Red Snapper Fishing Closes Nov. 15

Staff Report For The Record

AUSTIN- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will close red snapper fishing in state water November 15. In January 2022, TPWD will reopen red snapper fishing in state waters while federal water will remain closed until the summer.

Under an agreement between TPWD and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), TPWD can establish the opening and closing dates of the annual red snapper fishery in federal waters while also continuing to manage red snapper fishing in state water. As part of this agreement, however, Texas must close the entire fishery when the state's allotted poundage is reached for the year. Traditionally, TPWD has provided for a year-round red snapper fishing season in state waters and a limited red snapper fishing season in federal waters that begins in June and closes after a certain number of days. The length of the season in federal waters has been calculated to allow for a year-round season in state waters while remaining under the allotted annual catch limit applied to landings from state and federal waters combined.

In 2019, Texas anglers took advantage of unusually calm offshore conditions in early June and caught red snapper at a higher rate than the year before. TPWD, in fact, closed the federal season earlier than had originally been predicted, but then allowed state waters to remain open.

Unfortunately, in August of 2020 NMFS notified Texas that they believed Texas had exceeded the annual catch limit in 2019. Upon finalization and extensive review of all the data collected, it was determined that Texas exceeded its allotted poundage, by approximately 62,000 lbs.

As a condition of the agreement whereby states have more control to set seasons for the private recreational fishery in their state, the red snapper pounds that exceeded the annual catch limit must be paid back. In 2020, Texas filed a lawsuit challenging NMFS' implementation of a payback to address an overage of the Texas catch limit from 2019 until all of the differences in calculation and any other issues that caused the differences could be determined.

For 2020 and beyond, TPWD has attempted to streamline, further automate

and alter some of the reporting processes to prevent any future data issues that had occurred in 2019. TPWD will continue to work with NMFS to ensure that both entities are using the same approach to calculate landing estimates so there will not be future discrepancies in the calculations.

"Last year, TPWD challenged the rule and methodology NMFS used to calculate the amount of red snapper landed by private anglers in Texas," said Robin Riechers, TPWD's Coastal Fisheries Division Director. "While we were trying to determine and resolve the differences in TPWD and NMFS estimates, we allowed Texas anglers to fish for red snapper. Per our agreement with NMFS it is now the time for us to address those overages in order to preserve as many days as we can for red snapper fishing in 2022."

Results from the Harte Research Institute's The Great Red Snapper Count estimate there are 22 million

red snapper in state and federal waters off of Texas and 118 million in the Gulf of Mexico. This study provided an overall abundance estimate as opposed to the previous estimate of approximately 36 million red snapper in the Gulf. This finding certainly helps to support that red snapper abundance off of Texas is robust and supports what many anglers have been telling us.

"Moving forward, TPWD hopes that the Gulf Council will utilize the results from The Great Red Snapper Count to better manage and sustain red snapper populations in Texas," said Carter Smith, Executive Director of TPWD. "While we are disappointed that we have to close state waters this year, we continue to support the state-based management and stewardship of red snapper and to provide as many fishing opportunities as possible to anglers without adversely impacting this important fishery."

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Moving Sale this Thur., Nov. 11, 12, 13 & 14th from 8 to 5. 2412 Irving St in West Orange. Tools, lawn equipment, tables lamps air compressor, power washer, washer and dryer, vintage items.

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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.

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Dated the **8th** day of **November**, 2021.

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Dated the **4th** day of **November**, 2021.

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Belinda Sue Sharp
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DATED the **4th** day of **November**, 2021.

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Dated the **8th** day of **November**, 2021.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. TO UPDATE ITS MARK TO MARKET RIDER CONSISTENT WITH THE COMMISSION'S ORDER IN DOCKET NO. 51095

On November 1, 2021, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI") filed an Application with Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") for approval to update its Mark to Market ("MTM") Rider tariff consistent with the Commission's Order in Docket No. 51095. In Docket No. 51095, ETI sought and the Commission issued Order approving ETI's initial MTM Rider tariff to provide customers with the credits specified in the Accounting Order issued in Docket No. 50540. The Accounting Order in Docket No. 50540 established the regulatory accounting treatment applicable to the tax effects resulting from a MTM tax accounting method election ETI proposed to make and subsequently made with respect to its power purchase agreements (the "ETI MTM Tax Position"). In addition, the Commission approved a methodology by which ETI will provide to customers the benefits associated with the ETI MTM Tax Position. Under this methodology, ETI will provide to customers guaranteed credits associated with the ETI MTM Tax Position regardless of the final determination on that tax position by the taxing authorities. Moreover, to the extent the taxing authorities ultimately accept ETI's MTM Tax Position, the Company will provide additional credits to customers. In the instant proceeding, ETI seeks Commission approval to update its MTM Rider tariff, consistent with the process described therein, to provide credits to customers for year 2022 consistent with the terms of the Commission's Accounting Order. This filing was made pursuant to Sections 14.001, 14.151, 32.001, and 36.003 of the Texas Utilities Code.

Effect on Customer Classes

All of ETI's Texas retail customers will ultimately be affected if the Commission grants the relief requested in this Application in that such customers will receive credits in accordance with the methodology approved in the Commission's Accounting Order in Docket No. 50540.

Contact Information

Persons with questions or who want more information on this Application may contact Entergy Texas at Attn: Customer Service—ETI MTM Rider Tariff Update, 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 upon request.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 52755 to the Application. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989. A deadline for intervention will be established for this proceeding. All communications should refer to Docket No. 52755.

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