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EDC grants to directors OK

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

For at least the third time this year, a business owned by a City Hall insider has been awarded a high-dollar Economic Development incentive by the City of Orange.

Everyone involved says there's nothing wrong with it.

"We run it by our lawyers. We do everything by the book," Orange City Manager Mike Kunst said. "They're business owners, and just like anybody, they're trying to take advantage of an opportunity for an incentive."

Any current or potential Orange business can apply for an EDC incentive for infrastructure improvements such as electrical, HVAC, plumbing, signage and building materials.

More information can be found by going online to orange-texas.gov/158/Economic-Development-Corporation and clicking on "FAQ." Or telephone 409-883-1077.

"We can't penalize people because they serve on these various boards and commissions," Kunst said. "We want

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BCISD unveils plans for growth

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

The first-year Bridge City schools superintendent looks into the future and sees more and more young people.

To make sure the schools have room for them, Dr. Mike Kelly is proposing a building program that will not require any new tax dollars.

He wants to add six classrooms at Bridge City Elementary and a new career and technical education building at Bridge City High School.

"None of these projects have anything to do with new taxes," Dr. Mike Kelly says. "They would all be paid for out of our fund balance."

Kelly held a community meeting on Oct. 6 to explain his plans. About 30 non-school folks showed up, he said. Many of them left not understanding his vision, he said.

So the superintendent will hold another meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27. The meeting site is TBA.



An addition of a Pre-K wing at Bridge City Elementary School, right, would include six much-needed classrooms and cost about \$5 million, according to Dr. Mike Kelly, schools superintendent.

"I will do as many community meetings as it takes for people to understand the facts of what Bridge City ISD is going through," Kelly said.

"My hopes are that people will see that we're transparent, don't have anything to

hide. "It's a team effort. We've got to have people pulling in the same direction. To do that, they have to be informed. They have to be informed with the facts."

Here are some facts: BCISD has about 3,100

students this year. A demographic study ordered by Kelly predicts an enrollment increase to 3,336 in five years (2026) and 3,561 students in 10 years (2031).

The same study reminds

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BCHS Royalty Crowned



Bridge City senior Kinley Dupuis was crowned BCBS 2021 Homecoming Queen on Friday. She was escorted by her father, Phillip Dupuis. The Bridge City Cardinals also chalked up a homecoming win 21-20 over Hardin-Jefferson.

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Heritage 'Ghost Walk' brings history to life

PENNY LELEUX
For The Record

Quentin Tarantino doesn't have anything on Orange. He may have written "Pulp Fiction" but, Margaret Toal said, "Orange has Pulp History."

Mark Twain said, "Truth is stranger than fiction," and Orange's colorful past is certainly that.

Last year the Pandemic canceled the Heritage House Ghost Walk, but it returns this year 4:30-6:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23 with all new tales of Orange's checkered past.

"Margaret Toal who serves as one of our board members was the driving force behind the Historic Ghost Walk," said Adam Conrad, the current president of the board of directors of the Heritage

House Museum. "She knew so many stories about Orange that just had to be told to a new generation. It was within these stories that the Historic Ghost Walk was born."

This year will be the fifth appearance of the Ghost Walk.

"In 2019, we had over 400 people attend this community-wide family friendly event," said Conrad.

Conrad is also the drama teacher at Vidor High School. The museum board knew the first year Toal developed the idea for the ghost walk they would need help to bring the true stories to life.

"The first year it was very bare bones, but with the help of area students we were able to get this event off its feet," said Conrad. "We of course

have learned a lot along the way and the event changes as it grows."

It started with his theater students from Vidor, but now also includes students from other Orange County schools too.

"This year we will have about 30 students from Vidor High School Theatre Department, about 20 students from Bridge City High School Theatre Department, and about 10 students from the Orangefield High School Theatre Department," said Conrad. "Plus, many other volunteers from across the area to help bring this event to life."

"This event really couldn't happen without them. They work as docents, storytellers, and ghosts."

Conrad said the students,

with the help of their teachers, provide all the costumes and makeup.

"You will see characters that are primarily based in the early 1900's. You will of course see a pirate or two," said Conrad.

Students get scripts about a month before the event and work with their school directors in creating the storytelling for the event.

There are nine scheduled stops this year. All the stories will be new, so even if you have done the ghost walk before, it will be a unique experience. Docents will function as tour guides from one stop to the next to give even more history of Orange.

"And remember, all of these stories are true stories

GHOST WALK Page 3A

Texas Governor Series: Gov. Dolph Briscoe served 1973-79

CARL PARKER
For The Record

The forty-first governor of Texas was Dolph Briscoe, who served from 1973-1979. Briscoe was a conservative Democrat and was elected at a time when Texas was still a one-party state. No Republican had been elected governor since the episode following the Civil War called Carpetbag government. Briscoe defeated Preston Smith who probably lost because of the largest scandal known to Texas: The Sharp's Town Scandal.

He was a congenial fellow; a multi-millionaire, a rancher who owned more land in Texas than most other ranchers with the exception



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.

of the owners of the King Ranch. Briscoe is most remembered for his concern about ranching, education and taxes in Texas. (Must correct one of my previous articles ---John Connally was not the first to serve a four-year term, in fact it was Briscoe. He was the last governor to serve a two-year term.) While governor, Briscoe continued his dedication to higher education and was primarily responsible for the little college in Uvalde to experience exponential growth. He was well known for his generosity, eventually forming the Dolph and Janie Briscoe Fund for Texas history at the University of Texas, Austin. Briscoe was the last Democratic governor to be re-elected while in office to a

second term.

While Dolph Briscoe was even tempered most of the time and not known for political rants, he could become very forceful when it concerned a pet project. I recall one incident when Briscoe was holding forth and urging members of the Legislature to support the vaccination of cattle throughout Texas. The measure was very divisive among ranchers and even the legislators. I was opposed to Briscoe's proposal for many reasons. Although we disagreed, Briscoe never reprimanded me or attempted to pressure me into a vote. I recall on one occasion when John Whitmire, now the Dean of the Texas Senate, emerged from the Senate lounge shaking



Former Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe

his head. I asked him what was wrong; Whitmire said he had just been chewed out from one end to the other by Governor Briscoe about his stand on the cattle vaccination. I informed Whitmire

that I disagreed with the governor who had never said a cross word to me. Whitmire looked at me with a whimsical sort of way and replied, "Yes, but you didn't lie to him."

In hindsight as I recall many good things were accomplished while Governor Briscoe occupied the governor's office. Although Texas was a one-party state, we were somewhat divided along the same lines of conservatives and liberals known as conservative Democrats and loyal Democrats. But it was a time when the Legislature and those who occupied statewide office still understood the need for compromise as a basis for decent government.

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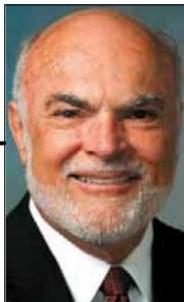
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State Senator Robert Nichols



One hundred and eighty-six years ago this week, the Texas Revolution began at Gonzales. On October 2, 1835 fighting broke out at Gonzales between Mexican soldiers and Texas militiamen.

When the Mexican military commander in Texas received word that the American colonists refused to surrender a small cannon that had been gifted to the settlement in 1831 as a defense against Indians, he dispatched a small contingent to retrieve it. The struggle featured the iconic "Come and Take It" flag and ended in a Mexican retreat.

Here are five things happening around your state:

1. Texas House releases redistricting maps, holds hearing

Last week, the Texas House of Representatives released their initial maps for their newly drawn districts. After the Census Bureau released their official count, the ideal number of Texans in each House district increased to 194,303. With these changes in mind, the House Redistricting Committee held a public hearing this week and made some alterations to their map before voting it out of committee. It will come before the entire chamber early next week for a final vote. After it leaves the House, the Senate will have an opportunity to vote on those maps.

2. T.L.L. Temple Foundation launches medical school loan repayment program

The T.L.L. Temple Foundation announced it has negotiated a grant agreement for a medical school loan repayment program in an effort to increase the number of East Texas health professionals. The program will be run in conjunction with the State Office of Rural Health at the Texas Department of Agriculture. The funding amount of over \$1 million is included for the first cohort of eight participants. The max award will be \$30,000 per year for four years per participant. The program will be run by the State Office of Rural Health, which will administer the application process, reporting, and tax compliance. Participants will be required to serve for at least one consecutive year at an approved eligible site to qualify for the loan repayment award.

Those eligible sites include clinics, local mental health authorities, public health facilities, and other nonprofits in the 23 rural counties the T.L.L. Temple Foundation covers and have a primary focus of serving the underserved, including Medicaid, CHIP, Medicare, and other low-income uninsured or under-insured populations. Applications are due to by 5 pm on November 30th.

3. Tenth annual veteran statewide hiring event announced

This week the Texas Workforce Commission announced its tenth annual Hiring Red, White, and You! event. This event focuses on connecting veterans, transitioning military members, and military spouses to employers across the state. In the ten years since its inception, this event has worked with over 18,000 employers, connected over 100,000 job seekers to meaningful employment opportunities, and helped facilitate over 2,800 same-day hires. The statewide event will be on November 4 and have locations across the state. The Deep East Texas regional event will be in Lufkin at the Lufkin Memorial VFW Post 1836. The East Texas regional event will be in Longview at the Holiday Inn Longview - North Infinity Center.

4. Hazard mitigation plan grants available

The Texas General Land Office (GLO), Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) are encouraging local entities eligible under federally declared counties

or zip codes affected by Hurricane Harvey, the 2015 floods, or the 2016 floods. There is \$25 million in grants available to help assist eligible entities in developing or updating FEMA-approved local hazard mitigation plans. These plans help local communities recognize the risk and hazards that currently exist, identify ways to reduce or eliminate these risks, and qualify communities for additional grant-funded programs. Local jurisdictions may be eligible for awards of up to \$100,000 from the GLO to develop a new Local Hazard Mitigation Program. Communities can also be eligible for a smaller amount to update an existing plan. Local entities can apply at <https://recovery.texas.gov/mitigation/lhmp.html>.

5. Border security ten-point plan

This week, Governor Abbott outlined a ten-point plan that he is urging the Biden Administration to follow in order to bring the border crisis under control. That plan includes:

- Continue the Title 42 public health restrictions
- Fully reinstate the Migrant Protection Protocols
- Finish securing the border
- End catch-and-release
- Clear the judicial backlog
- Resume the deportation of criminals
- Dedicate federal resources to eradicate human trafficking and drug trafficking
- Re-enter all agreements with our Northern Triangle partners and Mexico
- Send a clear message to potential migrants
- Deploy more federal law enforcement officers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Happy Birthday This Week To Orange County Judge John Gothia

From Your Friends and Staff at 'The Record'

20th Annual Holiday in the Park scheduled November 6

Be sure to plan to spend the day with us on Saturday, November 6th at West Orange's 20th Annual Holiday in the Park. The event is located at 2700 Western Ave and will be held from 9 am to

5 pm.

We have been able to extend our booth registration deadline, as additional spaces have been added this year. So if you're interested in getting a booth for the festival,

now's the time and if you have one of those fine classic cars or trucks and want to show it off to others, the Holiday in the Park car/truck show will be the place to be. The festival promises to

have something for everyone - holiday gifts, decorations, crafts, local live entertainment, great food, fine vehicles, free crafts for the kids... and oh, yes...no gate fee.

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BCISD unveils growth plans From Page 1

that as many as 17,000 construction workers at once could be in the area for a few years if the proposed Chevron Phillips Chemical and Entergy power plant projects both land in Orange County.

"That's mind-blowing to me," Kelly says.

He's aware that not all of those workers will bring children to the BCISD.

But some will.

"We're going to get a lot of kids out of these expansions. We think we have an incredible school district and this is where people want their kids to go to school."

BCISD is ace-ing it in financial stewardship and academics, Kelly says.

The district was awarded a FIRST rating of "A", scoring 100 out of 100 points for financial accountability.

It has a \$29.5 million budget for 2021-2022 with 79 percent of that money going to academics and teacher salaries.

"Right where you want to be," Kelly said.

Although the state did not award accountability grades

for districts based on their students' performance on the STAAR test last spring, because the COVID-19 pandemic prevented testing in the spring of 2020, Kelly says BCISD individual STAAR scores in 2021 were equal to those in 2019.

BCISD has lowered its tax rate for 11 years straight.

The school district has a fund balance – sometimes called emergency funds – of \$18 million, enough to pay for eight months of operation beyond what it normally takes in from property taxes and state and federal funds.

"Best practices say you should have enough money set aside to operate for 90 to 100 days, in case of an emergency," Kelly said.

Kelly's first goal is to replace temporary buildings at the Elementary School campus by building a new pre-kindergarten wing with six new classrooms. That will cost about \$5 million, he reckons.

BCISD has a popular career and technical education program that has outgrown

its scattered classrooms and needs a new home, all under one roof.

This is a problem, since the only space available on the landlocked high school campus is used as athletic practice fields.

The solution, Kelly says, is to install artificial turf at Larry Ward Stadium. That way, athletic teams always have a place to practice, regardless of the weather.

And, he says, BC's tennis courts and track are unsafe and need to be replaced. Cost for fixing up the athletic facility would be \$3 million, he said.

The superintendent didn't offer a price tag for a CTE building but mentioned construction would be impossible until the football stadium turf project was finished.

"The cracks on the tennis court are so big the maintenance crew uses a weedeater on them," Kelly said. "And our track has holes and is dangerous."

"It makes no sense to have the track replaced and not have football redone."

EDC grants From Page 1

to have business owners on our EDC."

Tuesday, it was Childs Manufacturing and Building Supply granted up to \$300,000 in an EDC incentive.

The business' owner is Brad Childs, a two-term city councilman and vice-president of the city's Economic Development Corporation Board.

Last month, Orange City Council approved a "not to exceed" \$100,000 EDC incentive for Columbanus Motorsports, a business co-owned by Mark Frey, a former EDC director.

In March, City Council awarded up to a \$95,000 EDC incentive for The Water Tree, a business co-owned by EDC Board President Michael Smith.

The City of Orange EDC is funded by a half-cent, or third, of the city's 1.5 cents sales tax on goods sold inside city limits.

Jay Trahan, Orange's EDC Director, said that money amounts to about \$1.5 million per year.

A seven-member board of volunteers is charged to promote community improvement and economic development of new and expanded business enterprises within the city.

Current members include Mayor Larry Spears, council members Childs and Paul Burch, Tramena Horn, Divon West, Jason Rodrigue and Smith. City charter requires three EDC board members be elected city council members.

The EDC awards reimbursable grants, meaning the businesses do not receive the funds until the work is complete and invoices are produced for reimbursement.

Childs, Frey and Smith all recused themselves from EDC – and, in Childs' case, council – deliberations and voting related to their businesses.

Tuesday morning, the EDC voted 5-0, with Childs abstaining – to approve a motion of intent to award an EDC incentive to Childs' business. City Council then voted 5-0, with Childs abstaining, to approve the EDC's action.

Childs Building Supply is

a 53-year-old second-generation family business, Childs explained to EDC and council members. It is located on the northeast side of the N. 16th Street intersection of Interstate 10.

In the last decade, the state of Texas used eminent domain to claim much of Childs' parking lot and building supply warehouse in its ongoing work to expand and rebuild the 16th Street overpass.

The city has been planning and steadily improving on the 16th Street/Highway 87 entrance into Orange, attracting new businesses like Chick Fil-A and Starbucks and envisioning travelers exiting the freeway and dining and shopping in Orange.

"Childs' is the gateway into the commercial district of 16th Street and Highway 87," Trahan said. "This project is coming at a very good time as we're working on improving 16th Street and Highway 87."

Brad Childs' father, Henry Childs, started the business in 1968, selling 2x4 studs from a U-Haul truck parked on the 16th Street property.

"The reason we're doing this remodel is because our store was split in half by Tx-DOT and we were not meant to be seen from the side," Brad Childs said to EDC and council members Tuesday morning.

"So now we're the gateway to Orange and we have no way of improving it at this time unless we receive funds to help us move forward to make the side look better."

Plans Childs shared with the EDC call for his business to invest \$1.2 million into the remodel with \$270,000 for metal building components and about the same for concrete and paving for a parking lot that will encircle the building.

Plans call for the store to add about 5,000 square feet of interior space and 2,500 square feet for a lawn and garden center.

"I waited for other people to ask [for EDC incentives] first," Childs said, "but this remodel has been in the plans a long time."

And the time is right, he's sure.

"Businesses are growing in Orange. Sales tax receipts

are going up," he said. "And if it goes right, anyone who takes advantage of what the EDC can do will increase [city sales] taxes more to refill the EDC account."

The EDC also approved a \$300,000 infrastructure incentive for a \$2 million investment by the builders of Little Cypress Grove, a housing addition planned for North Orange.

Council, which met after the EDC, stamped its approval on the Little Cypress Grove grant agreement and voted approval for a plan by Public Works Director Jim Wolf to spend \$8 million of ARPA funds.

ARPA is the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act, also known as the COVID-19 Stimulus Plan, put forward by President Joe Biden shortly after his election. It passed Congress without one vote by Republicans, who said it was unneeded.

But elected officials of all parties have raced to spend it.

It included \$350 billion for states and municipalities. The City of Orange was awarded \$8 million, which will come in two annual payments of \$4 million.

For the first, council agreed to spend \$1.2 million for the Meeks Drive Water Plant/Ground Storage Tank; \$450,000 for an Emergency Generator for Meeks Drive Water Plant; \$450,000 for the Westside Waterline from Tulane Road to Highway 105; \$1.1 million for a Major Lift Station Rehab; and \$900,000 for Stormwater Improvements at Greenway Park from Meeks Drive to Highway 87.

A non-highlight of the council meeting was a seven-minute Powerpoint explanation by Planning Director Kelvin Knauf of the new state hoop-jumping procedure required for a city to deal with a landowner seeking annexation into the city.

At least Orange council members weren't subjected to the long version by the elected state representatives who authored the bureaucratic gobbledygook long nightmare.

"Awesome," Mayor Spears said to Knauf. "Thank you."

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Ghost Walk From Page 1

that actually happened in Orange," said Conrad.

Conrad said he never has a problem getting students to volunteer again once they have experienced the ghost walk.

"They love the fact they get to meet students from other

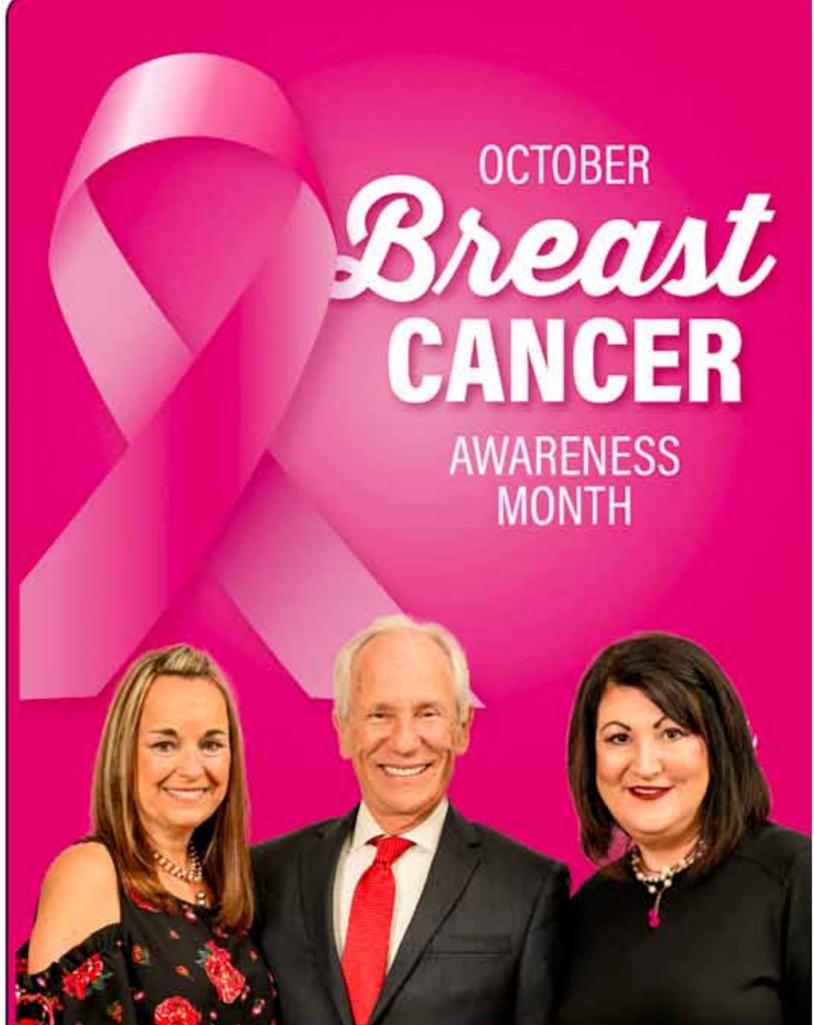
minutes between the hours of 4:30-6:30 p.m., Oct. 23, at the Heritage House Museum at 905 W. Division Ave. in downtown Orange. The walking tour is just over half a mile and will take 45 minutes to an hour to complete.

When asked if it was an ac-

hand for this event.

"I know in the past we have had strollers and wheelchairs make it through the tour," he said.

Cost for the event is adults \$5; children under age 12 \$3. This is a family friendly event. Barbecue sandwich



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WEIRD HOW SOME PREDICTIONS HAVE COME ABOUT

Here's one for the books. A couple of weeks ago I predicted a major upset on Oct. 9, between two big college football teams. Well, on Saturday, Oct. 9, I saw my prediction come true. The major prediction was **Texas A&M** upset victory over **Alabama**, at **Kyle Field**. In my prediction back in September, I didn't name the teams; I didn't want to jinx the **Aggies**. Here is something else, on my calendar I wrote that the score would be **A&M-31, Alabama-27** and I'll be darn if that wasn't the score in the game at one time but the **Aggies** ended up winning 41-38. Twice in the last 50 years, I rightly predicted the **Super Bowl** score. Both times it was like this **Aggie** prediction, they were the underdogs. It's weird but it was like a premonition that would not go away. I gave **John Kimbrough** a heads up on the major upset then I heard him predict Friday night that **Alabama** would be winner. He blew the **Texas/OU** game also. When it comes to **Texas** his heart just won't let him go against the **Longhorns**. **Gary Stelly** and **Kimbrough** do a great job covering high school football, plus they had some exciting games to call lately. My only complaint with **Stelly** is he doesn't give the score often enough. **Stelly** is best at calling baseball. He could have done it for a living. By the way, I heard **Judge Gothia** say Monday morning that no one saw the **Aggie** big upset coming. **Judge**, you're going to have to read this column more closely. Well, I best quit joshing and get to earning my pay. If I get docked there won't be enough pay left to get French fries with my burger. **Come along, I promise it won't do you no harm, plus you'll pick up on a lot of local history.**

TEXAS STYLE REDISTRICTING

Republican redistricting plan puts the only two Black congressmen, both well liked and nationally respected, pitted against each other. They are **Al Green** and **Sheila Jackson-Lee**. The senate moved 200,000 residents from **Jackson-Lee's** district to **Green's** district, including **Jackson-Lee's**, running a half mile loop taking in her residence, forcing her to run against **Green**. It would be like the county drawing new precinct lines and taking in **Constable Mark Frey's** home and putting it in **Pct. 1, Constable Claybar's** precinct, or even in **Pct. 4**. I was asked "What is gerrymandering and why is it called that?" Well, it's incumbent protection. In 1812, politician **Elbridge Gerry** drew his own district, ensuring his political party remained in power in the upcoming re-election. **Gerry's** district resembled a salamander. The word "**Gerry-mandering**" was born. **Texas** redistricting is outrageous, it has no straight lines, nothing fair about that. They are also stealing two new congressional seats from the **Latino** voters and putting them in two **White** districts. We all know that's not where the growth has been. Nothing fair or moral about that bunch.

Sidebar: At a rally in **Iowa** Saturday, **Donald Trump** threw **Mitch McConnell** under the bus because he and 11 senators, including **Sen. John Cornyn**, voted to save the U.S. from default and shutting the country down. **Trump** also has taken issue with **Texas State Speaker Dade Philian** for not calling for a bill to recount all votes in the 2020 election. **Trump** indicated he was coming after him if he doesn't get a bill passed to recount. **Dade** is doing a good job, this district likes him, They won't trade for **Trump's** candidate. Even **Democrats** will support **Dade** over **Trump**. That's what **Donald Trump** is doing all over the country. "Go against the **King**" and I'm coming for you.

OUR APOLOGIES

Last week we made a major mistake in our obituaries. Sometimes we can blame it on the **Gremlins** but not this time. It was a human error, copy was put in the wrong spot or the wrong button was pressed. We apologize to the family of **Sheral Preston Kay** for running the wrong obituary by mistake. We double ran **Hilda Mires** announcement under the **Kay** headline. We are sorry and are running the corrected obituary this week.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2011

Ray Granger, 82, died last week on Oct. 12. He was a true native of Orangefield, born during the oil boom on July 27, 1929. **Ray** headed up maintenance at **OFISD** for 39 years. What many don't know is that he was maintenance for Orange County for several years over 50 years ago. His job was subject to who was county judge, which changed every four years. He left his wife **Laverne**, sons **Michael, Daren**, brother, **Lee Roy** and sister, **Ida Lou** and all of their families. The **Wednesday Lunch Bunch** dined at **Robert's Restaurant** last week. Among the boys attending was coach **Dan Ray Hooks** who says he has been watching the **Stangs** when not attending grandkid games. **Cynthia** was away on the New Mexico border visiting children, so **Shockley** was feeding him. New **Veterans' Service Officer Gene Smith** visited also, with **Pinehurst Administrator Joe Parkhurst** and **Commissioner John Dubose**. **King Dunn** told about the good response he received to his dipping vat story. **Judge Carl Thibodeaux** and **Hooks**

talked football out of the past at West Orange-Stark. **Judge of Pct. 1, David Peck**, visited with **Judge Claude Wimberly**, who held that office for over 20 years. The **Turkey Day** game between **A&M** and **Texas** was first played in 1894 and has been played every year since 1915. After this **Thanksgiving**, footballs oldest rivalries will be put on indefinite hold. The **Aggies** wanted to continue the yearly game after leaving for the **Southeastern Conference** in July but **Texas** coach **Brown** told the **Aggies** that their non-conference schedule is full through 2018. What a shame. I had attended a majority of those games since **Bear Bryant** coached and **John David Crow** won the **Heisman** in 1956. It never was a sure bet who would win. Many **All Americans** played for those teams, including **Orange County's Steve Worster**. Most of all the great days were the old **Southwest Conference** games. **Johnny Montagne** was the designated bidder for he and his friends at the **Orange County Live Stock** show in **Mauriceville**. They won the bid on several animals, including a prize wake-up call rooster. **Capt. Nicky Davis**, longtime OPD officer, retired and now living in **Nashville** and is a candidate for city councilman there, was in town for the **Stark High 50th class reunion**. The big surprise of the week happened this Tuesday morning when **Bridge City mayor Kirk Roccaforte** showed up at a **Port Arthur** lab for blood work. A beautiful **Cajun** lady, sitting way in the back, called out his name and he turned around to find it was his mother. Neither knew the other would be there. He got to spend some quality time with Mom. A great way to start the day. (Editor's note: She was born a **Landry** in **Vermillion Parish** 95 years ago)

18 Years Ago-2003

A \$1.1.5 million bond passes in **Orangefield** by a landslide. The votes counted were 1,075 for and 417 against. The **McLewis** community had defeated the last two attempts to pass this bond. In this election they voted 153 for and 198 against. Former governor and good friend to **Orange County, Preston Smith**, dies at age 91. During his tenure as governor, several of our citizens served on state boards. **Bushwhacked** printed by **Random House**, is still number nine on the bestseller list. **Molly Ivins** and **Lou Dubose**, who by the way, is **John Dubose's** nephew, wrote the book. Former Dupont plant manager and county judge candidate **Frank Riddick**, 71, passed away. **Frank** had traveled the world and was a community leader. **Robert and Liz Lieby Brown** are proud parents of triplet boys, **Brad, James** and **Chris**. They were born Oct. 18 in Houston after **Liz** was transported by air from St. Mary's. One boy weighed in at three-pounds, the other two tipped the scales at two and a half pounds. The wedding of **Jason Broussard** to **Kristen Kleypas**, of **Nederland**, was attended by a bunch of 1999 grads. Check this crew out. **Charlie Higginbotham** was best man; **Joey Hays, Shane Peveto, Chris Menard, Cody Osburne** and **Derrick Tregre** served as groomsmen.

45 Years Ago-1975

Bridge City Cardinals pulled out a heart-stopping 21-14 victory over the **South Park Greenies**. After a scoreless deadlock in the first half, quarterback **Richard Slayton** and running back **Toney Mulhollan** provided over 100 yards rushing. Safety **Gary Worster** came up with the big defensive plays, which halted the **Greenies** on several occasions. **Bridge City** now 2-0 in district will face **Silsbee** also 2-0. **Stark** shut down **West Orange** 12-0 in the first half. **Craig Couvillion** threw two touchdown passes to **Mark Bonnin**. **West Orange Chief** tailback **Lorraine Wills** ignited a second half comeback tying the game 12-12. In the fourth quarter **Couvillion** threw a 43-yard touchdown pass to **Wendell Rhodes**. Late in the game **Couvillion** threw his fourth touchdown pass to **Reggie Kelly** for a 27-12 **Tiger** win. **Richard Corder** and **David Taylor** won the **Orange County Bass Club** tournament with 31 pounds. They caught the fish in seven to ten feet of water. Both say that the new "Worm Oil" by **Mann Bait** made a big difference. (Editor's note: What became of "Worm Oil" is it no longer used? Other team winners were **Harold Whitton** and **Sammie Miles**, 21 pounds, eight ounces. **Troy Woodall**, with no partner, caught 17 pounds, one ounce. **Tom and Mike Humphrey**, 16 pounds, 10 ounces. Big Bass **Richard Corder**, six pounds, seven ounces. **Capt. William Bailey USAF, Kessler Air Force Base**, announced that **Tracy Addison** has been placed on the academic honor roll. Less than ten percent ever make this status.

48 Years ago-1973

Louis Dugas purchased **Phyllis Diller's** four-door **Jaguar sedan**. (Editor's note: The old Jag stayed under the shed for 30 years.) **Richard Belk** celebrated a birthday. The **Bridge City Cards "Wild Bunch"** defense allows the first points of the season in a 19-7 win over **Silsbee**. **Langston Fall, B.C.** fullback grounded out 201 yards behind the blocking of **Kenny Brown, Clint Belk, Mark Dunn, David Smith, Steve Trevino, Jimmy Lacombe** and **Graig Morris**.

50 Years Ago-1971

R.N. Bob Whitehead, Jr., born Sept. 16, 1926, at Chester, Texas, is mayor of Orange, serving his third term. He served for two years there as a city councilman. **Bob** came to **Orange** as a **Carr Junior High** coach. After three years he accepted the position as park director for the city. In 1954, he accepted a job with **Allied Chemical**. In 1957, he moved to the **Firestone** plant and in 1980, he was promoted to safety engineer. **Bob** and wife, **Nita**, live at 513 W. Bridal Wreath. They have four children, **Ronnie, John, Nancy** and **Susan**. (Editor's note: Fifty years later I wonder what became of these youngsters.) With 48 years experience at **Orange Bank**, **Elmer Newman** is chairman of the board. At age 16, in 1923, he went to work at the bank. (Editor's note: I got to know **Elmer** really well and he was a big help to me in the 1950's. Everyone was fond of this great guy.) **Pete Runnels' OVN** sports column reports **Butch Campbell** scored two touchdowns in the **West Orange Chiefs** 21-18 loss to **Liberty**. Four-hundred delegates and their wives attended the first quarterly board meeting of the **Southeast Texas District of Optimist International**. **Lee Grimsley** is president of the host club, **Frank Manchac** is district boy's work chairman. They are co-chairman of the board meeting. **Mrs. Randy Beeson, Jean Grimsley, Judy Savoy** were in charge of women's activities. **West Orange** debate team gets first place at **McNeese University** tournament. Team coach was **Tommy Gunn**. Debaters were **Dennis Wick, Judy Brown, Cynthia Morphew, Kathy Bernard, Kim Riley, Jim Mid-**

leton, Don Vercher, Hank Prejean, Jeff King and **Larry Cockrell**. (Editor's note: I wonder if **Tommy** remembers all of those folks. They would all be in their mid to late 60's today.

85 Years Ago

Point of interest: **B.L. Thompson**, on trial for robbery with a firearm, was given 35 years in prison. He was granted a separate trial from **Clyde Dawson** for his part in the murder of police chief **Johnny Godwin**. **Dawson** received a life sentence for the killing. (Editor's note: I had always wondered what punishment **Dawson** had received for killing the police chief. Life back then was 25 years. I don't know how long he served of that time.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

A few folks we know celebrating their special day in the next few days. **Oct. 13:** Happy Birthday to **Scott Romero, Jason Sellers, Anita Triggs** and **Ashley Theriot**. This would also be our late friend **Nova Dee Strickland's** 89th birthday. She passed away last month. **Oct. 14:** Orange Commissioner **Johnny Trahan** celebrates today, as does longtime friend **Harry Stephens**. I have been wishing **Harry** happy birthday in my column for over 50 years. Celebrating on this day also are **Stacy Rhodes, Trey Miller** and **Dillon Crabtree**. **Oct. 15:** The boy from **Mamou**, cussin of **Jimmy C. Newman**, longest serving Orange County judge, the "**Boss Cajun**" **Carl Thibodeaux** celebrates today. In the last 45 years we have grown old together. Also celebrating today are **Jennifer Peveto, Kory Freeman** and **Derek Borel**. **Oct. 16:** Happy Birthday to **Vermillion Parish** born, **Barbara Harmon**, a nice **Cajun** lady and **Tommy's** longtime bride. Celebrating also is **Rosie Hurst, Griselda Vargas, Wayne Mulhollen, Brad Brown** and **Channing Larkin**. **Oct. 17:** Happy Birthday to **Johnny Dubose, Linda Heard, Bob Puentes, Dr. Wesley Palmer** and best wishes to our friend **Sue Collins**. **Oct. 18:** Happy Birthday to **Cheryl Rogers, Curt Sanches** and **Dina Defrantes**. **Oct. 19:** Celebrating today is **Mary Jane Hughes, Julie Prosperie, Phillip Todora, Kristin Bertles** and according to my calendar, today is **Judge Joy Dubose Simonton's** birthday, however, the list sent from **Ms. Janelle** shows **Judge Joy's** birthday on **Oct. 20**. Either way we wish her a happy birthday. **Bridge City Mayor David Rutledge**, who is state president of the **Texas Municipal League**, has stayed on the road. Last week, he was in Houston for a week, loaded with conferences and seminars. His wife, **Rebecca "Bear"**, president of **BCISD** school board, joined him for a couple of days. **David** doesn't let any grass grow under his feet. This week, **Sen. Carl Parker** writes about **Gov. Dolph Brisco**. **David** knows a lot about **Gov. Brisco**, his dad was postmaster in **Crystal City, Brisco** country, with the state's finest highways, all leading through **Dolph's** half a million acres. Speaking of **West Texas, Commissioner Johnny Trahan** and **Judge Gothia**, headed to deer country last weekend to bow hunt. The most they probably got in was two mornings and afternoons. Long way to go to look into a deer's eyes at 50 feet as your arrow hopefully gets him. Bow hunters are strange folks anyway. I haven't heard any results, so there must not have been any, except 13 hours on the road.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 13: Dallas Cowboy owner **Jerry Jones**, 79; Folks Singer **Paul Simon**, 80. **Oct. 14:** R&B Singer **Usher**, 43; Fashion Designer **Ralph Lauren**, 82; Wrestler **Stacy Keibler**, 42. **Oct. 15:** Guitarist **Tito Jackson**, 66; Actor **Paul Logan**, 48. **Oct. 16:** Rock Singer **John Mayer**, 44; Actors **Angela Lansbury**, 96; **Caterina Scorsone**, 40. **Oct. 17:** Rapper **Eminem**, 49; Country Singer **Alan Jackson**, 63; MMA Fighter **Holly Holm**, 40. **Oct. 18:** Actor **Zac Efron**, 34; Actor **Jen-Claude Van Damme**, 61. **Oct. 19:** Boxer **Floyd Mayweather, Sr.**, 69; Actors **John Lithgow**, 76; **Jon Favreau**, 55.

TRUMP FAILS FORBES RICHEST LIST

For the first time in 25 years, 37 **Texans** are on **Forbes'** richest list. **Donald Trump** and his organization did not make the top 400. **Mark Cuban** predicted four and a half years ago that the **Trump** organization would be broke in seven years. The newest **Texan, Elon Musk**, worth \$195 billion, trails only **Jeff Bezos**, worth \$201 billion, as the nations richest. Last year he earned \$22 billion. Remember that's after giving up half his worth in a divorce two years ago. **Houston** has 11 billionaires worth more than \$4.1 billion. **Walmart** heiress, **Alice Walton**, is worth over \$100 billion. **Trump** falls below the \$2.9 billion mark to make the list.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Let me tell you bout dat "Tee-Man" Duplantis and his wife Ethel. Well, "Tee-Man" got fired from anutta job so I axe him why?

He say, "Well, cuz, you know how dem forman dem, dey jus stand around wit dere hands in dere pockets and watch everybody else work?"

"What dat got to do wit you losing you job?" I axe.

"Tee Man" say, "Because dat forman him, he was jealous, all dem workers tought I was the foreman me."

While I was visiting, his wife Ethel come out on the porch and axe, "Tee-Man" babe, how many of dem fish you caught wen you was gone over da weekend?"

Tee-Man look her rat in da eye and say, "Mais honey, I caught six beauties. Why you axe hanh?"

"Well," Ethel say, "Dats wat I t'ought me, dat Comeaux at da fish market is trying to get to us again. He billed us for eight of dem fish."

C'EST TOUT

Well, I've run my course for another week. I thank you for coming along. Also, thanks to many of you for your loyalty over the years. I'll be back next week in this space **God willing and the creek don't rise**. I know you have heard that expression all of your life but don't know how it started. Well, I'll tell you. It was in reference to the **Creek Indians**, not a body of water. It was written by **Benjamin Hankins** in the late 18th century. He was a politician and **Indian** diplomat. While in the south, **Hankins** was requested by the president to return to **Washington**. In his response he wrote, "**God willing and the Creek don't rise**." Because he capitalized the word **Creek** he was referring to the **Creek Indian** tribe and not water. Now you know. **Take Care and God bless.**

Deaths & Memorials

Randall B. Culp, 68, Bridge City

Randall B. Culp, 68, of Bridge City passed away on October 3, 2021 in Pt. Arthur, Tx.

Born in Orange on December 4, 1952, Randy was the son of Thomas P. Culp and Evelyn Lillian (McKnight) Culp. He was a devoted member of First Baptist Church-Orangefield where he taught Sunday School, facilitated Life Groups, as well as serving in other positions at the church.

He was always eager to tell others about his hope in Christ. Randy enjoyed traveling with his family, woodworking and was blessed to enjoy his chosen profession. He was married to the love of his life, Maraline (Havens) Culp, for 47 years and was "the best dad in the world" to his son J.T. Randy will be deeply



Randall Culp

ly missed by his family, church family, friends and co-workers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Evelyn Culp. Randy is survived by his wife, Maraline Culp and son John Thomas "J.T." Culp of Bridge City, siblings, Cheryl Culp of Huntsville, Alabama, Thomas Patrick Culp and wife Gayle of Orange and Steve Culp and wife Kathryn Culp of Bridge City, as well as other family members.

Memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church-Orangefield at 10:00 am on October 16th.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Dream Center of Southeast Texas, 3890 FM 3514, Beaumont, Texas 77705.

Gladys Faye Martin, 95, Orange

Gladys Faye Martin, 95, of Orange, passed away on October 4, in Nederland.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 16, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, October 15, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Born in Vinton, Louisiana, on August 8, 1926, Gladys was the daughter of Vores Sonier and Emma Gladys (Reed) Sonier. She was a woman that always made sure everyone around her felt loved by filling their bellies with her amazing cooking, repairing a favorite article of clothing, or just lending a helping hand. Gladys was a fantastic seamstress and enjoyed making homemade quilts, not to mention working in the fabric department at Walmart. The happiest she was occurred when she was outdoors, whether it was gar-



Gladys Martin

dening, hunting, fishing, or just traveling around with her loving husband, Jim. Gladys loved her family and friends deeply and she will be dearly missed by all those that held her close.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vores and Emma Sonier; husband, James "Jim" Martin, and children, Charles Mott, Diane Anderson, and Mary Ellen McGee.

Gladys is survived by her daughter Belinda James and spouse Walt Wheeler of Bridge City; stepdaughter, Carolyn Martin and Charles Butch Martin of Houston; grandchildren, Peggy Tyler, LeeJay Eckhardt, and Major James; five great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; brother, L.J. Sonier of Mauriceville; as well as numerous other family. Serving as pallbearers will be Major James, Chad Payne, Hunter Denton, John Wheeler, Nick Wheeler, and Jake Landry. Honorary pallbearer is Walt Wheeler.

Joseph Paul Patronella, 62, Orange

Joseph Paul Patronella, 62, of Orange, passed away on October 2, in North Carolina.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 13, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery in Orange. Visitation was held Tuesday, October 12, with a rosary service at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in Orange, on January 20, 1959, he was the son of John H. Patronella and Lyndia (Chapman) Patronella. Joe was a man of the simple pleasures in life, the outdoors, Zydeco music, cars and motorcycles. He was a hard-working pipeline inspector for Meridian Construction.

When he wasn't working, Joe loved to do woodworking and show off his cooking skills while surrounded by his family and friends.

He will be dearly missed by those that held him close. He was preceded in death by his



grandparents, Rose and Sam Patronella and Cora and Leslie Chapman. Joe is survived by his loving wife, Sherry Patronella of Orange, Texas; parents, Lyndia and John Patronella of Buna, Texas; children, Misty Patronella and wife Janet Secondi of Kyle, Texas, Crystal Mattix and husband Robbie of Houston, Texas, Rachel Valentine and husband Roland of Houston, Texas, and Courtney Janice and husband Chris of Orange, Texas; grandchildren, Joseph Rose and wife Angelica, Latoya Janice, Pvt. Da-Sasha Janice, Jake Secondi, Riley Rose, and Rolando Valentine; siblings, Pam Lestage and husband James of Orange, Texas, John Patronella, Jr. and wife Shannon of Buna, Texas, Patsy McClelland and husband Craig of Mauriceville, Texas. Serving as pallbearers will be Greg Henry, Jody Rascoe, Joseph Rose, Chris Janice, Harold Hubbard, Misty Patronella. Honorary pallbearers are Jake Secondi and Dylan Hubbard.

Sheral Preston Kay, 79, Bridge City

Sheral Preston Kay, 79, of Bridge City, passed away on September 20, 2021, in Beaumont. Born on November 17, 1941, he was the son of Solomon Kay and Margaret (Scoggins) Kay.

Sheral served bravely in the United States Marine Corps. In addition to being a member of the Pipefitters Union Local 195, he owned Kay's Auto Repair.

He adored his family more than anything in the world, and would go above and beyond to provide for them. Sheral could often be found telling stories about the old days or working on a crossword puzzle. He enjoyed sports, especially Nascar, but dabbled in baseball and football as well. Sheral's family will always remember him for his golden heart and diligent work ethic, but



Sheral Preston

most importantly that he was the best man they knew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Solomon and Margaret Kay; and loving wife, Sue Kay. He is survived by his daughters, Kathy Monceaux and husband Jeffrey of Bridge City, Jeanie Rhea and husband Steve of DeRidder, Louisiana, Jill Sons and husband John of Sulphur, Louisiana and Donna Clawson and husband Steve of Big Lake, Louisiana; grandchildren, Troy Sons, Lored Brouillette, Michael Rhea, Steven Sons, Carly Gintz, Cale Brouillette, Kyle Kresser, Kasey Monceaux, and Bailee Monceaux; numerous great-grandchildren; and brother, Jarrell Kay and wife Shirley.

Cremation will be held under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has named BCHS senior Brad Brown as "Student of the Month" for October. Pictured from Left to Right: Tim Wooley, Maureen McAllister, Brad Brown, Chris Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Family of Brown, Alisa Huckaby.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has named Orangefield senior Draven Crochet as October 'Student of the Month.' Pictured from Left to Right: Shawn AcAlpin, Rea Wrinkle, Britni Briggs, Joe Crochet, Draven Crochet and Christy Khoury.

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HOPE OF DELIVERANCE



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For The Record

“Thy God whom thou serves continually, He will deliver thee.” (Deut. 6:16)

Mary Tyler Moore said something that was profound...simple but profound. She said, “No one gets out of here without dying.” Obviously, she was right. Even in the rapture that we Christians just hope we are available for will have to go through a death experience... instantaneously, but none the less these bodies are going to have to be dropped behind and we put on a new body fit for heaven. In death for the believer Paul says, “To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.” (II Cor. 5:8)

Luke 4:18 says, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,” This is the Deliverer Himself, Jesus Christ speaking. We pastors don’t preach any kind of deliverance in and of ourselves. We point you to the one and only Deliverer, Jesus Christ the Lord. Without Him there is no deliverance.

First, notice in Deuteronomy 6:16 that it says “Thy God whom thou serves continually...” This is not for a disobedient world, but for a world of believers who are serving God. Notice also that there is no “might” or “possibly” will deliver you, but “He will deliver you.”

To many are too free to declare “I am a Christian” to-



day. Too often they don’t know the definition of “Christian.” Look it up. It means to be like Christ. They are someone who is awakening everyday with the goal of obeying God in thought, speech and action, just like Jesus Christ did.

Do you know anyone that doesn’t need deliverance daily and around the clock? Of course not. They may say, “I’ve got this!” But check back with them later. They are as human as anyone else. Don’t let them kid you. They’ve asked for help before. Oh, maybe it didn’t come to the level of calling upon God, but they have asked for help. Let’s go to that level.

Jesus said that He has come to deliver the “captives.” Captives in what? How about Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Or Romans 5:12 “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” It appears clear to me that the first issue is the cause of every problem, including the fact that we all have an appointment with death. Hebrews 9:27-28

“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” Look to Him for what? Deliverance from sin, and deliverance from sin is deliverance from death. John 5:24 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that

sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” So, death is always coming but where is deliverance that keeps us from being swallowed up in death and hell? It is obviously in a person named Jesus Christ the Lord.

Between now and the death of my body I have many other things to be delivered from, and that is only in Jesus. Jesus said in Luke 4:18 it says that my eyesight is restored from blindness. Sin blinds people to the truth of Jesus. That’s why they stumble around and try everything else and either finally come to Jesus or stumble into eternal darkness through death, never knowing the Deliverer. II Corinthians 4:4 says, “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” So, those who are unbelievers are blinded to the way of deliverance in their lives by Satan, “the god of this world.” They may stumble from religion to religion and church house to church house, but never find deliverance and only become more confused to Satan’s pleasure.

Between now and the death of my body life is going to beat me up here and there with persecution, sickness, family problems, relationship problems of different kinds, monetary loss that brings its own bruises, and you fill in the rest of the blanks that you have found yourself trapped in and being beat up. Luke 4:18 “...to set at liberty them that are bruised,” At 75 years old, I have lived long enough to have experienced them all. From a child I can list more hardships and disappointments than you and I have time for.

At 19 years old I met the Deliverer from sin and death, sickness and trials. I met Jesus. Oh, sickness and hardships have found their places in my life, and the death of this body is on the horizon. He has delivered me from sickness many times. I wasn’t even supposed to live when I was born. Currently He has delivered me from lung cancer twice, more recently stage 4 lung and melanoma cancers and the hardships of the battle against that. I have lost family just because. Yup...just because. My Deliverer, Jesus, keeps giving me uplifting deliverance time and again from that.

My Deliverer from day to day, and it’s only one day at a time, never leaves me nor forsakes me, as He promised. He is always available to gripe and praise with...not necessarily in that order. He is patient with my griping times and rejoices with me in the praise times. Peter wrote, “He is long-suffering (patient) with us.” I am living proof of that. Jesus remains always my one and only source of deliverance from anything painful, discouraging or death defying. One day my last enemy, death, will be defeated as it takes

my body but not me. Jesus said that He has angels watching over me and they are given charge of delivering me into the presence of Him and my Father God.

Hope Of Deliverance, when you get worn out trusting others and stuff or self, even to deliver you from “broken heartedness,” being “captive” by self and sin and so much else, being “blind” to the source of deliverance

and trying to find it in self, others and things, healing from being “bruised” and beat up by family, “friends” and work associates, and you name it, it’s time you turn to Jesus from sin and being lost (a wanderer from pain to pain, disappointment to disappointment).

Charles Empey is the Pastor of Cove Baptist Church, Orange, TX.

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For The Record



Dickie Colburn

I am assuming it could best be compared to the weekend golfer that has already exceeded 100 strokes and is yet to even tee off on the 18th hole. His goal at that point has been lowered to simply finishing a miserable morning and selling his clubs. He then somehow magically birdies number 18 and suddenly can't wait to play tomorrow!

Larry Mosely asked if I would like to catch a few slot reds he'd found on the north end of the lake and he didn't have to ask twice. Not surprisingly, they never showed up and he was ready to get back home and mow in less than three hours.

One more drift, however, not only made the day, but left us wondering what the heck was going on as well. We were fishing the revetment wall and apparently doing it all wrong by casting too close to the rocks. We decided that we would make on more drift with our casts landing no closer than forty feet from the rocks.

It wasn't exactly a case of our having figured something out as the only two fish we had seen caught were by anglers walking the rocks and casting out as far as they could. In the next twenty minutes we caught seven trout in the 16 to 18-inch class!

I hadn't caught five keeper trout in a single day in the past three months. While we were both excited, the happening left us with some obvious questions. Have those fish been hanging a little deeper all this time? Was it the lure or the

COLBURN:FISHING Page 4B

★ HOMETOWN FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS



Bridge City Cardinal running back JS Bearden churns out yardage in the thrilling 21-20 Homecoming victory over Hardin Jefferson. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson

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Kaz's Fearless Football Forecast...

★ WEST ORANGE STARK over ORANGEFIELD

The Mustangs "No-Name" defense had better be ready to stop the Bobcats' potent ground game, because it is a good one. However, the 'Stangs appear to have all their ducks in a row as they march toward another district championship. The winner of this intra-county fracas will have sole possession of first place in District 11-4A-II.

★ LITTLE CYPRESS-MAURCEVILLE over VIDOR

It looks like the Battlin' Bears are jumping out of the frying pan and into the fire after disposing of the undefeated Huffman Falcons last week and must face the talented Vidor Pi-

rates, another District 10-4A-I team with an unblemished record. Whatever worked in last week's upset victory should be the ticket for another upset in this home game Friday night.

★ Silsbee over BRIDGE CITY

Neither team can afford another district loss, especially the home team Silsbee Tigers, who already have two league setbacks. The Cards have been hanging tough and really need to pull off this huge upset.

★ DEWEYVILLE over Sabine Pass

The Pirates opened up the defense of their district championship on the right foot last week with a victory at Hull-Dai-setta and need to continue their solid play again this week

down at Sabine Pass.

★ ABILENE CHRISTIAN over LAMAR

The Cardinals got a preview last month of how tough this Western Athletic Conference is going to be when they played this team in a nonconference game. This one's for real and the result will be the same.

★ MCNEESE STATE over NORTHWESTERN STATE

If the Cowboys are to win another game this season it may just happen Saturday in Natchitoches. Otherwise, the future looks mighty dismal.

★ Area High Schools - Beaumont West Brook over Kingwood, Port Arthur Memorial over Beaumont United,

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★ Orange County Football Highlights ★

Big games on tap as OC squads clash for district ranks

Tommy Mann Jr.
For The Record

Teams are positioning themselves for a run at district titles and the playoffs, and games this week will go a long way in helping resolve those questions with two huge matchups featuring four Orange County teams. To show how successful the 2021 football season has been thus far, all five Orange County teams have a combined record of 23-6 through seven weeks.

The No. 4 ranked West Orange-Stark Mustangs (5-1, 3-0) will be on the road this week to face the feisty Orangefield Bobcats (5-1, 2-0) in the marquee District 11-4A Div. II match.

The Mustangs pummeled the Silsbee Tigers (2-4, 1-2) by a score of 45-20 this past Friday night. The Mustangs offense may have started slow, but it was full speed ahead for running back Elijah Gales and the WO-S offense from that point on. The Mustangs churned out nearly 400 yards of offense with Gales getting more than 100 yards rushing and he added a touchdown pass as well. The defense continued to limit opposing offenses by creating turnovers. Orangefield traveled to Liberty (4-3, 1-2) on Friday and came away with a 34-13 victory over the Panthers. The Bobcats have a knack for big plays and the offense set the tone early with a 70-yard touchdown run by Cameron Dischler. The Orangefield ground game is in fine mid-season form as both Dischler and Hunter Ashworth broke the century mark in rushing against Liberty. However, rushing against WO-S will be a whole different task.

The main event for District 10-4A Division I this week will feature the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Battlin' Bears (5-1, 1-0) hosting the Vidor Pirates (5-0, 1-0) on Friday night.

The Bears traveled to Huffman this past Friday night and defeated the previously No. 5 ranked Hargrave Falcons, 39-31. LC-M jumped out to a 12-0 lead, but the Falcons (5-1, 0-1) responded and lead 21-12 at the half. This Bears team used a strong second-half showing to surge passed the Falcons for the 39-31 victory. Quarterback Ashton Landry has the ball in his hands every play and is a threat to any opposing defense, whether



Mustang Elijah Gales is quickly approaching the all time leading rusher for WO-S Gales has a little over 300 yards to break Coach DePauldrick Garrett's record. He had 113 yards on 13 carries, 66 receiving yards and threw a 61 yard option pass to Jailen Brown for a touchdown.
RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs



The Bridge City Cardinal defense signals a fumble recovery against Hardin Jefferson. Rayburn Hebert (6), Mason Pruitt (24), and Conner Ayers (52), are among the Cardinals on the play.
RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson

running or throwing. He did both well against Huffman and accounted for four total touchdowns for the game. Amier Washington and the Bears defense are on the rise and have been able to keep nearly every offense in check this season. The Vidor Pirates (5-0, 1-0) defeated the Splendora Wildcats 30-20 on Friday night. The Pirates offense struggled in the first half and the score was deadlocked 7-7 until the Vidor defense provided a spark with a safety and a 9-7 lead. The de-

fense then held the Splendora (4-2, 0-1) offense, the highest scoring offense in the district, to its lowest point output of the season. The winner of this week's game will be sitting in prime position as district contests hit the home stretch for the final three weeks.

Bridge City (3-3, 1-1) got a thrilling 21-20 homecoming win this past Friday over the Hardin-Jefferson Hawks with a late defensive stop on the Hawks go-ahead two-point conversion. The Cardi-

nals had two touchdowns called back because of penalties, so the game was much closer than it should have been. Quarterback Ethan Ocegeura managed the game and offense well, as running back Kyler Garlaska sliced and diced through the Hawks defense for more than 120 yards, while linebacker Harrison Gauthier came up with

two big take-aways for the Cardinals defense. Bridge City will be on the road this week to face the Silsbee Tigers in a pivotal game in District 11-4A Div. II. If the Cardinals can eliminate the inopportune penalties they suffered against H-J, then this game could go the way Big Red needs.

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Holiday in the Park, Nov. 6

Be sure to plan to spend the day with us on Saturday, November 6th at West Orange's 20th Annual Holiday in the Park. The event is located at 2700 Western Ave and will be held from 9 am to 5 pm.

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Aggie fans glad, Longhorn fans sad

KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

My wife Susan informed me right in the middle of the high-scoring Texas-Oklahoma game that she was going to take her afternoon nap.

"How can you leave such an exciting game like this?" I asked her.

"Texas is going to lose," came her reply.

"How can you sit here in front of the television for over three hours cheering for the Longhorns and out of the blue say Texas will lose when it's not even the fourth quarter and Texas has a comfortable 41-23 lead?" I asked completely puzzled. "You stick to cooking for me and let me handle the football predictions."

"Being a high school math teacher for nearly half a century, I've learned a lot about momentum and probability. The Longhorns have completely lost that momentum they built up in the first half and once it's gone, it rarely returns. The probability is that the Sooners will pick up on that lack of enthusiasm and come roaring back in the final period," she countered.

The football game was over when she staggered out of the bedroom after her nap. But she was not happy that her prediction came true because being from Missouri, she had no love whatsoever for the Oklahoma Sooners, who won the Red River Shootout 55-48.

The loss prevented Longhorns' head coach Steve Sarkisian from winning this annual event in his first season, a feat accomplished only by Barry Switzer in his first year at Oklahoma.

That rivalry was only one of several attractions that

took place last weekend for Orange area sports fans. High school football Friday night saw every local team win their district game—West Orange-Stark over Silsbee 45-20, Little Cypress-Mauriceville's upset over previously-undefeated Huffman 39-31, Orangefield 34-13 over Liberty, Bridge City 21-20 over Hardin-Jefferson, Vidor 30-20 over Splendora and Deweyville 40-14 over Hull-Daisetta.

Local baseball fans enjoyed the Houston Astros winning their first two games of the Best-of-Five American League Division Series over the Chicago White Sox at Minute Maid Park 6-1 and 9-4 before dropping a 12-6 slugfest Sunday night in the Windy City.

The big college football game Saturday night featured Alabama, the nation's No. 1 team against Texas A&M before more than 100,000 screaming fans in College Station's Kyle Field. The Crimson Tide swaged into town as a 17½-point favorite to keep their long undefeated streak intact.

Again, wife Susan and I plopped before the boob tube and watched the Aggies dominate the action over Alabama during the first half, leading at the intermission 24-10. The Crimson Tide reduced the deficit to 31-24 after three periods of play.

The Aggies' defense stepped up and made Alabama settle for two field goals. But with five minutes left in the game the Tide scored a touchdown and took their first lead of the game, 38-31.

It was then that Susan informed me not to worry. "Al-

abama is about to suffer their first loss of the season. Their momentum has slackened and the Aggies still have enough of their early momentum to pull off the upset," she predicted.

I never did see her consult a crystal ball, but the Aggies needed less than two minutes to score on a 29-yard pass play to tie the score at 38-38.

A&M's defense came up with a stop and the offense took over and gouged the Crimson Tide defense setting up a 28-yard field goal by Seth Small as time ran out. The 100,000 fans ran out on the field to celebrate the 41-38 Texas A&M upset victory over the nation's No. 1 team.

As a result of Saturday's games involving this area's two most popular football schools, the Texas Aggies rejoined this week's Associated Press Top 25 Collegiate Poll, replacing Texas in the No. 21 slot while the Longhorns sunk to No. 25.

KWICKIES...

This week's AP Top 25 College Football Poll got jumbled up for the first time this season with Alabama dropping out of the top spot for the first time in many moons. With their loss to Texas A&M Saturday, the Crimson Tide slipped to No. 5 with Georgia claiming the No. 1 spot. Iowa moved up one place to No. 2, Cincinnati got its highest ranking in school history at No. 3, Oklahoma went up two spots to No. 4, Ohio State moved up one place to No. 6 while Penn State slipped three spots to No. 7. The remainder of the Top Ten has Michigan up one to No. 8, Oregon down one to No. 9 and Michigan State up one to No. 10. The other Texas team, SMU, moved up one place to No.

23. The Big Ten is the second conference to have five teams in the Top 10 in a single poll. The SEC is the other.

New England head man Bill Belichick is 11-1 against a rookie quarterback since 2014, losing only to Miami's Tua Tagovailoa last season.

Houston's Davis Mills, who threw three touchdown passes, had zero turnovers and a 141.6 quarterback rating, is only the third rookie quarterback with 300 yards passing vs. a Belichick-coached team. Mills completed 21-of-29 passes for 312 yards.

Gonzaga's head basketball coach Mark Few has been suspended from the first game this season for a DWI he received during the Labor Day weekend.

The Houston Texans (13) and Cleveland Browns (15) both had leads and managed to lose their respective games Sunday. Cleveland is the first team in NFL history to lose with 40 or more points (42) and zero turnovers. The Los Angeles Chargers won 47-42.

JUST BETWEEN US...

The Houston Texans fans who jammed NRG Stadium to watch their team match wits with Bill Belichick and his New England Patriots Sunday afternoon were gypped out of a victory by Texans rookie head coach David Culley, who resorted to some sandlot plays while leading 22-9 and injected some momentum into the Patriots in the second half and halted his team's momentum which resulted in New England's 25-22 victory. The Texans' special teams were graded with an F-minus by Monday's edition of the Houston Chronicle and said it was "the worst special teams' performance in Texans history."

Kaz's Fearless Football Fortecast From Page 1B

Nederland over Dayton, Port Neches-Groves over Kingwood Park, Huffman over Lumberton, Hampshire-Fannett over Hardin-Jefferson, East Chambers over Buna, Kirbyville over Hardin, Newton over Warren, Evadale over Hull-Daisetta.

COLLEGE PICKS

South Alabama over Georgia Southern, Memphis over Navy (both Thursday); Clemson over Syracuse, Marshall over North Texas, San Diego State over San Jose State, Oregon over California (all Friday); Northern Illinois over Bowling Green, North Carolina over Miami, Virginia Tech over Pitts-

burgh, Texas Tech over Kansas, Michigan State over Indiana, Wisconsin over Army, Buffalo over Ohio, South Carolina over Vanderbilt, Tulsa over South Florida, North Carolina State over Boston College, Nebraska over Minnesota, Miami, O. over Akron, Cincinnati over Central Florida, Virginia over Duke, Northwestern over Rutgers, Ball State over Eastern Michigan, Colorado State over New Mexico, Colorado over Arizona, Boise State over Air Force, Arizona State over Utah, Fresno State over Wyoming, UCLA over Washington, Liberty over Louisiana-Monroe, Baylor over BYU, Texas A&M over Missouri, Texas

over Oklahoma State, Oklahoma over TCU, Toledo over Central Michigan, UAB over Southern Mississippi, Iowa over Purdue, Alabama over Mississippi State, Western Michigan over Kent State, Western Kentucky over Old Dominion, Georgia over Kentucky, Florida over LSU, Ole Miss over Tennessee, Texas State over Troy, Iowa State over Kansas State, Arkansas over Auburn, UTSA over Rice, Utah State over UNLV, Louisiana Tech over UTEP, Stanford over Washington State, Nevada over Hawaii (all Saturday).

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Bridge City Cardinal Joey Murty brings down a pass setting up Big Red's 21-20 homecoming win over Hardin Jefferson. RECORD PHOTO: Lisa K. Anderson



The Mustang defense shut down the Tigers' rushing game, holding them to only 73 yards on 33 carries. WO-S beat Silsbee, 45-20. RECORD PHOTO: Meri Elen Jacobs

Colburn: Fishing From Page 1B

color of the lure? Was it the speed of retrieve? Did we just stumble up on a small school of better fish?

There was a time not that long ago when seven keepers would have been considered a poor day of trout fishing on Sabine Lake. Was this the beginning of something good or did we just luck out?

We were throwing a lure that I have not fished in a long time because L.J. was uncomfortable throwing a Softdine for the first time. I tied a chartreuse Catch 2000 on for him and he boated three fish before I could switch as well.

Those fish just crushed the 2000, but would not hit a tail or a Corky. Neither of us elected to volunteer and try another color so we could not eliminate the possibility of color making all the difference.

The Catch 2000 is a suspending lure that sinks very slowly and without exception, our strikes came when the lure was about four feet

beneath the surface. We caught those fish in less than a fifty foot stretch of shoreline so there was no doubt that they had shrimp or shad or some type of bait cornered up.

We were only able to fish that program about thirty minutes as L.J. got an unexpected call requesting his presence at home, but we had seen all we needed to see. I never reached the point where I was contemplating selling all my tackle, but I can't wait to get back on the water and help the fish answer a few questions.

With the exception of folks fishing south of the Causeway and beach fronts, a large percentage of local anglers hoping to enjoy fried fish have turned to chasing reds almost exclusively. That could be a mistake judging by the results of the Sabine Pass Lion's Club tournament last weekend.

It was a flounder only event and a total of sixty-three anglers gave it a shot.

When all was said and done Ryan Neff blew the field away with a whopping 6.38-pound flattie. Very few anglers have ever been fortunate enough to even put their hands on a flounder that size!

Easily the most encouraging aspect of the event was that the top six places all went to contestants with fish over the three pound mark. A little more cool weather and lots of folks will be catching lots of flounder.

We recently found good numbers of twelve to fourteen inch trout bouncing tails of the bottom in both East and Middle Pass. We were fishing the breaks in ten to twelve feet of water. I think you could have caught them on a variety of colors, but we fished only a purple demon.

Lots of bites and lots of small fish on an outgoing tide, but we never caught the first Texas legal fish.

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Men, this sale is for you. Starting this Thur., 10/14 & Fri., 10/15 from 9 am to 530 pm and Sat., 10/16 from 8 am to 2 pm at 604 Pearson Street, West Orange. Lots of tools, antique & modern furniture, kitchenware, housewares, metal detector, nice mens clothing, cds, dvds, books, high-lighting planes & guns, appliances, 2 out buildings with stuff & so much more.

Large Multi Family Garage Sale this Saturday, 10/16 from 8 am to 1 pm at 2309 Bear Trails, off 1130, Orange, LCM area. Wall decor, home goods, linens, dishes, nice clothes, lamps, light fixture, knick-knacks and small furniture. Something for everyone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Daughters of the American Revolution William Diamond Chapter of Orange County meets the third Tuesday of the month at St. Paul Methodist Church in Bridge City at 1:00 p.m. To become a member, a woman must be 18 years or older who can prove lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American Independence. She must provide documentation, as well as the Revolutionary War service of her Patriot ancestor. DAR promotes Patriotism, Historical Preservation, Educational, Veterans and Women's issues. For additional information contact Bertie Herman, Regent, at 409-735-5253 or 409-960-4560

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

Holiday in the Park set to return. Be sure to plan to spend the day with us on Saturday, November 6th at West Orange's 20th Annual Holiday in the Park. The event is located at 2700 Western Ave and will be held from 9 am to 5 pm. We have been able to extend our booth registration deadline, as additional spaces have been added this year. So if you're interested in getting a booth for the festival, now's the time and if you have one of those fine classic cars or trucks and want to show it off to others, the Holiday in the Park car/truck show will be the place to be. The festival promises to have something for everyone - holiday gifts, decorations, crafts, local live entertainment, great food, fine vehicles, free crafts for the kids...and oh, yes....no gate fee.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension of Orange County will be holding free Do Well Be Well with Diabetes classes. Join us in learning how to prevent and control your type 2 diabetes, eat healthy and much more to control your diabetes. The series will last for 5 classes on October 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, and 19th and will be from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. They will be held at the Raymond Gould Community Center at 385 Claiborne St, Vidor, TX. To get the full educational benefit, you need to attend all 5 classes if possible. Call the Extension Office at 409-882-7010 to sign-up for this series.

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

Al-Anon can help if someone close to you has a drinking problem. Al-Anon meets Sundays & Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., North Orange Baptist Church, 4775 N. 16th St. (Rear), Orange, TX 77632. Call Angela at 474-2171, calls are kept Confidential.

The Rotary Club of Bridge City-Orange-field is pleased to announce their 1st Annual Guys' Game Night: Fins, Feathers, and Fooore! The game night will be held at the Bridge City Community Center located on 105 Parkside Drive in Bridge City on October 21st at 6:30pm. Tickets and sponsorships are still available. Prizes include premium golf clubs and gear, fishing trips, and hunting equipment. There will also be door prizes and a live auction held during the event. Alcohol and dinner will be served during the event. No one under 21 will be permitted.

Pinnacle Academy offers private music lessons for Piano, Vocal, Guitar, Drums, Bass Trumpet, Ukulele, and more for all ages. Learn all musical styles including Pop, Rock, Country, Metal, Jazz, Blues, and Hip Hop. Pinnacle Academy is located at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 945 W. Roundbunch, Bridge City. Come and discover this opportunity to learn an instrument in the local area. For more information, call 409-241-3920 or visit www.PinnacleMusicAcademy.com.

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

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

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

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

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

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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the preferred method for you to file your request for intervention is electronically, and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention request. Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>. Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at: http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New_PUC_Web_Filer_Presentation.pdf. Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Filer, you may email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: centralrecords@puc.texas.gov. For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

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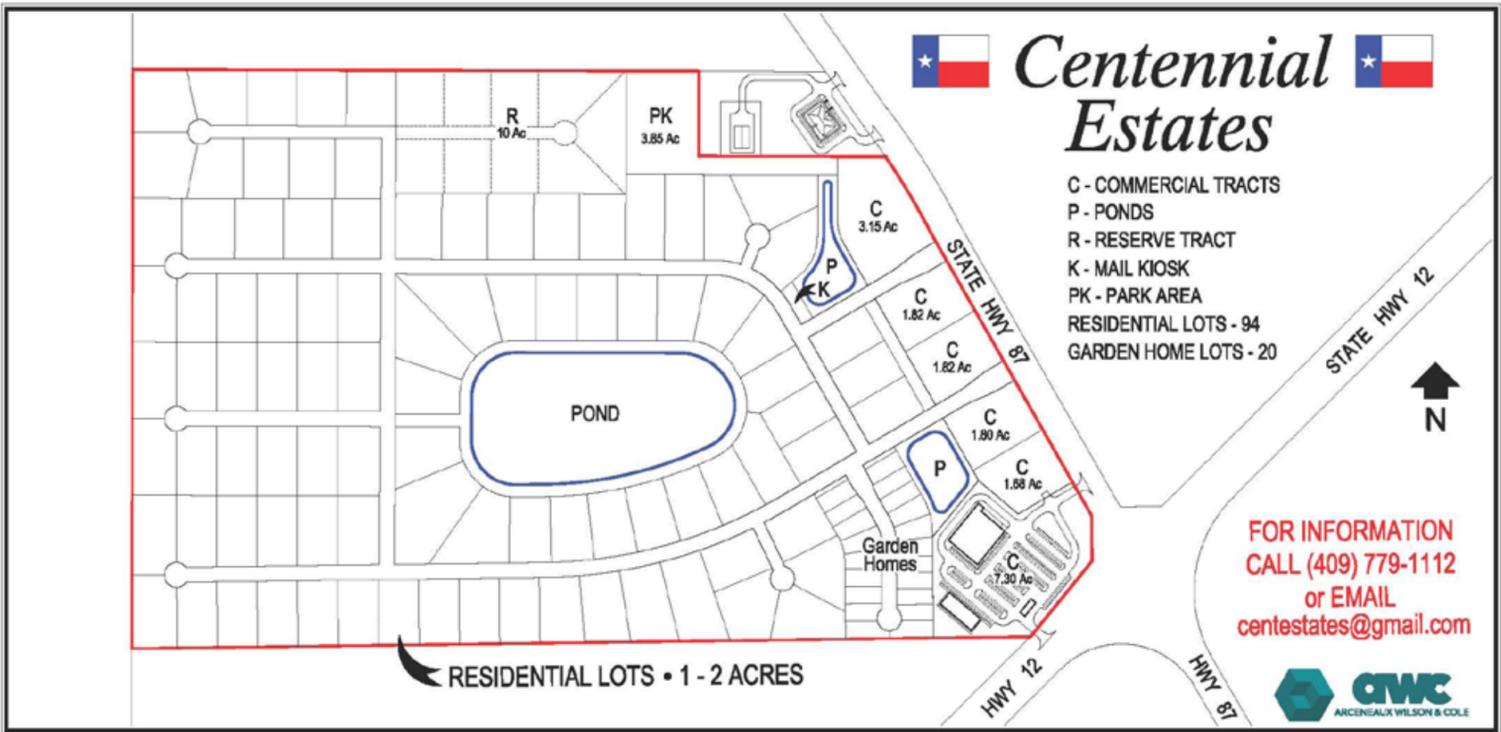
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