



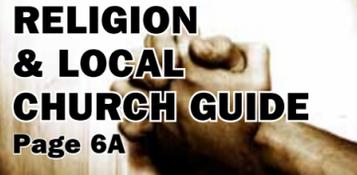
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## Bassmasters Elite returns 'like it used to be'



Tyler Rivet of Houma, Louisiana, foreground, helps Hank Cherry of Lincolnton, N.C. guide his bass boat onto a trailer at the Orange Boat Ramp Monday. The two pro fishermen are entered in the Bassmasters Elite bass fishing tournament going on Thursday through Sunday at the boat ramp. PHOTO: Dave Rogers

**DAVE ROGERS**  
For The Record

The Dovetail Games Bassmaster Elite at Sabine River fishing tournament is something Eric Perez has been

looking forward to.

"This is the first time we've had an event where things are really open like they used to be," the longtime B.A.S.S. event director said Tuesday, speaking of Texas dropping

its mask mandate and crowd-size limitations a few weeks back.

"Of course, bass fishing, by nature, has distancing in it already. We paused like most of the world did last March, but we were able to start back

up in July," minus only the big weigh-in gatherings.

Orange's fishing fans broke B.A.S.S. attendance records in 2013 when the first Bassmasters Elite event was held here; more than 30,000 spectators came out for the

event that will again include a family-centered Orange County River Festival with live entertainers and children's carnival.

There is no entry fee to join the folks taking advantage of the new Riverside Pa-

vilion as center of the action. Vendors will have food, equipment, clothing and artwork for sale as the Greater Orange Chamber of Commerce manages the non-fish-

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## Giving back gives Navy Park Easter fun

**DAVE ROGERS**  
For The Record

Navy Park in Orange was a beehive of Easter finery Sunday, awash in bright colors, packed with children and their parents, and overflowing with smiles.

Among those enjoying themselves were the organizers of the Easter Egg Hunt and neighborhood get-together, a group of 30- and 40-somethings giving back.

"We were kids in that community at one time. It's time for us to give back," said Nicholas Jackson, who along with friend Robert Jack is credited with coming up with the idea for "Fruit City is Back!"

It's an organization hoping to host a number of future outings like the one Sunday that brought about 250 people into the park in east Orange's Navy Addition, located west of Simmons Drive.

Preshawn Henson said Fruit City is Back! has about a dozen members.

"We want to bring back the city as we remember it," she said. "Some guys had a vision: Let's bring back the spirit of the East End as we remember it growing up."

"This is what we did back then. We came to the park on Easter Sunday, had a good time, fellowshiped with friends. And we just



Volunteer Billy Green grills up chicken to be served up during an afternoon of Easter Egg Hunts, children's games and bounce huts at Navy Park. About 150 children took part in the Easter Egg Hunt put on by the neighborhood group "Fruit City is Back" at Navy Park in Orange Sunday afternoon. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

wanted to bring that back. "We got together and with the help of an overwhelming response from the community, we made it happen."

Children – the youngest were accompanied in their hunting by their parents – scurried across the park to fill their baskets with some of the thousands of plastic eggs put out on the grass Sunday morning. The eggs contained candy.

Some contained money or

tickets for special prizes like bicycles, scooters and even a pair of vintage Air Jordan shoes.

Sack races were held and in addition to playing on the park's swingsets and playground structures, Fruit City is Back! brought in five inflatable bounce houses and slides. There was a train for small children and a larger one for bigger children and their parents.

Free food was served up

after the games, everything from popcorn to cotton candy to pizza and grilled chicken. There was even an ice cream truck.

Jack said he and his group spent about two months planning Sunday's event. And they spent money setting it up. But he added that the community was quick to chip in and that many had contributed to the cause.

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Since 2018, Harbert has been Bridge City's Place 1 City Council Member. He is seeking his third two-year term in the May 1 city and school board election. Early voting begins April 19.

## Harbert seeks third term on BC Council

**DAVE ROGERS**  
For The Record

Carl Harbert started his Good Friday with one of the many good deeds he has provided his hometown since he retired as a plant manager.

He helped his 93-year-old next-door neighbor put in a garden.

"I guess it's the way I was raised," he said. "As you get older, you take care of the older people," he said, "and I've been cutting his grass for a while now."

"I just believe in helping people."

Since 2018, Harbert has been Bridge City's Place 1 City Council Member. He is seeking his third two-year term in the May 1 city and school board election. Early voting begins April 19.

Harbert first visited a City Council meeting when a neighbor moved goats and chickens onto a lot next door. He succeeded in getting a city ordinance modified so that city property owners can no longer keep farm animals within 100 feet of their neighbors.

Harbert became a regular

at council meetings and eventually ran for office.

"I'd love to see more people show up at council meetings," he said. "People need to be more involved in their government."

As a council member, Harbert is the embodiment of involved.

"I worked with the water department when they were putting in filters. That was my background as a plant operator and plant manager," he said. "It wasn't that I didn't trust the guys."

"I do a ride-around once a week looking for potholes, whatever. I've helped a lot of people with their drainage."

A member of the First Baptist Church of Bridge City, the councilman has been married for 35 years to wife Theresa. They have two grown children, Veronica and Leonel.

"My fault is I give it all I can," he said of his city work, which pays \$200 per month. "And being retired, I can. I don't belong to a bunch of organizations, because I be-

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## Texas Senate approves \$250B budget

**CASSANDRA POLLOCK**  
The Texas Tribune

The Texas Senate unanimously signed off on a two-year, \$250 billion state budget Tuesday, though there are still questions about how tens of billions of dollars in expected federal aid will be used — and whether it will arrive in time for lawmakers to use this legislative session.

"This budget ... meets our essential needs in this growing state [and] it holds true to the principles of fiscal responsibility that make Texas strong and successful," state Sen. Jane Nelson, the Flower Mound Republican who chairs the budget-writing Senate Finance Committee, told senators as the chamber took up Senate Bill 1.



Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick presides over the Senate session on March 20. On Tuesday, the upper chamber passed a two-year state budget, but several questions remain about expected federal aid. PHOTO: Jordan Vonderhaar for The Texas Tribune

The Senate's budget as passed includes \$117.9 billion in general revenue, which is roughly \$5 billion over the amount Texas

Comptroller Glenn Hegar projected lawmakers would have to work with. But it does not factor in over \$35 billion in federal funding in

coronavirus aid, much of which will go to the state government. Senators acknowledged during Tuesday's debate that those funds may be a challenge to appropriate, depending on when they come in and what strings could be attached to them.

Nelson, asked by state Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, whether those federal dollars would be appropriated before the end of the regular legislative session in May, said she "sure can't say they definitely will be." If those dollars arrived during the interim, Nelson said, there was language in the spending plan that would let lawmakers have input on how that

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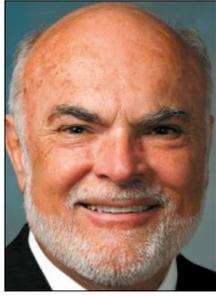


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# My 5-Cents...

## By State Senator Robert Nichols

This week the Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 5, a bill I authored that would address broadband access across the state. I appreciate the support of my colleagues and the leadership from the House author Rep. Trent Ashby.



Sen. Robert Nichols

Here are five things happening around your state:

### 1. Texas Department of Transportation offering Project Celebration grants

The Texas Department of Transportation is offering \$750 mini-grants to high schools for alcohol-free and drug-free parties after prom or graduation events. The funding comes through the Project Celebration program and schools must apply through TxDOT by April 16. The aim of

Project Celebration is to keep students safe and alcohol-free throughout the school year and reduce the number of injuries and deaths caused by impaired driving. To participate, school must notify the TxDOT Traffic Safety Specialist for their region. Events must follow CDC and school safety measures, including all-night lock-in events.

### 2. One million doses allocated to Texas this week

More than one million doses of COVID-19 were shipped to providers across Texas this week according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. The doses will go to 779 providers in 202 counties. Texas has now administered more than 10 million doses statewide. More than 6.8 million people have received at least one dose of the vaccine, and 3.5 million are fully vaccinated. Sixty percent of Texas seniors have received at least one dose and thirty percent of all eligible Texans have received one dose. Increasing rates of vaccination has helped drive down the number of new cases and people hospitalized with COVID-19. Current rates are at their lowest level since October.

### 3. Senate passes ERCOT bill

The Texas Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 3 this week. This bill

would overhaul the state's electricity market and would require all power generators, transmission lines, natural gas facilities, and pipelines to make upgrades for extreme weather events. The bill tasks the PUC and the Railroad Commission to conduct on-site inspections to verify compliance. Senate Bill 3 would also ban indexed retail electric plans, like those offered by Griddy. Those customers saw soaring energy prices during Winter Storm Uri due to a spike in wholesale electricity pricing.

Another component of the bill would create a statewide emergency alert system run by the Texas Department of Emergency Management that would be used in the event of future blackouts. It also directs TDEM to classify winter storms similarly to how hurricanes are categorized. The bill would also formalize the Texas Energy Reliability Council, which coordinates regulators, generators, and other industry partners to ensure the state's gas distribution for electricity needs are met. The bill now heads over to the Texas House.

### 4. T.L.L. Temple Foundation awards grants to school districts

School districts have faced many difficulties in the past year handling the COVID-19 pandemic while continuing to educate students. As such, the T.L.L. Temple Foundation has awarded grants to 12 school districts in East Texas totaling \$337,000, with \$30,000 going to each district.

Schools can use the funds as they see fit with some using the funds to provide additional focused instruction and intervention support services to meet the needs of students. Learning disruptions from the coronavirus pandemic could have years long impacts on students and some students may have extensive learning loss since schools went virtual over a year ago. Though most students in East Texas are back in the classroom now, that learning loss will manifest in evaluations and assessments to come. It's important to identify at-risk stu-

dents now so that schools can provide targeted instruction to fill learning gaps. Though this will take time, helping our children meet age-appropriate education goals is fundamental to the future success of the state.

### 5. TWC offers summer work readiness, STEM opportunities for underserved talent

The Texas Workforce Commission announced the Summer Earn and Learn (SEAL) and Explore STEM programs for summer 2021. These programs provide career guidance, hands-on learning, and work opportunities for students with disabilities aged 14-22. The SEAL program provides work readiness training to prepare students for successful employment. Students earn a paycheck during the program and acquire new skills, on-the-job-training, and professional experience.

Explore STEM is another initiative born from a partnership between TWC and institutions of higher education. Students explore careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Students with disabilities that participate in Explore STEM day camps attend lectures and presentations and participate in hands-on activities with visiting STEM professionals. This summer the program will be offered virtually.

### LCE Kindergarten sign-up now in progress

Kindergarten Roundup for Little Cypress Elementary in April. It is a two-part process. Parents can pick up registration packets by April 9 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. We hope to provide more individualized attention when registering the children by dividing the Round-Up into smaller groups. On Tuesday, April 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., we will register incoming students with last names beginning with letters A-M. Thursday, April 15, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., we will register incoming students with last names beginning with letters N-Z. Registration will be held in the school cafeteria. If you have questions, please call the school after spring break (March 15-19) at 409.883.2838.

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About 150 children took part in the Easter Egg Hunt put on by the neighborhood group "Fruit City is Back" at Navy Park in Orange Sunday afternoon. Besides candy, some of the eggs contained tickets for prizes like a bike or scooter, gift cards and cash. The event included food, games and ice cream. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

## Navy Park giving back From Page 1

"At the end of the day, it's for a good cause. It's not about us," Jack said. "Today is about the kids, and let this impact them in a good way. And stay positive, keep positive energy and positive vibes at all times."

"This will provide some excitement for the kids," Michael "Doc" Booker said. "It's all about the kids."

The Fruit City is Back! members are next planning for a Juneteenth Barbecue

Cookoff and hope to follow up with a Back to School event, as well as year-end holiday events.

"When we were growing up you had the older guys like Mr. Gatti's Pizza that did stuff for kids in the park," Booker said. "We want to basically bring back that same environment that they had back then."

"That's why Fruit City is back. We're bringing back the excitement for the kids,

so when we get older someday, we'll have our kids remember what we did, and they'll keep it going."

Jack said it was pay-it-forward movement with a gratifying end-game.

"The whole movement is about trying to come back and come together and give back to the community as one and make sure the kids are very safe in their environment," he said.

## Harbert From Page 1

lieve in devoting my time to one thing."

Harbert's opponent in his bid to keep his council seat is Aaron Roccaforte, son of Kirk Roccaforte, the long-time Bridge City Mayor and City Council member.

Ironically, Harbert's first try for the City Council came in 2016, when he challenged and was defeated by Kirk Roccaforte, who is now representing Bridge City as an Orange County Commissioner.

"I knew I couldn't beat him," Harbert said, "but I wanted to get my name out there."

For Harbert, that's another mission accomplished

## Walking His Way Walking Club to start April 12

Walking His Way Walking Club will meet on Mondays & Thursdays from 8:00 am-10:00 am at First Baptist Church FLC located at 200 W. Roundbunch in Bridge City. There will be no mosquitoes, no heat and in the A/C. Starts April 12, 2021 Fast Lane and slow lane available. Any questions call Julia Morris at 409-735-4951 or Brenda Woodall 409-670-3361.

## Texas Senate approves state budget From Page 1

money is appropriated. The legislation now heads to the House, which filed its own two-year budget proposal in January. The House's proposed budget as filed would spend \$119.7 in general revenue which is also over Hegar's projection. The comptroller made that forecast in January, but cautioned that his projection was "clouded in uncertainty" due to the coronavirus pandemic's impact on the state economy. He could modify his revenue estimate before the Legislature adjourns.

Still, the Legislature must pass a balanced budget before lawmakers gavel out. The two chambers will have to cut down their proposed spending plans or rely on accounting maneuvers, such as pushing off certain items or tapping into the state's Economic Stabilization Fund, to help offset some of those expenses.

The Senate's spending plan as passed would not pull dollars from the fund — also called the rainy day fund — which ended 2020 with a nearly \$10 billion balance

and is projected to end fiscal year 2023 at \$11.6 billion if lawmakers do not use it, according to Hegar's update in January.

The Senate's budget continues to spend the most on public education and health care, with the plan fully funding the state's public schools under a school finance system. The Legislature overhauled that financing system during the 2019 session by boosting funding, which included pay raises for teachers and slowing the growth of local property taxes. The current budget plan also adds \$1 billion toward property tax cuts the Legislature spent over \$5 billion on in 2019 and an additional \$453 million to put toward retired teachers' pensions.

State Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr., a Brownsville Democrat who serves as vice chair of the Finance Committee, said his "worst-case scenario" this session would have been massive budget cuts to public schools like the cuts lawmakers made in 2011 after a recession.

"It was my dearest hope

that we would not have to enact another cut so devastating 10 years later with the budget," he said, referring to the economic fallout last year related to the pandemic. "I am pleased that we did not do so."

On top of writing the 2022-2023 state budget, lawmakers will also have to pass legislation that covers expenses from the current budget. In January, Hegar projected the Legislature would face a nearly \$1 billion deficit for the current budget — an improvement from the \$4.6 billion projection he made in July 2020. Hegar's estimate, he said, did not include savings from the 5% cuts to certain state agencies.

Before the Senate gave a final stamp of approval on its proposed spending plan, state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, read a statement to the chamber explaining why she was voting for the legislation.

"After the year we've had," she said, "it is miraculous we have produced a bill we can all support."

## Bassmasters From Page 1

ing aspects of the four-day event, helped by hundreds of volunteers.

"We've had over 30,000 fans each time we've been here," Perez said.

BASS Angler of the Year Patrick Walters, who is currently 2021 points leader, will be fishing this weekend, along with No. 2 Seth Feider, No. 3 Brandon Palaniuk, a big Orange favorite, and YouTube star Scott Martin.

Beginning Thursday morning, boats will take off from the City of Orange Boat Ramp at 6:45 a.m. and are legally allowed to run as far north as the Toledo Bend dam and as far southwest as Galveston County.

Then, after filling their livewells with the biggest bass they can catch, they must make it back to the

boat ramp every afternoon for a 3 p.m. weigh-in.

Greg Hackney knows about that. The champion of the last Bassmasters Elite event held on the Sabine in June of 2018, he is fourth in the series point standings with three tournaments in the books for 2021.

"The funny thing about the Sabine is you can't gather information like you can other lakes," he said. "It's a great fishery, but it's not a fishery where you can get a lot of information off the internet."

Hackney, interviewed by Bassmaster.com, said he expects seasonal patterns may be running later than normal.

"Spring is later this year because that area was impacted by the Big Freeze in

February; it's about three weeks behind.

"Typically, the fish should be done spawning by the end of February, but everything just seems to be way behind this year.

Bassfishing tournaments, it turns out, are very competitive businesses. Some well-known fishermen left Bassmaster to fish with a rival organization, Big League Fishing.

Some have already returned to Bassmaster.

"Other circuits may have some household names, but they may not be the top performers," Perez said. "Bassmaster Elite is the top of the top."

"We're not an invitation. You have to qualify to fish with us. It's a little more cut-throat."



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### REMEMBERING OUR FRIEND LOUISE WOOD

For nearly 50 years **Louise Wood** and I had been friends. This wonderful lady died last week, a victim of **COVID-19**. She was 75 years old. She joined more than 555,000 nationwide and 49,000 Texans to die from the virus, a worldwide pandemic. To have known her, a person would never forget her. There are many stories in my memory about this interesting woman. She made several parties at our home with then husband, pilot, **Dan Green**, both members of what was fondly called **Baxter's Brigade**. The **Brigade** was a tight knit bunch who spent a lot of time together. Forty years ago, on her birthday, she married **Rush Wood**. They were a newspaper couple. **Rush** was covering **Lamar** football and **Louise** was City Editor of the **Beaumont Enterprise**. She ended her career at **Lamar** as Public Relations Officer. She was extremely bright and truly believed "once a friend, always a friend." She was born in Fort Sill, Oklahoma and raised in Mission, Texas, **Tom Landry's** hometown, in the Rio Grand Valley. Her family name was **Later** and she often joked about how many times in her life she had heard "See you **Later**" or "Come over **Later**." She was laid to rest in the **Later** family plot at **Richards Cemetery** near **Navasota**. **May my friend rest in peace.**

### BAYLOR NATION'S BASKETBALL CHAMPS

The **UCLA-Gonzaga** game, in the **Final Four**, was as near a perfect game as I have ever watched. No sloppy plays by either team. They stayed joined at the hip throughout the game. Regulations ended tied. It got down to the last second and last shot in overtime. **Gonzaga** freshman **Jalen Suggs** landed a 3-pointer from mid-court to give the **Bulldogs** a 93-90 win. Fast forward to Monday night's national championship game. **Baylor** took a quick 9-0 lead and never looked back, beating the undefeated **Gonzaga Bulldogs** 86-70. This gave **Baylor** their first national championship ever. Locally, there are a lot of proud **Bears**, **Sharon Bearden**, **Tommy Gunn**, **Matt Menard** and a bunch of others. The tight **Gonzaga/UCLA** game, with just one day of rest, seemed to have the **Bulldogs** playing with rubber legs. Regardless, **Baylor** proved they are the nation's best college basketball team.

### TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2011

It was 104 years ago, April 6, 1917 that the **United States** entered **World War I**, formally declaring war against Germany and entering the conflict in Europe that had begun in 1914. Under **Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing**, the U.S. joined Britain, France and Russia. Over two million U.S. troops served in France during the war. One of them was **Roy's father, Clay Dunn**, who told horror stories about marching through France, fighting hand-to-hand combat with rifle and bayonets and of the many soldiers who died while at sea from influenza. "We ran out of flags to wrap their bodies in and just threw them overboard. I'd wake in the morning and the soldiers lying on both sides of me were often dead." **Dunn** recounted. **WWI** claimed an estimated 16 million lives and the influenza epidemic that swept the world in 1918 killed 50 million people. One fifth of the world's population had the deadly virus. It killed more people than any other illness in recorded history. Some victims died within hours, others after a few days. Their lungs filled with fluid and they suffocated to death. The flu afflicted over 25 percent of the U.S. population, hitting young and old. In one year the average life expectancy in the U.S. dropped by 12 years. What is odd about our history is that the influenza epidemic of 1918 has been overlooked in the teaching of American history. The epidemic never really has had its rightful place as a major disaster in world history. **World War I** was also known as the **First World War**, the **Great War** or the **War to end all Wars**. While the war went on in Europe, many citizens died at home because of food shortages, flu and other illnesses. **Nine million allied soldiers died** on the battlefield. Many of us older citizens grew up hearing the stories of **WWI** fought not too many years before. Today, I see it as the forgotten war, yet it's the second bloodiest conflict in recorded history. Add to that 50 million, one fifth of the world's population attacked by the flue

while the war raged on.\*\*\*\* We were sorry to hear about the death of **Jim Pruter**, age 85. We considered **Jim** a friend and although we often disagreed on political views he came by our Orange office to visit and emailed us often. He was an avid reader of **The Record** and was knowledgeable on Orange history. We enjoyed his stories. We had known him over 50 years. He and brother **Doug** owned **Pruter's Flowers and Gifts**. He was married 58 years to his wife **Charlotte**, who is now in poor health. **Jim** died March 30 and a simple burial was held April 1.\*\*\*\*A date I remember quite well is April 8, 1974. **Hank Aaron** hit his 715th homerun at Atlanta against **Al Downing**.\*\*\*\*When **Judge Pat Clark** resigned as district judge last week, he was the longest serving district judge in Texas. I believe **Judge Buddy Hahn** discovered **Judge Pat** was the senior district judge. **Judge Carl Thibodeaux** swore him in as **Orange County Court at Law** judge at his home. The reason the swearing in took place at home was so his longtime wife, **Rosalie**, could witness the occasion. She is awaiting a knee replacement and now has spacers where her new knee will be.\*\*\*\*On April 12, 1938, our friend **Cal Broussard** was born. He would be 83 years old this week. He died July 1, 2009. It seems like yesterday.\*\*\*\*Congrats to **Rachel Boyett**, Journalism teacher at **Orangefield High School**. She was selected to receive the **Teacher of the Year** award for her excellence as a classroom teacher.\*\*\*\*Twenty years ago this week, services were held for former **Sen. John Tower** and his daughter **Marian**. They and 21 others were killed in a plane crash in Georgia.\*\*\*\*The **UConn Huskies** beat **Butler** 53-41 to win the national championship in the most boring game I've ever watched. A couple of weeks ago, in our 12 Years Ago segment, we wrote that **UConn** had upset **Duke** to win the title and asked if history might repeat itself. Well it did. I didn't have the guts to bet it however. The best thing for us old folks is that **UConn** coach **Jim Calhoun**, 68, is the oldest NCAA coach to win the championship, his third title.\*\*\*\*Meanwhile it looks like coach **Pat Knight** will be named head basketball coach at **Lamar**. They interviewed others but that was just a show. That's what I believe anyhow.\*\*\*\*The **Texas A&M women's basketball team** makes us proud. They played for the national title against **Notre Dame** Tuesday night and won 76-70. It was their first national title—ever. It was a great trip. Women were not allowed at **A&M** until 1963 when the school went co-ed.

### GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN Obituaries 10 Years Ago-2011

**James Roberson Pruter**, 85, of Orange passed away on Wednesday, March 30. Service was held Friday, April 1. He was a graduate of **Orange High School** and served in the Navy during **World War II**. He attended the University of Illinois receiving his Bachelors' degree in Floriculture. Along with his brother, **Douglas A. Pruter Jr.**, he owned and operated **Pruter's Flowers, Gifts, and Interiors** for over fifty years. He was a proud member of **FTD**. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, **Charlotte See Pruter**; daughters: **Ann Pruter Seals** and **Susan Pruter Swan**; grandsons: **Dr. Bobby Seals** and **James Swan**.\*\*\*\* **Jack Kenneth Elliott**, 86, of Orange, died Wednesday, March 30. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 2. Jack served as a pilot in the **US Army Air Force**, and retired as an electrician from **Chevron**. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, **Imogene Elliott**; daughter, **Martha Landes**; son, **Kenneth Elliott**; step-sons, **Richard Titus** and **Tony Titus**; step-daughter, **Karen J. Rose**; eleven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great great-grandchild.\*\*\*\* **Betty Jo Klekar**, 75, of Orange, died Monday, April 4. Funeral services will be Thursday, April 7. She was a faithful supporter of the **V.A.** and a member of the **VFW Hall** in **Orange**. **Betty Jo** is survived by her daughter, **Barbara Jean Smith** and grandchildren.

### 22 Years Ago-1999

World-class pole-vaulters, **Jonathan Henley** and **Eric Eshbach**, compete in home meet. **Coach Joe Hester**, of **Orangefield High School**, said, "Never in the history of the sport has there been such a pair from one school. Odds are there never will be again." **Hester** said he wants the people to see first hand these great vaulters before they both leave for **Nebraska**, the college they signed with. Throughout the season, **Eshbach** was almost always no. 1 in the nation and **Henley** no. 2. Recently the rankings flip-flopped. You never know what will happen when they compete against each other. (Editor's note: Both went to **Nebraska**. After a year **Henley** left. **Eric** went to on be a national champion vaulter, vaulting over 19 feet.)\*\*\*\***Johnny Montagne**, of **Bridge City** and **Billy Barrow**, of **Little Cypress**, have been friends since 9th grade. The two 18 year-olds lead the area in homeruns, with district play only one week old. **Billy** has seven homeruns and **Johnny** six. Last week, **Coach Marc Jones' Bridge City Cards** romped **Coach Griffith's LC-M Bears** 4-2. **Burrow** holds the school record in homeruns, RBIs and doubles. **Montagne** says he plays for the fun, **Burrow** says, "I compete, I like to win." **Johnny** says he wants to attend **Texas A&M**. He was the second leading tackler in area football and will seek an engineering degree at **A&M**. (Editor's note: **Johnny** got that degree, married **Bobby** and **Devra Cormier's daughter Janet**. They have two children. He's the son of **Darlene** and **Johnny Montagne**. **Billy** went on to a full baseball scholarship with **Galveston Junior College** and then moved up. We lost track of him in recent years. He's the son of **Pam** and **Billy Burrow Sr.**)\*\*\*\*Local girl, **Brenda "Missy" Lewis** lands on the **Ricki Lake** show in **New York**.\*\*\*\*Pretty **Katie Olson** celebrates her birthday. (Editor's note: Today she is a dental specialist in **Beaumont**.)\*\*\*\***Mary Sneed** and son **Clyde** both celebrate birthdays this week.\*\*\*\*Opening day ceremonies were held for **Bridge City Little League**. Special guests were B.C. mayor **John Duhose**, B.C. superintendent **Sam Lucia**, **Orangefield** superintendent **Robert Montagne** and league president **Jerry McInnis**.\*\*\*\*Another **Orange County** big leaguer making us proud is **Bruce Avens**, who made the 25-man roster of the **Florida Marlins**. He's married to **Mary Ann, Rosalie** and **Judge Pat Clark's daughter**.\*\*\*\*A beautiful and talented young lady, **Salina Hebert**, graduated from **Lamar** in three years and has accepted a full-ride scholarship to attend **Texas Tech Law School**. She and **T.J. Knight** plan to marry in July. (Editor's note: **Salina** didn't like law, went on to get another degree. She and **T.J.** live in the **Dallas area**.)\*\*\*\***Chris Menard, Sharon** and **Mark Dunn's oldest son** will enter **Uncle Sam's Army** on April 12.\*\*\*\***John Patterson, Doug's boy** with the **Diamondbacks**, is assigned to **El Paso** this season. They are bringing their \$6 million man along slowly.\*\*\*\***Bridge City's Dan Fletcher** pitched a three hitter against **LC-M** for a 4-2 win.\*\*\*\***Jacob Davis**, former **Orangefield** high vaulter

now with the University of Texas, had a bad day at the **Texas Relays** making only a 18-2.5 vault. Last year he led the nation with 19-4.

### A FEW HAPPENINGS

Seven time **Grammy** winner **Carrie Underwood** released her first Gospel album this week. "My Savior" is expected to be popular. It features new songs and songs she learned in church as a child.\*\*\*\*The number one best selling new fiction book "This is the Fire" by **CNN** host **Don Lemon**, a **Baton Rouge** native.\*\*\*\*Also out this week is **Hunter Biden's "Beautiful Things, a Memoir"**. Reviewers say it's a good emotional read. **Hunter** is candid about his alcohol and drug addiction and the reaction from his father **Joe** and how love saved him.\*\*\*\*A few folks we know celebrating birthdays or other events. **April 7**, finds a beautiful lady **Bethanie Penning** celebrating.\*\*\*\***April 8**, Happy Birthday to former **Rangerette** and now **Strutters** leader **Cathy Riley**.\*\*\*\*Also our buddy **Angel Sehon** turns 25 and is recently engaged. Best wishes.\*\*\*\*On this day in 1974 **Hank Aaron** broke **Babe Ruth's** homerun record with his 715th homerun against **Al Downing**.\*\*\*\***April 10**, two lovely ladies celebrating birthdays are **Dr. Katie Olson** and **Janet Montagne**.\*\*\*\***April 11**, **Chelsea McLemore**, **Jackie Snell** and **Dwight's** boy, **David Thacker** all celebrate.\*\*\*\*On **April 12**, a special lady, **Patsy Peck**, celebrates along with **Jacklyn Phillips** and **Don Breaux**.\*\*\*\***April 13**, **Connie Angelle**, **Virginia Fox** and **Jo Ann Collins**. **Jo Ann** moved away several years ago. It would be nice to hear something about her. Maybe niece **Patti Collins** can let me know something.\*\*\*\*In history on this day in 1861, the **Civil War** started. The war ended on **June 22, 1865**. **Abe** and the **North** won.\*\*\*\***G. Gordon Liddy** was a tough guy who was the mastermind behind the **Watergate** burglary that led to the resignation of **President Richard Nixon** in 1974. **Liddy** went silently to prison refusing to betray his comrades and unlike others he didn't cash in on a bogus celebrity. **Liddy** died at the home of his daughter last week. He was 90-years-old. As head of "The Plumbers" he lived a fascinating life. He would never snitch and drank the medicine dealt him. He was a former **FBI** and **CIA** agent. He was sentenced by **Judge John Silica** to 6 to 20 years but served only 52 months. **President Jimmy Carter** commuted his sentence in 1977.\*\*\*\***Congressman Matt Gaetz**, a friend and regular on **Sean Hannity's** TV and radio show, and a **Trump** disciple, is in deep sexual related trouble. It's not surprising to me. I've always been suspicious of politicians who come off as religious preachers. He's done; stick a fork in him.\*\*\*\*I heard from **Nova Dee** who has had some tough weeks lately. She's hoping to see her friends at the **Lunch Bunch** gathering April 14.\*\*\*\*I got a one line note from our friend **George**. in **Louisiana**. He said, "What **Trump** is best at is turning people into suckers." Speaking of that, the **Monday New York Times** broke a story on how **Trump** and the **RNC** snookered donations from supporters without their knowledge. They returned just 10% of the \$121 million after the election. I'm sure we will hear more on this.\*\*\*\*Quote of the Week comes from former speaker **John Boehner's** new book "On the House a Washington Memoir." Quote, "There is nothing more dangerous than a reckless asshole who thinks he is smarter than everyone else. Ladies and gentlemen, meet **Ted Cruz**." The book describes the big **Republican** split.\*\*\*\***Ramadan** is the start of a ten-day period of reflection, repentance and celebration that climaxes on the Day of Atonement. **Ramadan** is the Muslim holy month of daylong fasts that mark the giving of the **Qur'an** to **Mohammed**.

### CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Tree Cajun boys, all raised in **Vermillion Parish** together, went off to college. **Wen dey** graduated from dere college dey take da trip to **Mexico** dat dey had planned four years earlier. While touring all da back roads in **Mexico** dey was captured dem by da drug cortell who believed dem to be undercover "Noc agencs." Dey took dem to an old jail wat had an electric chair and prepared to put dem to death. First it was **Joe Boudreaux**. Dey strapped him in and axe if he had las words him. He said, "Me, I jus graduate from **Nichols State**, in **Thibodeaux, Loosianna**. I believe da almighty power of God will intervene on da behalf of da innocent."

Da Mexicans dem threw da switch, nutten happened, dem Mexicans drop to dere knees and axe **Boudreaux's** forgivness and released him.

Next was **Alfred Comeaux**. He said, "Me, I just graduate from **McNeese** in **Lake Charles, Loosiana**, I believe in da power of justice to intervene on da part of da innocent. Nutten happened. Dey fell to dere knees and beg **Comeux** to forgive dem.

Da las one was **LeRoy Babineaux**. Dey strap him in da old chair and he say, "Me, I'm from **LS&U**, in **Baton Rouge**, I just graduate with a degree in electrical engineering." Den he added, "I'll tell you rat now, you ain't never gonna electrocute nobody if you don't plug dat dang ting in."

### C'EST TOUT Correcting a Trump Quote

A couple of weeks ago I misquoted **Donald Trump** by one word. I said he told the **Proud Boys** "to stand up and stand by." His quote was actually "stand back and stand by." The last part of his quote is what is important because on **January 6**, from a stage, he told the **Proud Boys**, who were standing by, to go to the **Capital** and that he would be there with them. The **Proud Boys** followed **Trump's** orders and that's how the insurrection at the **U.S. Capital** began. During the attack the mob of **Trump's** supporters stormed the building as **Congress** was convened to certify president-elect **Joe Biden's Electoral College** votes. They broke windows, scaled walls and forced lawmakers to evacuate. The siege resulted in five deaths and many injuries. From the platform on **January 6**, **Trump** told the **Proud Boys** that "they had to show strength." A week later **Trump** became the only president to be impeached twice and **Twitter** locked his account and banned him from the media platform. The company said it had concerns that **Trump** would incite more violence like he had on the invasion of the **U.S. Capital**.\*\*\*\*On that it's come time for me to go. Thanks for your time. Read us cover to cover, you don't want to miss next week's great issue, our **62nd anniversary**. To advertise in this special issue call 886-7183. Take care and God bless.

# Deaths & Memorials

## Morton David Kline, 78, of Bridge City

Morton David Kline, 78, of Bridge City, Texas, passed away peacefully on Saturday April 3, 2021.

Morton was born on December 19, 1942 in Houston, Texas to his parents, Sam Leo Kline and Miriam "Bushy" Goldberg Kline. The family moved to Port Arthur, Texas where Morton graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. He served his country in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Mannheim, Germany. After completing his military service, Morton attended Lamar University where he met his future wife, Kaaren Ann Hancken. They married in 1967 and moved to Bridge City, Texas.

While they raised their family, Morton owned and operated Kwik-Kopy printing in Orange, Texas and Kaaren taught at Bridge City Jr. High. Morton provided the Orange County area with all of their printing needs for over 20 years and was a proud member of the Orange Noon Lions Club up until his passing. One of the highlights of his life was working at the annual Orange Lions Club Carnival. If you ate any food from the Orange Noon Lions Club booth over the last 30 years, it is likely that he served you with a smile. After retiring from work, Morton enjoyed trips to and from school with his granddaughter Katrina, visits from his grandkids Jack and Hazel, taking his granddops



Morton Kline

for walks, and keeping up with the Astros, Rockets, and Texans. We will all miss him greatly.

Morton is survived by his loving wife, Kaaren Ann Hancken Kline; son Thomas Kline and daughter-in-law Melanie Peart Kline; daughter Gretchen Kline Phillips; brother Jay Rodney Kline and sister-in-law Carol Kline; grandchildren, Katrina Phillips and fiancé Bo McDaniel; Jack Kline and Hazel Kline; sister-in-law Candace Begnaud; and nephew Harry Kline and wife Maryanne Kline.

He was predeceased by his father Sam Leo Kline; his mother Miriam "Bushy" Goldberg Kline Tiras; his step-father Leon Tiras; his nephew Jay Kline, Jr.; and his brother-in-law Eugene Emile Begnaud.

There will be a 2:00 PM graveside service held at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves, Texas on April 13, 2021. In lieu of flowers, Morton's family asks that you consider a donation in his name to the Orange Noon Lions Club, P.O. Box 2301, Orange, Texas 77631. Arrangements were handled under the direction of Clayton Thompson Funeral Home in Groves.

Due to the Covid-19 crisis we are currently in, all visitors to the funeral home are required to wear facemask or coverings and practice social distancing.

## Tiffany Lee Handley, 40, Bridge City

Tiffany Lee Handley, 40, of Bridge City, passed away on March 28, 2021. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 9, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Born in Mesquite, Texas, on January 20, 1981, she was the daughter of Beverly (Foy) Guidry and Philip H. Berg. Tiffany was a member of 2nd Baptist Church in Bridge City where she faithfully served her Lord. She often gave to and supported charities like March of Dimes and The Rainbow Room in Beaumont.

Tiffany was loving beyond compare and would give the shirt off of her back to anyone in need. She served as the captain and cofounder of her running team "Back of the Pack" and loved to organize groups. Tiffany instilled her healthy lifestyle in those around her, especially her children, loving to walk.



Tiffany Handley

She adored her fur-baby Benji. Tiffany will be deeply missed by all those who came to know and love her.

She is survived by her mother, Beverly Guidry and Jim Hayes of Bridge City; father, Philip H. Berg and wife Betsy of Vero Beach, Florida; loving husband of 15 years, Eamonn Handley; children, Austin Handley and Ariel Handley; god-daughter, Saysha Milstead; brother, Mark Berg of Brookeland, Florida; stepsisters, Stephanie Hayes of Beaumont, and Emily Guidry of Columbus, Texas; and best-friend, Cortney Hester of Bridge City; along with other loving family and friends.

She was preceded in death by daughter, Kaitlynn Berg. Memorial contributions can be made to The Rainbow Room of Beaumont at [www.beaumontrainbowroom.org](http://www.beaumontrainbowroom.org).

## Beverly Reed, 72, Orange

Beverly Ann Reed, 72, of Orange, passed away on March 31, 2021 in Beaumont. Born on February 6, 1949 in San Antonio, Texas she was the daughter of Lloyd Jerkins and Elizabeth (Bibb) Jerkins.

Beverly was a loving, devoted wife and mother that treasured her children and family above all else. She was a MAMA in every sense of the word. Beverly devoted her life to caring for others, not only her children but also other people's children, orphaned or sick animals, and anyone that needed a friend or to be loved. She was a strong woman that always did for others and never complained, despite any hardship she might have faced.

Beverly was preceded in death by her husband of 39 years, Charles "Bo" Reed; her parents, Llyod Jerkins and Elizabeth Bibb; her brothers, Alan Jerkins and Johnny Jerkins, and



Beverly Reed

her grandson, Richard Leonard.

She is survived by her children, Dempsey Leonard, Geneva Thompson, Mary Reed, David Reed and wife Sarah, Daniel Reed and wife Elise, Debbie Reed and Jo, Katherine Reed, and Sharon Clendenin and husband TJ; grandchildren, Darren Thompson, Michael Leonard, Justin Krantz, Mercedes Williams, Summer Choate, Ashton McLane, Dusty Rash, Davin Rash, Christopher Clendenin, Corbin Clendenin, Kane Clendenin, Zachary Florer, Kyle Florer, Reed Florer, Cassidy Reed, and Easton Dupuy; as well as many great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Salvation Army at 1221 River Bend Drive Dallas, Texas 75247 or to the Beaumont Cancer Center at 3555 Stagg Dr. Beaumont, Texas 77701

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LSCO President Dr. Thomas Johnson displays a promotional piece portraying the Buy One Get One Free message.

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Lamar State College Orange and Lamar State College Port Arthur are featuring a buy one class, get one free for the Summer 2021 semesters, and will double down for the Fall 2021 semester with a buy two classes, get two free.

The two state colleges received funding from the recent federal CARES grant to fund this opportunity for any student looking to take advantage of a discounted degree or certificate.

"We are thrilled to offer this opportunity to new and returning students," LSCPA President Dr. Betty Reynard said. "The pandemic has affected us all to different degrees and this is a way that we're able to help our community come out the other side better than

where we started."

This offer is valid until all allotted funds for scholarships have been disbursed, so it's important to register for Summer and Fall as soon as possible.

"LSCO is excited to support our community during these challenging times. Through this offer, more students will be able to access higher education in our region. This is in keeping with our mission of Transforming Lives and creating a Bright, Orange Future," LSCO President Dr. Thomas Johnson said.

Here's how it will work:

- Summer 2021: The tuition and fees for one three-credit hour course (up to \$399 for non-dual credit students and \$150 for dual credit students) will be paid for every student who registers and pays for one course at the posted tuition and fees rate.

- Fall 2021: Students who pay the posted rate for tuition and fees for one three-credit hour course will receive a scholarship to pay for one additional three-credit hour course. Students who pay for two three-credit hour courses will receive a scholarship to pay for two additional three-credit hour courses. Receiving six free hours at LSCPA is a savings of more than \$1,100.

In order to get as much financial assistance as possible beyond the Buy One, Get One offer, students are urged to complete and submit the 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as well as the 2021-22 FAFSA for fall registration. The school code for LSCO is 016748 and for LSCPA the school code is 016666.

Need help? Call LSCO at 409-883-7750 or contact LSCPA Enrollment Services at 409-984-6467 or by emailing [EnrollmentServices@lamarpa.edu](mailto:EnrollmentServices@lamarpa.edu).

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# Coffee grounds cover a lot of ground

**Paul Schattenberg**  
Texas A&M AgriLife

While there are uses for organic waste from every level of the coffee chain, the variety of uses for fresh and spent grounds seem to be limited only by the imagination, said Texas A&M AgriLife experts.

## Coffee grounds going to ground

Probably the most popular and practical use of spent coffee grounds is as a garden soil amendment and for composting.

“Used coffee grounds can add a small amount of nitrogen to your soil or compost,” said Daphne Richards, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service horticulturist for Travis County. “You can add the grounds directly onto the soil, as long as you are careful not to create a thick crust. Better yet, fold the coffee grounds a couple of inches down into the soil or add them with other organic material for your compost.”

She said adding spent coffee grounds to the soil will improve its structure in both the short and long term. She also noted their usefulness in composting is especially effective because their high carbon-to-nitrogen ratio makes it unnecessary to put any additives into the mix.

“Only a small percent of the nitrogen found in coffee grounds can be used by plants immediately,” she said. “Then over time, microorganisms break down the organic matter, convert-

ing the suspended nitrogen into a useable form. This creates a steady, slow nitrogen supply for your plants. It also helps retain soil moisture.”

Coffee grounds contain the three major nutrients plants and grasses need to thrive —nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, said Ben Wherley, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Research turfgrass ecologist in Texas A&M’s Department of Soil and Crop Sciences. They also contribute minor amounts of important micronutrients such as magnesium, copper and calcium, which are not typically found in synthetic fertilizers.

Wherley and others have been investigating the use of coffee grounds as a supplement for turf grass on lawns, sports fields and golf courses.

“We found that spent coffee grounds may have potential not only to improve existing fertilizer performance, but may also rival peat moss as a viable organic matter amendment,” he said.

Other well-grounded uses Besides the garden, coffee grounds have a number of uses in the home and for self-care. Some of these uses include:

- Odor neutralizer. Coffee grounds can help absorb and eliminate odors. Placing an open container of coffee grounds in the refrigerator or freezer can help neutralize odors from spoiled or smelly foods. Coffee grounds in an arable holder like a cloth bag or old sock can help deodorize a gym bag or laundry hamper. A bowl or



Texas A&M AgriLife researchers conducting field tests of coffee grounds as a soil amendment for sports field turf. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo)

container of used coffee grounds kept near the sink can also be used to help remove strong food odors from hands.

- Household cleaning scrub. The sturdy and abrasive qualities of coffee grounds make them useful as a scrub for hard-to-clean surfaces. They can also help remove buildup on sinks and kitchen utensils as well as remove caked-on food from cookware.

- Exfoliating scrub. Those same coarse spent coffee particles work as an exfoliant to help remove dirt and dead skin cells. Mix the grounds with water and some coconut oil and apply the mixture directly to your face and body.

- Natural dye. Wet coffee grounds produce an all-natural dye for coloring cotton, linen rayon and other materials, plus it can give them an older or vintage look. Coffee

grounds can also be used as a dye for darker hair or for coloring Easter eggs.

Some artists also use the dye in water-color paintings to give them a look similar to that of an old sepia-tone photograph.

- Furniture renewal. If a piece of wood furniture, say a coffee table, has a small scratch or unsightly scuff mark on it, you can disguise it with a mixture of coffee grounds and olive oil. Take one tablespoon of coffee grounds and mix with one teaspoon of olive oil, then apply the mixture with a cloth, cotton swab or cotton ball and wipe dry.

- Cosmetic purposes. While tea bags have long been used as a home treatment for dark circles under the eyes, spent coffee grounds may be just as effective. Coffee grounds contain antioxidants and caffeine, which help prevent the ap-

pearance of aging and help shrink under-eye circles. Add water or coconut oil to spent coffee grounds and apply the mixture under the eyes. Wait 5 to 10 minutes and then rinse it off.

- Cooking. Coffee grounds can be used as a meat tenderizer because they contain natural acids and enzymes that help soften the meat. Add a few tablespoons of used coffee grounds to your favorite dry rub and apply it two hours before cooking. The grounds will also give the meat a dark, crisp crust as it cooks. And using instant coffee grounds or brewed coffee instead of water in recipes for foods such as chocolate cakes and chili can enhance their flavor.

Wizzie Brown, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Travis County, noted that while many websites indicate coffee grounds can be used as an insect repellent, that may not be entirely accurate.

“Molly Keck, the AgriLife Extension entomologist for Bexar County, and I did some yard trials to see what effect coffee grounds may have as a fire ant repellent, but they had little or no effect. However, the grounds may contain some compounds or have a smell some insects don’t like, and that may help keep them away.”

## Other ways coffee ‘leftovers’ are reused

While coffee is not grown to a large extent in the U.S., Rodrigo Chavez, coffee training and program director at the Center for Coffee Research and Education, part of the Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture

at Texas A&M University in Bryan-College Station, was formerly a coffee grower in Guatemala. He said some organic waste is recycled or repurposed at almost every step of the coffee production process.

“Once the cherry is plucked from the coffee tree, the shell or ‘cascara’ needs to be removed to expose the bean,” Chavez said. “And during the drying process, there is a husk that needs to be removed from the bean. Both are organic materials frequently used in compost on the coffee farm.”

He also noted the coffee cascara, once dried and processed, can be sold at a higher price than the coffee itself for a variety of uses from tea-like infusion to making flour for cooking.

Chavez said branches cut from coffee trees during pruning, along with other organic material derived from processing the coffee at the farm level, also can be shredded into compost material or turned into biochar for use as a soil amendment.

“I know some people have extracted oils from spent coffee grounds and used them in the production of biodiesel,” he said. “I’ve also seen where spent coffee grounds are mixed in with polymers to make household items like coffee cups and plates. There are also briquettes and fireplace logs made with spent coffee grounds.”

Other innovative products being made using fresh or spent coffee grounds as a component include soaps, face creams, yarn and fabrics, lamps, printing ink and furniture.

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# It's showtime at the launch

**FISHING**  
**CAPT. DICKIE COLBURN**  
**For The Record**



Dickie Colburn

Outside of not even leaving the dock, the single biggest impediment to consistent fishing success is getting in a rush to get it done. One of our better local bass fishermen was quick to point that out earlier this week.

"If I don't get to make a single weigh-in this week," he said, "I have already benefited from the Bassmaster Elite coming to town. Three years ago I was more concerned with where my favorite angler was fishing than how he was fishing." The lesson learned was that the more successful pro anglers do not fish fast. They run to their next stop fast in order to maximize actual fishing time, but when the troll motor goes over the bow, speed is no longer a consideration.

After having done their homework and truly believing that the fish are there, they s-l-o-w-l-y dissect the chosen spot. Sometimes that requires a change in boat position and sometimes it may only require changing the size or color of their lure. When they launch that initial cast, they are not already contemplating their next move if the bite does not appear to be there after only a few casts.

The bottom line is that they are committed to their findings in pre-tournament scouting. It also does not mean that they will not hit that same spot several times throughout the day. The wildcard in river fishing that does not exist in impoundment fishing is tide change. That one factor can make all the difference in the world. It is also a reasonably sure bet that no matter how many spots they hit, the pattern and technique will be the same. Panic never truly set in until everything they have tried fails for one reason or another.

According to the local angler I was talking with, when they decided to change spots, speed instantly became a major factor. "My boat runs about 45 mph," he said, "but that was about 40 mph too slow in some cases. If they didn't turn off into a bayou, I had no idea where they went!" "I was not surprised with their choice of lures nor the depth they were fishing," he added, "but I now have a whole new idea as to what fishing fast really means. Fishing fast is all about getting there in a hurry to fish slower longer."

The Big Show is the Elite Tournament itself, but I have been surprised by the number of folks gathered to watch the pros launch each practice morning. I was not surprised, however, by the number of high school bass fishermen just hoping to

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# Houston Astros off to flying start

**KAZ'S KORNER**  
**Joe Kazmar**  
**For The Record**



Joe Kazmar

The Houston Astros must be mad!! They are upset over the fact the Oakland A's won the American League West Division title last season. They are angry over the cat-calls the A's fans were hurling at them for allegedly cheating to win the 2017 World Series during the opening four-game series of the 2021 major league baseball season.

So, Houston retaliated by completely overwhelming Oakland by scores of 8-1, 9-5, 9-1 and 9-2 in the four-game series that began last Thursday night before a national ESPN audience. The six-game West Coast road trip continued to Los Angeles where the Astros played Monday and last night before getting a well-deserved day off today.

Houston got off to their first 4-0 start since 2001 and outscored Oakland 35-9 and out-hit them 47-21 in its four-game whitewashing of the A's. The Astros don't normally get off to a fast start in early April, but this was almost a perfect series for the team as the pitching—especially the relievers—complemented the torrid hitting.

The two teams played 36 innings and Oakland never held a lead during any of them. And in only six offensive innings did the Astros fail to have a batter reach first base.

According to Monday's edition of the Houston Chronicle, the Astros are only the fourth team since 1901 to score at least eight runs in each of a season's first four games.

Astros first baseman Yuli Gurriel enjoyed his second three-hit game Sunday while Oakland could muster only four hits in the nine innings. He fashioned a .467 batting average during the four games.



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Third baseman Alex Bregman, who had some aggravating injuries during spring training and got very few at-bats during those six weeks, came out of the chute swinging, blasting two homers and a .500 batting average.

Outfielder Michael Brantley, who was hit by a 90-mph fast ball early in Game 2 and missed the remainder of the series, is batting .667 with a homer. Designated hitter Yordan Alvarez, who sat out Sunday's game, is hitting .294 with a homer and six-runs-batted in.

Rookie outfielder Chas McCormick, who's subbed for the injured Brantley,

belted a three-run homer Sunday and has almost as many RBIs as at bats. "We're a great team," McCormick bubbled after the game. We're all just clicking for these four games. It's cool to watch, cool to be a part of, and I hope we keep this going."

All four starting pitchers—Zack Greinke, Lance McCullers, Jr., Jose Urquidy and Cristian Javier— all failed to get into the sixth inning but the bullpen, led long reliever Brandon Bielak, who spelled Urquidy in the fifth inning, finished the game with 4 2/3 hitless frames and was credited with the mound win.

"You can't do much better than the start we had," Baker commented after Sunday's game. "You take a quick, fast start any time. You realize it's a long

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# OC Track and Field talent clocks-in with strong performances



The Bridge City High School Lady Cardinal Track and Field Tea, are jubilant after winning their fourth straight district track and field championship. Bridge City's Caryss Carpenter was individual high-point winner in the district meet.

**Tom Halliburton**  
Area Track & Field Correspondent

A busy time arrives in the 2021 outdoor season with the elite performers needing to finish in the top four at district meets in order to advance to the area meets.

That opportunity already has come and gone in District 22-4A last week at West Orange. So we should extend our congratulations to the WO-S boys and BC girls for capturing the team titles.

We wish to salute the fine young athletes – Caryss Carpenter of BC and Raymond Baltrip of Silsbee for being the individual high-point winners.

The 4A meet was not graced with the warmest weather but it still had solid performances.

Three district championships are scheduled this week in Anahuac, Mont Belvieu and Humble for our area teams in 3A, 5A and 6A.

An outstanding set of numbers emerged Thursday at Winnie after the weather warmed for the Buc Relays at East Chambers.

Although the year started slowly, there's every reason to believe our region can produce plenty of competitive numbers with warmer weather.

A bunch of folks deserve my thanks for providing info on the following pages for these district meets. Renwick Johnson at West Brook provided the info for the 21-6A championships. Darrell Granger in Port Arthur e-mailed the 21-5A stuff and so did Barbers Hill mentor Cody Knight. That good ol' teddy bear, Chris Fontenot, at EC added the lowdown on the 3A meet on the EC website.

This revised edition properly updates the area leaders which should have been updated in last week's newsletter. There are several errors in this morning's original edition. My pitiful mistake and I apologize, especially to Branden Thomas who reported the first error to me.

If the results from this week's district meets and schedules for the area meets are in our possession, we definitely will plan to run that info

in next week's newsletter. Thanks to all of you track coaches and area news media for helping me.

## 2021 AREA OUTDOOR HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD LEADERS

Through April 4

**DISCUS** — Girls: Emily Williamson, Silsbee (senior), 109-6; Boys: Kollyn Brown, LC-M (senior), 160-5.

**SHOT PUT** — Girls: Amaris Larkin, Bridge City (sophomore), 36-10; Boys: Tre'Vontae Caines, PA Memorial (senior), 59-6.

**HIGH JUMP** — Girls: Raegan Stephenson, Vidor (freshman), 5-5; Boys: Colin Dorsey, Hamshire-Fannett (junior), 6-7.

**LONG JUMP** — Girls: Sanaria Butler, PN-G (junior), 18-4.5; Boys: Raymond Baltrip, Silsbee (senior), 22-4.5.

**TRIPLE JUMP** — Girls: Sanaria Butler, PN-G (junior), 38-11; Boys: Maleek Jones, PA Memorial (senior), 44-1.75.

**POLE VAULT** — Girls: Morgan Louvier, Bridge City (sophomore) and Katherine Page, PN-G (freshman), 9-0; Boys: Harrison Gauthier, Bridge City (junior), 14-6.

**100 METERS** — Girls: Brianna Howard, Beaumont United (senior), 11.9; Boys: Bryce Anderson, West Brook (senior), 10.72.

**200 METERS** — Girls: Amya Barfield, Hardin-Jefferson (freshman), 24.96; Boys: Brayden Guillory, East Chambers (senior), 22.0.

**400 METERS** — Girls: Sanaria Butler, PNG (junior), 58.7; Boys: Cyrus Jacobs, PN-G (senior), 50.02.

**800 METERS** — Girls: Amelia Wright, Vidor (junior), 2:29.67; Boys: Cyrus Jacobs, PN-G (senior), 1:59.06.

**1,600 METERS** — Girls: Annabelle Fisher, Little Cypress-Mauriceville (sophomore), 5:41.0; Boys: Caleb Wilson, Bmt West Brook (senior), 4:32.33.

**3,200 METERS** — Girls: Annabelle Fisher, Little Cypress-Mauriceville (sophomore), 12:23.26; Boys: Beau Waldrop, Lumberton (senior), 10:08.78.

**100-METER HURDLES** — Girls: Caryss Carpenter, Bridge City (junior), 15.90.

**110-METER HURDLES** — Boys: Jaden Jones, West Orange-Stark (senior), 15.22.

**300-METER HURDLES** — Girls: Alayshia White, Beaumont United (senior), 49.5; Boys: John Sanderson, Lumberton (sophomore), 42.02.

**400-METER RELAY** — Girls: Beaumont United (Cameron Dill, Brianna Howard, Daja Maxey, Priscilla Morris) 48.40; Boys: Bmt West Brook (Shawn Mouton, Bryce Anderson, Leedrick Senegal, Clifford Bradley), 41.62.

**800-METER RELAY** — Girls: Beaumont United (Cameron Dill, Brianna Howard, Daja Maxey, Priscilla Morris), 1:43.5; Boys: Bmt West Brook, (Bryce Anderson, Shawn Mouton, Clifford Bradley, Leedrick Senegal) 1:30.31.

**1,600-METER RELAY** — Girls: PN-G (Lydia Garza, Katherine Page, Kyleigh Bushnell, Sanaria Butler) 4:15.17; Boys: PA Memorial (Tony Brooks, Devuan Davenport, Jelani Chevalier, Ayden Chatman) 3:27.79.

## District 22-4A Track and Field Championships

**WEST ORANGE** – Here are the results of the District 22-4A Track & Field Championships held at Hooks Stadium at WO-S High School:

All of the top four places advance to the 4A area meet

### BOYS DIVISION

**Discus:** 1. Kollyn Brown, LC-M, 160-5; 2. Kaiden Berry, WO-S, 132-8; 3. Aaron Aery, Vidor, 130-2; 4. Mark Jones, BC, 126-2.

**Shot put:** 1. Kollyn Brown, LC-M, 55-0 ¼; 2. Hunter Ashworth, OF, 50-8 ¾; 3. Amier Washington, LC-M, 46-1 ¼; 4. Kaiden Berry, WO-S, 45-10 ¾.

**High jump:** 1. Leyton Loft, OF, 6-0; 2. Bryce DuBose, Vidor, 6-0; 3. Jerren Terrell, WO-S, 6-0; 4. Jared Harris, Silsbee, 5-10.

**Long jump:** 1. Raymond Baltrip, Silsbee, 21-10; 2. Blake Moore, BC, 21-5; 3. Carson Peet, LC-M, 20-10 ¼; 4. Raydrian Baltrip, Silsbee, 20-2 ½.

**Triple jump:** 1. Raymond Baltrip, Silsbee, 43-5 ¾; 2. Carson Peet, LC-M, 42-10 ¼; 3. Blake Moore, BC, 40-10 ¾; 4. Raydrian Baltrip, Silsbee, 40-3 ¼.

**Pole vault:** 1. Harrison Gauthier, BC, 13-6; 2. Dwight Davis, OF, 13; 3. Cade Smith, OF, 10-3; 4. Justin Utterback, BC, 9-6.

**3,200 meters:** 1. Beau Waldrop, Lumberton, 10:08.78; 2. Kai Reed, Vidor, 10:09.75; 3. Payton Wrinkle, OF, 10:23.62; 4. Caden Shaw, BC, 10:39.12.

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## Managed Lands Deer Program Enrollment is Now Open

Staff Report  
For The Record

AUSTIN – Enrollment in the Managed Lands Deer Program (MLDP) is now open for the 2021-22 hunting season. Open enrollment for the MLDP Conservation Option runs from April 5 through June 15 this year while the Harvest Option opens May 1 and runs through Sept. 1. New this year, fees are being charged for each enrollment option. Enrollments and fee payments can all be made through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Land Management Assistance online system. Payments can be made by credit card only.

Enrollment fees for each MLDP option are as follows:

### Conservation Option:

- Standalone Property: \$300 for the first management unit, \$30 for each additional management unit
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- Wildlife Management Cooperative member: \$30

per management unit

Harvest Option:

- Standalone Property: \$30 per management unit
- Aggregate Site: \$30

The Land Management Assistance online system will require landowners hoping to enroll to create an account and draw a property boundary. An email address is required for the landowner and any designated agents the landowner may assign to the account.

MLDP is a program intended to foster and support sound management and stewardship of native wildlife and wildlife habitats on private lands in Texas. Deer harvest is an important aspect of habitat management and conservation. Landowners enrolled in either the MLDP Harvest Option or Conservation Option can take advantage of extended season lengths and property-specific customized harvest opportunities.

The Harvest Option is an

automated, 'do-it-yourself' option for MLDP participation that provides landowners with a deer harvest recommendation, tag issuance and general guidance about wildlife and wildlife habitat management. Participation in the Harvest Option does not require habitat management practices, deer population data or the participant to work directly with a TPWD wildlife biologist.

The Conservation Option offers program participants the opportunity to work with a TPWD biologist to receive customized, ranch-specific habitat and deer harvest recommendations and MLDP tag issuance for white-tailed deer and/or mule deer. This option does require the reporting of certain types of deer data as well as completion of specific habitat management practices each year to participate and remain in the program.

MLDP participation is completely voluntary. Once enrolled, program participants must meet MLDP requirements for the full year of enrollment.

## Colburn: Fishing From Page 1B

catch a glimpse of their favorite pro before school. The city has done a great job of upgrading the facilities in and around the launch over the past few years and it is truly spectator friendly. Hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate as well which will once again result in overflow crowds at the weigh-ins.

Had the event not been moved back to the original date, the August heat would have made things miserable for both anglers and spectators alike. Only four weeks earlier, I received nine texts or emails in a single weekend

reporting catches of double digit bass on Toledo Bend alone.

This past week, for the first time this spring, I received none. That doesn't mean a few weren't caught, but they were few and far between! While your chances of fooling a lifetime best are rapidly dwindling, this is still one of the most enjoyable times of the year to fish Toledo Bend and Rayburn.

More small bass are now stacking up in the shallows and they are aggressive. Catching always makes fishing more enjoyable and there is lots of catching going on.

While you will be hard pressed to find a more effective lure than a Wacky worm right now, the maximum enjoyment takes place when a two to four pound female zeros in on a free-floated lizard.

It is a visual treat and the anticipation with every crank of the reel handle is measurable. I am always amazed when watching a Mama bass pick up a lizard lying in her bed and carry it out time after time. If it is a double digit bass, however, I am more disappointed than amazed!

See you at the tournament!

## Kaz's Korner From Page 1B

season and every series is not going to be like this, but you enjoy it while it's here. You try to build off it and go from there."

This week's edition of USA Today Sports Weekly made this evaluation of the Astros chances this season— "The Astros are bent on making at least one more championship run with their core of All-Stars despite losing OF George Springer to free agency and RHP Justin Verlander to Tommy John elbow surgery. SS Carlos Correa, RHP's Zack Greinke and Lance McCullers Jr. are in the last year of their contracts."

The sports magazine has the Houston Astros at 20-1 odds against winning the World Series. After this weekend's four-game series, I think it would be a very safe bet!!!

### KWICKIES...

The four-year drought for Texas native Jordan Spieth ended Sunday when he retained his two-stroke lead throughout the final round of the PGA Tour Valero Texas Open and won after 82 consecutive tries. He finished the final round with a 6-under 66 to hold off a surging Charley Hoffman who also fashioned a 66 Sunday. Spieth goes into tomorrow's start of the Masters Tournament full of confidence. And the \$1,386,000 winner's check didn't hurt his confi-

dence either.

I almost put the "kiss of death" on Orange's Chad Dallas' college mound winning streak with last week's column as the University of Tennessee lost 7-4 to Alabama in his start Friday. However, the hard-throwing right-hander needed 73 pitches to get 11 outs and left the game in the fourth inning with the Vols leading 4-3. So, his undefeated record is still intact as Tennessee gets ready for its weekend series with No. 1 Vanderbilt. Dallas is expected to start Friday's opener for the Vols.

Fellow countryman Hubert Kurkacz of Poland won the Miami Open Tennis Tournament Sunday by defeating 19-year-old Jannik Sinner of Italy in Sunday's final. It was the biggest title of the 24-year-old's career.

No. 1 Stanford edged past No. 3 Arizona 54-53 to win the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship Sunday giving Cardinal Head Coach Tara VanDerVeer her third national title after a 29-year drought. VanDerVeer is the winningest active coach.

Unlike the Houston Astros, the Boston Red Sox fell to their first 0-3 start at Fenway Park and their second ever as they were ambushed by the Baltimore Orioles 11-3 Sunday.

### JUST BETWEEN US...

Charles Barkley, who of-

ten-times pops off with some off-the-wall comments, hit it right on the head Saturday night after the 93-90 overtime victory by Gonzaga over UCLA on a nearly half-court bank shot at the buzzer by Zags' Jalen Suggs, when he said that was the best NCAA Tournament basketball game he has seen in the 10 years he has been analyzing the yearly event for the national championship. Nobody, especially me, disagreed with him on that observation.

# Redfish back in spotlight

## Outdoors Captain Chuck Uzzle For The Record

Just about any Texas fisherman who ever wet a line knows that the spring is full of many things, most of which fall into the category of uncertainty and unpredictability. The all time #1 villain is the weather man and his friend the marine forecast, aka "that #\$\$@ wind"! For plenty of us who take advantage of every season the waders that were used during duck hunts have become your best friend as the gears switch in favor of chasing trophy trout in 60 plus degree water.

All but the most hard core of anglers routinely shun the thought of winter or early spring fishing in favor of warmer environments until the mercury creeps up slightly and the first warm weekend has them scrambling for boats, gear, and a spot at the local launch.

Little do most of them know that a few really dedicated anglers spent some less than perfect days on the water doing some reconnaissance in preparation for the warmer days that will inevitably come. The super low tides of winter offer up a great opportunity to find structure that under normal circumstances go un-noticed and many times un-fished.

Several of my last trips on the water have been solo adventures without a fishing rod and accompanied only by my black lab, Joli, and my binoculars. I truly love these days because it helps me switch gears from ducks to fish without missing either one.

March and April offer some of the best opportunities to see ducks in their full plumage as they make their way back north. The Blue winged teal migrating back from Mexico are usually the stars of the show, especially when I'm scouting the marshes of Sabine and Calcasieu for redfish. The small groups of birds work low and fly thru the maze of islands like little jet fighters making just as much noise from their wings as they do with their calls. The drakes are painted up like a brand new decoy



Liam Qureshi ran into this stud redfish while wade fishing. RECORD PHOTO: Chuck Uzzle

and easily identifiable, they drive my dog nuts because she keeps waiting for a shotgun to go off and the opportunity to go fetch one. To see birds in the air and fish in the water at the same time is what really gets me going, the best of both worlds right there in front of you.

On one such recent outing I made a loop through some of the marsh ponds that I hunted this past season. On my way in I passed a line of waders standing like solitary figures on an expansive flat, I'm sure we both were thinking "what's that idiot doing out here" as the day was less than "bluebird beach" weather. I swung my skiff wide of their position and made my way into the marsh and some much more comfortable surroundings. The lake that was churned up from wind and runoff gave way to beautiful clear water and a slight ripple. I sat the skiff down off of plane and gave the pond a chance to settle as I climbed up on the platform. Much to my surprise a defined group of redfish were milling about as if they had no idea a visitor had made his way into their pond. I pushed up on

the pod of fish and just watched for a few moments until they made their way down the pond and eventually swam away from where I

was. The rest of the afternoon was more of the same, small groups of fish just relaxed and enjoying small crabs and a few finger mullet.

For an early spring day it was an eye opener, we normally don't see fish like that until late April or May. Calcasieu will crank up a little earlier than Sabine on normal years but it appears that both may be a little ahead of schedule. Those waders I told you about will certainly vouch for the fact the

winter pattern for redfish has been about as constant as you could ever hope for, in fact the numbers of redfish in both bays appear to be as high as anyone can ever remember. The fish are all really healthy and seem to be almost "cookie cutter" identical, lots of fish on the low end of the slot with a nice mix of oversized fish. The upcoming spring and summer months could be memorable ones for local and out of town fishermen alike. After seeing what the marshes look like and having had some excellent days wading this year I have a great feeling about what is in store for us no doubt.

## OC track and field winners From Page 2B

400-meter relay: 1. WO-S (Judge, Ross, Jones, Micky), 43.72; 2. Lumberton (Toomey, Radford, Bernal, Sellers), 44.76; 3. (t.) LC-M (Smith, Landry, Morris, Peet), 44.98; Silsbee (Hatton, Baltrip, Martin, Baltrip), 44.98.

800 meters: 1. Payton Wrinkle, OF, 2:09.74; 2. Dustin Helm, WO-S, 2:10.56; 3. Grayson Tucker, Lumberton, 2:12.05; 4. London Jessie, Silsbee, 2:13.31.

110-Meter hurdles: 1. Jerren Terrell, WO-S, 16.25; 2. Garrison Spencer, Lumberton, 16.39; 3. Alfredo Arzola, OF, 16.91; 4. Bryce DuBose, Vidor, 17.12.

100 meters: 1. Patrick Mickey, WO-S, 11.34; 2. Ashton Landry, LC-M, 11.48; 3. Cole Toomey, Lumberton, 11.51; 4. Carson Peet, LC-M, 11.63.

800-meter relay: 1. LC-M (Smith, Peet, Morris, Champine), 1:34.77; 2. WO-S (Ross, Perrault, Jones, Harris), 1:35.35; 3. Silsbee (Baltrip, Hatton, Haynes, Martin), 1:35.43; 4. Lumberton (Hall, Radford, Fuselier, Eaves), 1:35.82.

400 meters: 1. Raymond Baltrip, Silsbee, 51.32; 2. Dakarion Judge, WO-S, 53.21; 3. Cameron Dischler, OF, 53.89; 4. Darren Anderson, WO-S, 54.04.

300-meter hurdles: 1. Jerren Terrell, WO-S, 43.94; 2. Isaiah Picard, 43.99; 3. Anthony Tran, BC, 44.20; 4. Alfredo Arzola, OF, 44.45.

200 meters: 1. Parick Mickey, WO-S, 23.03; 2. Brady Fuselier, Lumberton, 23.18; 3. Ken'Teon Champine, LC-M, 23.51; 4. Cole Toomey, Lumberton, 23.59.

1,600 meters: 1. Caden Shaw, BC, 4:41.58; 2. Beau Waldrop, Lumberton, 4:43.92; 3. Kai Reed, Vidor, 4:45.84; 4. Payton Wrinkle, OF, 4:55.41.

1,600-meter relay: 1. WO-S (Judge, Ross, Helm, Anderson), 3:38.72; 2. Silsbee (Hatton, Baltrip, Baltrip,

Dodd), 3:41.07; 3. LC-M (McDow, McNeil, Barborek, Elliott), 3:41.72; 4. Lumberton (Bernal, Wagstaffe, Hall, Cowart), 3:43.65.

Team standings: 1. WO-S 141; 2. LC-M 113; 3. Lumberton 88; 4. Silsbee 86; 5. Orangefield 83; 6. Bridge City 57; 7. Vidor 51.

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Discus: 1. Daelyn Perry, BC, 103-6; 2. Harleigh Rawls, OF, 95-8; 3. Rylee Sherman, Vidor, 93-11; 4. Jaliah Hawthorne, OF, 92-8.

Shot put: 1. Amaris Larkin, BC, 36-4; 2. Christina Joseph, LC-M, 33-9; 3. Aniah Simpson, LC-M, 33-7 1/4; 4. Jaliah Hawthorne, OF, 31-10 1/2.

High jump: 1. Raegan Stephenson, Vidor, 5-5; 2. Caitlin Hood, Lumberton, 5-4; 3. Caryss Carpenter, BC, 5-2; 4. Mackenzie Hale, OF, 4-10.

Long jump: 1. Caryss Carpenter, BC, 16-0; 2. Morgan Louvier, BC, 15-5 3/4; 3. Erica Williamson, Silsbee, 15-5; 4. Naudia Watson, WO-S, 15-4 1/2.

Triple jump: 1. Caryss Carpenter, BC, 35-0 1/4; 2. Draven Crochet, OF, 34-5; 3. Brooklyn Healy, Vidor, 34-2; 4. Morgan Louvier, BC, 33-7 3/4.

Pole vault: 1. Jaidyn Green, Vidor, 8-6; 2. Morgan Louvier, BC, 8-6; 3. Marilyn Clark, BC, 8-0; 4. Jana Batters, Vidor 7-6.

3,200 meters: 1. Annabelle Fisher, LC-M, 12:54.21; 2. Kendra Long, Vidor, 13:21.31; 3. Kaylea Gravett, OF, 14:07.40; 4. Maddie Gallagher, Lumberton, 14:15.37.

400-meter relay: 1. WO-S (Pitre, Garrett, Rhodes, Burnette), 51.21; 2. Lumberton (Le, Hood, Wolfe, Holeman), 51.86; 3. BC (Larkin, Carpenter, Louvier, Smith), 51.93; 4. OF (Burnette, Potter, Haley, Crochet), 52.06.

800 meters: 1. Amelia Wright, Vidor, 2:29.67; 2. Kaylyn Dosch, BC, 2:29.67;

3. Mikenna Brown, Lumberton, 2:44.74; 4. Natalie Morrison, Vidor, 2:45.24.

100-Meter hurdles: 1. Caryss Carpenter, BC, 16.53; 2. Jaden Lee, Vidor, 17.14; 3. De'asia Tippins, LC-M, 17.73; 4. Jaycee Ogden, Lumberton, 18.14.

100 meters: 1. Amaris Larkin, BC, 13.13; 2. Draven Crochet, OF, 13.18; 3. Ana Mae Holman, Lumberton, 13.20; 4. Bryanah Burnette, WO-S, 13.25.

800-meter relay: 1. WO-S (Pitre, Garrett, Rhodes, Burnette), 1:51.19; 2. BC (LeLeaux, Louvier, Petree, Larkin), 1:51.65; 3. OF (Jeane, Burnette, Haley, Fisher), 1:52.98; 4. Lumberton (Le, Zurita, Brisendine, Wolfe), 1:56.24.

400 meters: 1. G'kiya Stimpson, Silsbee, 1:03.16; 2. Caitlin Hood, Lumberton, 1:03.64; 3. Amelia Wright, Vidor, 1:04.06; 4. Sofia Rodriguez, Vidor, 1:05.23.

300-meter hurdles: 1. Kaylyn Dosch, BC, 50.56; 2. Mackenzie Haley, OF, 51.29; 3. Raegan Stephenson, Vidor, 51.97; 4. Jay'Den Miller, WO-S, 52.58.

200 meters: 1. Ana Mae Holeman, Lumberton, 27.63; 2. Laila Samuel, Silsbee, 27.94; 3. Naomi Collier, Vidor, 28.16; 4. Trinity Garrett, WO-S, 28.20.

1,600 meters: 1. Annabelle Fisher, LC-M, 5:47.92; 2. Kendra Long, Vidor, 6:00.86; 3. Kaylea Gravett, OF, 6:18.27; 4. Jenna Hallman, LC-M, 6:24.73.

1,600-meter relay: 1. Vidor (Wright, Stephenson, Rodriguez, Batters), 4:24.17; 2. BC (Block, Leleaux, Silvera, Dosch), 4:32.98; 3. OF (Jenkins, Crochet, Richard, Fisher), 4:35.76; 4. WO-S (Pitre, Rhodes, Burnette, Miller), 4:45.96.

Team standings: 1. Bridge City 163; 2. Vidor 135; 3. Orangefield 93; 4. Lumberton 76; 5. WO-S 66; 6. LC-M 55; 7. Silsbee 32.

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## Tammi Fisette issues statement on candidacy for re-election BC Council

My name is TAMMI FISSETTE and I have filed for Re-Election, PLACE 3 on the Bridge City City Council.

Working together for the good of the community is what I believe makes a difference. Looking back over the last 6 years that you have allowed me to serve you and be your voice at City Hall, I can say it has been a pleasure and a blessing to represent you, our citizens of Bridge City. As Election Day approaches again I would be honored to have the opportunity to continue to serve you in the position of City Council Place 3 and work with my fellow City Council members to help Bridge City to keep moving forward. Contributing new ideas, work with continuing to improve and maintain the level of expectation our citizens want, our citizens need and that our citizens deserve. I would like to continue to work for, listen to and speak up for the citizens of Bridge City. Making decisions, being fair and consistent and keeping the best interest of ALL CITIZENS. I am extremely proud to work with our City Workers to ensure this happens in all departments, YOUR Water & Sewer, YOUR Street & Drainage, YOUR Library, YOUR Police Department, YOUR Municipal Court, YOUR Animal Control, YOUR Senior Citizens Hall, YOUR City Hall and YOUR CITY COUNCIL. I have learned what a BLESSING it truly is to serve. I feel the Lord has given me a heart to serve. I am thankful for each and every opportunity to go out in our City and meet with our citizens, listen to your concerns and to share ideas with you. To reach out to our Council members, our City Workers and neighboring organizations to come up with a plan to make Bridge City a better place to live. One thing my dad taught me was to always make a POSITIVE DIFFERENCE in as many lives as we possibly can. I believe in order to make a difference you have to LIVE OUT LOUD, and the



Tammi Fisette

one word that I can think of that best describes that would be "ACTION". Action requires getting involved and being willing to stand for what is right. It's about speaking up and being a voice that represents ALL CITIZENS. It's about searching our and finding those BLESSINGS when the storms come. It's about having High Standards and High Expectations which in turn will ensure we continue to do the very best we can. Always remembering - TO DO NOTHING IS NOT AN OPTION!

To tell you about myself, I have lived in Bridge City all my life. I am married to James Fisette. I am the daughter of Patsy Peters and the late Bridge City Municipal Judge Don Peters. My husband and I both graduated from Bridge City High School as did our children, Candi Cannon and Keith Lisette. I was raised in a Christian home and have Christian beliefs and values. Living for, loving and serving JESUS is most important to me. I am currently employed by Orange County as a Deputy Tax Clerk in the Orange County Tax Office for the past 2 years. Prior to my

county position I was employed by Wal-Mart, working at the Bridge City and West Orange locations for a total of 35 years (23 of those years was in a Human Resource Manager / Training Coordinator position). My husband and I are members of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Bridge City where I am Blessed to have the opportunity to serve as one of the Sunday School Teachers in the adult department as well as serve on the Finance Committee. I have recently retired after 15 years from serving the citizens of Bridge City as an Emergency Medical Technician, Firefighter and Chaplain with the Bridge City Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department / OCESD #2. My husband also served in the Fire Department for 31 years. I have served as Past President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Orange County Firefighters Association. I have served as a member of the Southeast Texas Critical Incident Stress Management Team. I served on the Bridge City Planning & Zoning Committee, prior to running for the position of City Council. I currently serve as Council Representative to the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Working together for the good of the community is what makes the difference. Life is all about helping people. I am asking for your support and your vote during Early Voting, April 19th - 27th and on Election Day May 1st, so I can continue to serve YOU, the Citizens of Bridge City as your Councilwoman Place 3.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANT APPLICATION / ADMINISTRATION SERVICES RFP-2021-04-TDEM-HMGP-GRANT-LAURA

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### PUBLIC NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RFQ-2021-02-TDEM-HMGP-ENG-LAURA

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### PUBLIC NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RFQ-2021-03-TDEM-HMGP-ENG-IMELDA

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c/o: **Tommy Gunn Attorney at Law**  
202 S. Border Street  
Orange, TX 77630

Dated the 1st day of April, 2021.

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Attorney for:  
**Stormy Dee Sims**  
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c/o: **George B. Barron Attorney at Law**  
P.O. Box 279  
Orange, TX 77631-0279

Dated the 31st day of March, 2021.

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