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Drought threatens OC burn ban

Dave Rogers
For The Record

Joel Ardoin, Orange County's Emergency Management Coordinator, told County Commissioners Tuesday that the county had not been as dry as it is since before Hurricane Harvey hit in 1997.

"We went several weeks without rain," he said, discounting a light morning shower in the Bridge City area.

"We're getting close to where we need to put a burn ban into effect."

Ardoin noted that as of Tuesday afternoon no county east of Houston had called for a burn ban but added a heat wave of record-high temperatures is headed our way.

"Yesterday, the line of counties with burn bans in effect was west of Padre Island, but today, the line has moved to the counties next to Harris County," he said.

"We're not in panic mode yet, but it won't take much for it to take off, be-



Ardoin

cause everything is so dry." Orange County was in the 700 range, according to the Keach-Bryan Drought Index, Ardoin said.

"Our next bump is to the extreme level," he said. "We're getting very close to having to implement a burn ban."

Although the Texas Forest Service tracks burn bans, they can only be enacted by local county governments, meaning by order of County Judge John Gothia in Orange County.

Gothia has been a member of Commissioners Court since 2017.

"Since we've been on court, we've had only one burn ban," Gothia said, "and that was at the start of COVID, because with all the health issues, people were having trouble

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Orange HOT funds spark renovating visitor center

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Orange City Council approved spending \$500,000 of hotel occupancy tax funds to renovate the first floor of the old City Hall building on Green Avenue Tuesday morning.

Also, longtime Public Works Director Jim Wolf announced his retirement.

"Sometimes it's time," he said. "I've been here 23 years and it's been an honor to serve the citizens of Orange." Wolf celebrated his 75th birthday last week.

Historical architect Dohn LaBiche provided the numbers and a rough plan on how the old city hall, the former home of Orange civic pioneer Edgar Brown Jr., can be turned into a visitors center and host as many as five mini-museums.

First-floor walls set up to host city services would come down and leave room for five different galleries, an ADA-accessible restroom, a museum curator's office and staff area.

"The city can still use the rooms upstairs," said LaBiche.

Mike Kunst, Orange city manager, said originally he had asked LaBiche to quote a price for reno-



Jim Wolf, Orange's Public Works Director for almost a quarter of a century, shakes hands with city council members Caroline Hennigan and Paul Burch after he announced his retirement Tuesday. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

vating the entire two-story building.

"His answer was \$1.3 million," Kunst recalled. "We said, 'What's another idea?'"

"The things we're going to be doing are very nice," LaBiche said. "It won't be a Cadillac but it will be a very nice Chevrolet."

Council members voted unanimously to go ahead with the renovation.

"This opens up the door to other things that could possibly come to Orange," council member Terrie Salter said.

"I think we get after it as

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County proclaims appreciation for J.B.'s Barbecue

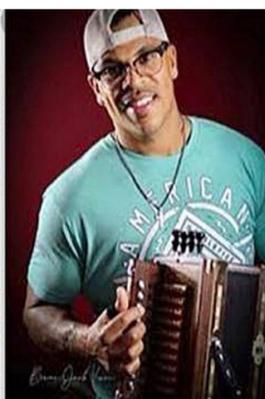


World War II veteran J.B. Arrington, is joined by daughter Jenny Lowry, left, wife Mary Arrington and daughter Betty Mathews, Tuesday as Orange County Commissioners saluted his restaurant, JB's Barbeque, on its 50th anniversary. JB's Barbeque is off Interstate 10 and at Old Highway 90 in Orange and has drawn faithful customers who live here and motorists who have made it a must-stop on their travels along the highway. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

Juneteenth Festival set for weekend



Far Cry



Brian Jack & Zydeco Gamblers



Chris Ardoin & Tha Nustep Krewe

Margaret Toal
For The Record

The Krewe de Onyx of Orange has organized a two-day Juneteenth Festival for Saturday and Sunday at the Orange Boat Ramp off Simmons Drive. The event will have lots of live music, food, activities for children, and a community prayer service on Sunday morning.

The lineup fits with the tradition of Juneteenth, which began in Galveston, 100 miles away. Smithso-

nian Magazine said the news of the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves in confederate states reached Texas through Galveston on June 19, 1865. Freed slaves celebrated and commemorated the day the next year. It grew to be called "Juneteenth" with a celebration of Black achievements.

Texas in 1979 became the first state to make the day a holiday and others followed. Last year, Juneteenth Independence Day,

became a federal holiday. Local Black achievements will be recognized during the Community Prayer Service beginning at 10 a.m. The honorees will be Jackie Mayfield, Wendy Solomon, Joe Ware, Cynthia Adams, Bettie Curtis, Andrew Hayes, Travessa Gant, Andre Robertson, and Kevin "Pup" Smith. Smith, a former cornerback for the Dallas Cowboys, will attend and give autographs.

Father Jim Sichko, a graduate of West Or-

ange-Stark High and now a Papal Missionary of Mercy, will give the main address during the prayer service at the Riverside Pavilion. Wayne Sparrow and Anitrea Goodwin will be the MCs and Mayor Larry Spears Jr. will welcome the crowd. Then the Reverend John Jefferson of Mt. Olive Baptist Church will give a prayer and Jayden Miller of the West Orange-Stark High Choir will sing. WO-S Elemen-

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Bilbo sworn in as new Orange Fire Chief

Dan Perrine
For The Record

The City of Orange conducted the swearing in ceremony for John Bilbo to be the new Fire Chief on Thursday, June 9, at the Central Fire Station in Orange. Bilbo was sworn in by Judge Jim Sharon Bearden, Jr.

Chief Bilbo replaces David Frenzel who retired earlier this year as the city's Fire Chief after 25 years in the position. Frenzel said it was one of the proudest days of his life to see Bilbo officially



John Bilbo receives the oath of office to be the Fire Chief for the City of Orange from Judge Jim Sharon Bearden, Jr. with Bilbo's wife Andrea sharing the moment.

replace him as the head of the City of Orange Fire Department.

Frenzel told those attending the ceremony there may have been doubt in some people's minds who would replace him, but not in his. "There was never ever any doubt in my mind who was most qualified for the job. I watched this man for the last ten years prepare himself for this position," Frenzel recalled.

After serving in the

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DRAWING WILL BE HELD JUNE 30TH

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quickly as you can," council member David Bailey told Kunst.

The money to fund the project would come from the 7% tax the city collects for each traveler's night in one of Orange's hotels and motels.

Last fall, the city handed out \$185,000 in grants to non-profits, including \$50,000 each to Lutch Theater and the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce and \$35,000 to the organizers of this year's Juneteenth festivities, the Krewe de Onyx.

It is accepting applications for the next group of awards. Any 501(c) organization in the city of Orange that attracts visitors to the city can submit application.

Grant money can only be used to promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. July 15. Funds applied for must be for activities between Oct. 1, 2022 and Sept. 30, 2023.

For more information, contact Leigh Anne Dallas at 409-221-3325 or by

email at ldallas@orange-texas.gov.

Kunst said he wants the city to use more of its HOT funds to promote city events or event-hosting venues; a \$500,000 city hall renovation is just the beginning.

He mentioned a need to improve drainage around Riverside Pavilion and increase street lighting on Simmons Drive and add

"I think you have our full support on these ideas," he said.

The meeting ended with Wolf updating council members on ongoing projects – and emotional thank-yous of Wolf by city council members.

Public Works projects paid for by the city topped Wolf's list, then those coming with significant help from ARPA and

Hall project with LaBiche; repairing a cave-in on Burton Street and blowers for the Wastewater Treatment Plant should wrap up this month; and the completion in August of tennis court resurfacing and the playground at Brownwood.

Five million dollars worth of projects paid for by the city's \$8 million in grants from the American Recovery Plan Act have been awarded. The most expensive are the Meeks Water Tank (\$1.2 million), the Greenway Stormwater project (\$888,000) and a third project for lift stations at 11th & Burton Streets, Jackson Street and Simmons Drive (\$770,000).

Another \$5 million coming from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is slated to be spent on seven projects, the biggest among them \$1.5 million for Hi-Ho Tally Ho subdivision drainage and \$1 million for Hillbrook Ditch drainage.

Wolf wrapped up his talk by saying the city was working with Chevron-Phillips Chemical to provide water and sewer to their site near the

County Airport, a service that could provide a wind-fall for city coffers.

"They want to work with us," he said. "There are some challenges involved, but we want to work with them."

It was clear council members wanted to keep working with Wolf, who will be leaving at the end of the month.

"Mr. Wolf, council slept better at night because of you," council member Brad Childs said. "During (Hurricane) Harvey, Beaumont lost their water pressure and had to close their hospitals. You had the City of Orange up and run-

ning."

Spears, the mayor, talked about Wolf's work behind the scenes, "getting called at 2 a.m. because a sewer line collapsed. He's out there in the middle of the night, but he's also securing the possibility of infrastructure.

"We're able to grow because this gentleman has made it to where we're able to do that. That doesn't come from the mayor or council or city manager. Someone's got to lay the foundation that makes the city able to grow, and you've done that. So, thank you."

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additional parking for the park at the Orange Boat Ramp that has hosted concerts and Bassmaster Elite fishing tournaments.

"These are the kind of improvements we're looking for," he said. "Also, as times goes by, I want to spend funds on signage throughout the city to direct people to these events."

"We're trying to improve the city's support of city events."

Mayor Larry Spears Jr. approved.

HGMP federal grants.

He mentioned the new \$3.1 million Orange Recreation Center, built on the footprint of the razed City Natatorium, should open in August.

The rest of the top 10 list of city works projects included Phase 1 of the West Side Water Line; a Phase 3 clean-out of Cooper's Gully is complete; completion of the Eagle Point Parkway in a month; a year's delay to the Sunset Waterline project; the City

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United States Army Bilbo attended the fire fighters academy and joined the Orange Fire Department in 2000. He became a Fire Captain in 2005 and a Battalion Chief in 2014.

Bilbo thanked God for the opportunity to serve the City of Orange in the capacity as Fire Chief, his family and friends for their unconditional love and support to help him achieve this level of success, and the city officials in Orange for trusting him with the position. "The Orange Fire Department has provided me a career, a professional opportunity, unique experiences, and a bonus family because that's what we are down here, we are a family, all of which I'm eternally grateful for each and every day," Bilbo expressed.

In closing Bilbo, age 49, promised to consistently strive to live up to the expectations of the fire department employees, the city leaders, and citizens

have come to know from the Orange Fire Department as established by

Chief Frenzel. "The Orange Fire Department will continue to set the stan-

dard in emergency services in the Orange area," Chief Bilbo concluded.

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tary student Justice Marshall will recite a poem and Henry Lowe, founder of the Orange African-American Museum will give a history of Juneteenth before Father Jim.

After the inspirational message from Father Jim, the local honorees will be recognized. Pastor Demetrius Moffet of the Orange Church of God will close with prayer.

Besides the serious business of community prayer, the Juneteenth Festival will feature a variety of entertainers. Gates will open at 10 a.m. both days.

On Saturday, Far Cry will play from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with Brian Jack and the Zydeco Gamblers to perform from 4 to 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., Chris Ardoin and Tha Nustep Krew will begin and go on until 10 p.m.

The Sunday entertainment lineup has Jarvis and the Gents from 2 to 4 p.m., Flava Band from 5 to 6:30 p.m., the Lil Nathan and the Zydeco Big Times from 7 to 10 p.m.

No outside alcohol, coolers, or pets will be allowed. People attending are invited to bring lawn chairs.



From the Creaux's Nest

FATHER'S DAY-JUNETEENTH APPROACHES THE DROUGHT CONTINUES

Some mornings, about 6:30 a.m., **Phillip Welch** and I will visit on the phone while he travels to his school job at **Kountze**. **Phillip** remarked how green the foliage is despite no rain for some time. I'm sure that will change. If we don't get rain soon **Judge Gothia** will have us under a fire ban. I spoke with **Sue** and **Tommy Simar** who reported the fig trees are loaded with small figs and it could be a good year. However, if it doesn't rain the fruit will dry up. Last year fig trees didn't make fruit. I also spoke with **Coach Les Johnson** over the weekend. He said it could be a good pecan crop year if he gets rain in Bastrop. Two years ago he gathered 240 pounds of pecans but last year not one pecan, not one nut. If rain comes at the right time it could be a bumper crop for figs and pecans. The **National Weather** folks predict we will get plenty of storm moisture, depending on when it comes. At the wrong time it will sour the figs and a July storm could knock the nuts out of the pecan trees. For now we really do need rain. There is a slight 30 percent chance for the weekend. Sunday is **Father's Day** so here's hoping you have a good time with **Dad**. In my childhood we didn't celebrate **Father's Day** because good ole **Dad** was no where around. I've always tried to be there for my flock. Ironically, **Father's Day** is also **Juneteenth**. Think about that for a moment.****Well, I've got to move on. Wishing you a nice **Father's Day** and a happy **Juneteenth** holiday. Sadly **Essie** won't be with us this year.****Hop on board and come along; **I promise it won't do you no harm**.

JANUARY 6 PANEL WILL OFFER MORE CHILLING FACTS IN COMING WEEKS

Instead of ordering the military to send troops, or consulting with the **Justice Department** or **Homeland Security** about other help, **Trump** spent hours watching TV coverage of the attack. Like **Nero** fiddling while Rome burned, **Trump** openly mused about the rioters' chants to hang **Vice-President Mike Pence**, who had rebuffed **Trump's** pressure from earlier that same day to intervene illegally in the election, basking in what, in hindsight now, appears indisputable part of a months-long attempt to overturn a fairly decided election. **House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy**, **Fox News' Sean Hannity** and others, were pleading with the president or his aides to stop the violence and accept the results of the election. Watching the hearings made clear that even as **Trump** and his closest confidantes pushed for months the false claim that he had won the election, one after another of his inner circle urged him to admit the truth that he had lost, even his hand-picked attorney general; the White House counsel; his team; his own daughter, **Ivanka Trump**, and many more. Yet **Trump** and his legal team, led by the once-respectable **Rudy Giuliani** and abetted by enablers in Congress, such as **Texas Sen. Ted Cruz**, continued to push a misinformation campaign. In a video excerpt presented Thursday, **Attorney General Bill Barr** described his futile attempt to reason with **Trump** before resigning in 2020. That was enough to convince **Ivanka**, a close advisor to her father. "It affected my perspective," **Ivanka** told the committee, I respect **Attorney General Barr**, so I accepted what he was saying." If **Trump** couldn't persuade his own daughter; or his attorney general, or the **White House** counsel; or scores of state and federal judges, who threw out more than 60 **frivolous election fraud claims**, then ask yourselves, "What reason is there left to give his claims credence?" The truth is the '**Big Lie**' was a method for pulling off the '**Big Rip Off**.' We had written months ago that **Trump** knew the **Big Lie** would not work, but would make him plenty of money. The **January 6 Committee** has reported that **Trump** has pocketed \$250 plus million and that's why he keeps the con-game going. He will suck the nipple as long as he can. The time has come for **Attorney General Merrick Garland** to get off the sidelines, impanel a Grand Jury and do the job we all know needs doing.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 15 Years Ago-2007

'Rags to Riches' wins **Belmont**, and is the first filly to win a **Triple Crown** race in 102 years. ******Sunni** and **Al Qaeda** linked militants, former allies, are fighting each other now in **Iraq**. The **United States** will arm the **Sunni**, our enemies, and who knows where the weapons will end up. **Colin Powell**, on 'Meet the Press' Sunday, said he told **President Bush** in August 2002, that the U.S. should work through the **United Nations**. He told **Bush**, speaking of the invasion, 'If you break it, you own it.' **Powell** says, "Call Iraq what you want, but it's a civil war we need to start pulling away from." Also, **Guantanamo Prison** should be closed and the 380 detainees moved to U.S. facilities. "It's causing us far more damage than any good we get from it." ******State and national of-**

rice holders will become more visible as they look towards next year's re-elections. Most would be in trouble if it wasn't for **Tom DeLay** and **Rick Perry's** re-districting. Under the old plan, they wouldn't have a chance. Every time we turn around, there will one in town. **Sen. John Corryn** has already drawn one opponent. **Watts**, from **San Antonio**, will put up \$3 million of his own money. ******Harry Hubbard**, longtime union boss, passed away June 7, at age 82. He helped many people in our area. He served as president of **Texas AFL-CIO** for 16 years, starting in 1973. ****The **Jasper Bulldogs** proved just how good a baseball team **Bridge City** had. In winning the state championship, **Jasper**, in the two game state playoffs, got more hits than they did against **B.C.** in five games. **B.C.** lost to state champions the past two years. **Jasper** folks say they knew if they could get past **Bridge City**, they could win it all. **** The latest 'USA Today' poll shows that only 21 percent of Americans approve of the job the **Bush Administration** is doing from domestic to foreign policy. This **Administration**, under **President George Bush**, is a total failure. **Cong. Brady** must share in some of this failure. He has voted 98 percent with the **Administration** and is one of the **Bush-Cheney** strong supporters in **Congress**.******Joyce Dubose**, a great lady, was hospitalized, but has been released and is improving. There are many cases of people being wrongly medicated. Here's another one. **Johnny Montagne** landed in the hospital with extremely high fever and until they determined the cause, they gave him medication, which fed the problem. A form of **pneumonia from rare bacteria** was diagnosed (**crawfish heads**). **Bobby Cormier** believes it was '**Freon poisoning**.' **Bobby** says you get it from sitting under the air conditioner too long without moving to exercising your lungs.******Doug Harrington's** wife **Regina** went to Ireland, **Betty Harmon** spent 10 days in Denver, and **H.D.'s** wife, **Pat**, just returned from a cruise. Definite proof that times have changed for those hubbys. All of them went straight home from work, prepared their own suppers and turned in early.******Little Cypress** residents and the **City of Orange** settling their differences out of court was a welcomed move by **Dist. Judge Pat Clark**. The trial was set to begin Monday in his court, which meant he would miss the birth of he and **Rosalie's** third grandchild, expected to be born on that day. They were able to be there for the birth.****Meanwhile, **Judge Derry Dunn** has such a bumper crop of tomatoes that folks hate to see him coming with a bag in his hand. He says he may have to feed them to the hogs if production continues to escalate. **I should have such luck**. **** **Happy birthday**: Another one is coming up on June 15 to **Lyle 'Music Man' Overman**. That guy can play and sing that music. He recorded a song at **Graceland**, years ago, on **Elvis Presley's** label. Every Friday night, he entertains at **K-Dan's in Orangefield**. Saturday he played for a private party at **Dunn's Bluff**. Some of **Roy's Louisiana** folks and a few friends gathered to celebrate his birthday. His two surviving sisters attended. Surprise guests were **Wanda** and **Coach Les Johnson**, who drove in from **Bastrop** and **Richard Douglas** and wife **Jo**, of **Lafayette**. **Doug** is with **Ganett**, the company who prints our paper. **The Rev. Leo Anderson** came by to give the blessing. While there, he was talked into grabbing a bite to eat. **Van Choate** again did a great job with the food.****Folks filling up at \$2.71 a gallon, as if the prices had dropped to a reasonable price. Two dollars a gallon still wouldn't be a bargain. When **Bush** took over, gasoline sold at 98 cents to \$1.05 a gallon. ******Joe Chenella** named interim **Bridge City Superintendent** for a third time while waiting for a permanent superintendent.

45 Years Ago-1977

Barry Weisman is giving up the bachelor's life to take a bride on July 2. He and beautiful, talented **Christie Aleene Jefferson** will tie the knot (Editor's note: I don't believe the knot held). ******Buddy Moore** writes in his **Kountze News** that judge **Grover Halliburton**, of **Orange**, is **Hardin County's** claim to fame. He's originally from **Village Mills**. **Grover** used to pitch washers in downtown **Kountze** streets. One day he conned a beautiful girl into going crawfishing with him. **Sue** went for the bait and ended up being his wife (Editor's note: **Grover** and **Sue** have since passed away. He and **Sue** were married for many years). ******Liz Hatton**, a true doll, reaches a milestone this week. She reaches the ripe old age of 21. ****A lovely lady, **Rena Vellion**, **Harry's** better half, is now out of the hospital after having back problems. ******Flo Edgerly's** mother was in ICU following a stroke last weekend.******Bill Lapeyrolerie** turns 15 this week. ****Some of the leaders in the **Bridge City B&PW** are **Juliet Patton**, **Jeanne Wood**, **Eva Hryhorchuck**, **Lennie Rutledge**, **Claudine Hogan**, **Helena Roberts**, **Sherri Cook**, **Angelina Garza**, **Pat Christian**, **Kate Mulhollan** and **Jessie Hebert**. ****On June 23, at the Rotary banquet, **H.D. Pate** will replace **Roy Dunn** as president of the **Bridge City Rotary Club**. ******Kim Bryant**, **Bridge City** baseball standout, will play for the **South** in the state **All Star Game**, held in the **Astrodome** on June 25. ******Bobby Tarter** caught a **Spanish mackerel** that broke the old state record of 7 pounds, 6 ounces. **Bobby's** Gulf catch was 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

June is certainly the month for weddings as lots of people are celebrating anniversaries this month. **Angie** and **Kevin Williams** marked a big, round 30 years this week. Bet either one will show off pictures of toddler granddaughter **Collins Ruth**. ******Orange County Ex-Pats Alan** and **Myra Sanders** are now living in **Galveston** near their grands and had their 45th anniversary on June 11. They started dating when they were 14 years old. Another **Orange County** native, **Regina Dorman Parkinson**, lives in **Galveston** and opened a new art gallery.****Small towns lead to great romances. **Peggy** and **David Claybar** can beat the **Sanders** with their love story. They began together way back in the 1950s when they were going to **Anderson Elementary**. On June 14, they marked 54 years of marriage. That's just one more than **Ronnie** and **Margaret Peveto**, who were married on **June 14, 1969, 53 years ago**.****County Court-at-Law Judge **Mandy White-Rogers** had a birthday party with lots of girlfriends during the weekend. **Nothing like a**

girls night out.******Becky Trahan** beat the judge for having a girls night out. She had a crew up at **Lake Sam Rayburn** to relax in the sun and water. There were adult beverages present, but what happens at the lake, stays at the lake.******Becky** wasn't the only one getting away for a cool spot. **Trisha Spears**, wife of **Orange Mayor Larry Spears, Jr.**, arranged for a family get-together at **Crystal Beach**. The mayor's sister, **Felicia Conway**, founder and creator of **Csix19 health drinks and food**, joined them with son **Noah**. The **Spears** cousins got beach time together.****Who needs the beach to catch a stingray when a **Sabine River sandbar** will do? **Keller Claybar**, son of **Jennifer Claybar** and **David C. Claybar**, caught a small ray in the river north of **West Bluff**. He's the grandson of **Peggy** and **F. David Claybar**. ******Paul** and **Raul Burch** had a pool party Saturday evening at their home in the **Old Orange Historic District**. **Paul** is president of the **Orange Community Players** in addition to being on the **Orange City Council**. The party included karaoke singing poolside. **Paul** earned his dip in the cool water after volunteering earlier in the day to clean up the historic **Hollywood Cemetery** on **Simmons Drive**. He pushed a lawnmower in the heat. Fellow council member **Terrie Turner** was also volunteering and helped organize the clean-up.******Rosalie** and **Carl Eason**, along with longtime friends **Cindy** and **Ambrose Claybar**, headed to **Crystal Beach** during the weekend to enjoy the beach and the food at **Steve's Landing**.**** Summer vacation time has people traveling all over the world. **Charlotte Chiasson** is back from her European tour. She ended up with a bit of seasickness on the trip.**** **Greg** and **Bridget Trawhon** took off for the Pacific Northwest and toured **Seattle**, including the famous **Pike Place Fish Market**. Their travels included going from the Pacific Ocean to **Mt. Ranier** and the **Olympic National Forest**.******West Orange Mayor Randy Branch**, along with wife, **Jane**, daughter **Misty Bellon** and granddaughter **Emilee Bellon**, made another trip to **Sedona, Arizona**, where they like to hike and enjoy the sights.******West Orange City Alder** member **Lanie Brown** beat everyone this week for travels. She traded a boat ride on the **Sabine River** for a boat ride along the **Nile River** to see **Cairo**. She's had a big view of the pyramids from the place where she is staying with more sightseeing to come.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know celebrating in the next few days. **June 15**: Happy Birthday today to some special folks. **Janelle Sehon**, **Denise Vickers**. **David Cardner**. **Tom Romero**. **Sherri Frige** and **Lyle Overman**. **Nancy** and **Kee-Kee Dupuis'** son, **Adam**, a special guy, also celebrates today.******June 16**: A special lady, longtime cancer survivor, **Beverly Perry**, celebrates a birthday as does **Charlotte Potter**, **Leigh Ann Wilson** and **Alex Brent**.******June 17**: Happy Birthday to **Delma Roy**, **Justin Johnson**, **Andrew Rieder** and **Belinda Welch**.******June 18**: Pretty Brandy Slaughter, auto sales executive, is a year older today. Not so long ago it seems she was a teenager. Happy Birthday to a great friend **Mary Alice Hartfield**, who is always willing to help anyone in need. Also celebrating today are **Krystal Leonard**, **Amber King** and **Kyna White**. ******June 19**: Happy Birthday **Taylor Landry**, **Christie Kasko**, **Chelsie** and **Cortnie Moerbe**, also **Shelby Permenter**, **Marianne Choate** and **Betty Norwood**.******June 20**: Happy Birthday to **Cindy Overman**, **Keith Kay**, **Justin Roberts**, **Debbie Johansson**, **Gregory Darbonne** and **Lynda Phillips**. (Note: If you or anyone you know is having a birthday or anniversary lets us know at 409-735-5305 or news@therecordlive.com.)

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Let me tell you about some of my Catholic friends in **Sou'h Loosanna**.

Clovis Dartez worked at da big lumberyard for 20 years. All dat time him, he'd been stealing da wood. **Dartez's** conscience started bodering him, so he went to confession. **Fader Vincent** say, "I understand my son, dat's not good, can you make a Novena?"

Clovis answer, "Fader, if you have da plans, I've got da lumber me."

Alex Comeaux, a wealthy rice farmer, after attending Sunday mass, told da priest dat he gave a damn good sermon. **Fader Guillory** say, "I'm glad you liked it, but I wish you wouldn't use dose terms to describe it."

"I'm sorry," **Comeaux** answer, "But I still tink it was a damn good sermon. I liked it so much me, I put a hundred dollar bill in da collection plate."

Fader Guillory step back and he say, "Da hell you did!"

Joe Migues had an old dog 'Tricks' that he loved dearly. **Wen 'Tricks'** died of old age he went to see da parish priest an axe if a service could be held for his long-time companion. **Fader Broussard** say, "Oh no **Joe**, we can't have no service for a dog, but dere's a new church down da street and dey might."

Joe said, "Fader 'Tricks' was special, do you tink dey might do it for a \$10,000 donation?"

Fader Broussard answer, "Of course **Mr. Migues**, why didn't you you tell me your dog was a Catholic?"

C'EST TOUT

THE TRIPLE CROWN

Kentucky Derby, Preakness, Belmont

The first race horse to win the **Triple Crown** was '**Sir Barton**,' who won the **Belmont**, June 11, 1919. 'Mo **Donegal**, with jockey **Irado Ortiz, Jr.**, on board, won the **Belmont** Saturday in 2 minutes, 28.28 seconds, covering the 1.5 mile distance. This is the fourth straight year that the **Triple Crown** contest was won by three different horses, a first for the sport since 1926-1929. Twelve races, twelve different winning horses.******A&M, Texas** could meet on big stage. Should **A&M** beat **OU** and **Texas** beat **Notre Dame** in the **CWS** opening round this weekend, the **Aggies** and **Longhorns** will meet for the first time in **Omaha**. Conversely, should **A&M** and **UT** both lose their opening games, they will meet in an elimination game later in the weekend.****Have a great **Father's Day** and happy **Juneteenth**. Take care and God bless America.

First responders join youngsters for annual 'Cops N Kids'



Texas Parks and Wildlife showed visitors the skulls of animals found in southeast Texas. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine



Larry Spears the Mayor of Orange works at Dow and helped at his company's booth during Cops N Kids. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine



The Texas Department of Public Safety and its highway patrolman greeted the kids attending Cops N Kids. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

Dan Perrine For The Record

The annual Cops N Kids event was held Friday, June 10, at Claiborne West Park in Orange County. This was the twentieth-sixth time for the gathering which gives youngsters an opportunity to meet together with first responders to help build a bond of friendship.

Cops and Kids included between 45 to 50 law enforcement agencies, local companies that respond to emergencies, and other vendors that work with the police setup booths with souvenirs to give to the visitors to promote safety and friendship between their agencies and the public. The annual event is sponsored by the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Lane Mooney was pleased with the cooperation from the various agencies that had personnel attend Cops N

Kids. "This gives the kids the chance to see us as human beings. I'm not wearing a gun today, we can meet them on a personal level, get out shake some hands, give them a hug, and they get to look at all our cool stuff," Mooney explained.

There were patrol cars, ambulances, fire trucks, armored personnel carriers, and boats for the visitors to the event to see and in some cases actually sit inside. A horse drawn carriage and an ATV pulled a train of small cars for the kids to ride around the grounds at Claiborne West Park.

Admission was free to everyone. Free hot dogs, chips, popcorn, cotton candy, snacks, and soda pops were provided for everyone attending.

The weather was sunny and hot. Estimates were about two thousand people came to Cops N Kids on Friday.

Phelan seeks 'immediate, concrete' school safety

Dave Rogers For The Record

Orange County's State Representative, Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan, proposed Monday that the state's highest elected officials should take "immediate, concrete action" to make Texas schools safer.

The price tag: more than \$170 million reallocated from other budget spending pools to pay for mental health services and school safety improvements to be in place before schools reopen in late summer.

Phelan transmitted his proposal in a four-page letter to Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick dated June 13. It comes as the state continues to grieve after the May 24 shooting deaths of 19 children and two adults at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

"As Texans continue to mourn with the families and community of Uvalde, the Texas House has begun its work to both fully examine the circumstances surrounding this horrific tragedy and identify steps that can be taken to better ensure that such senseless acts of violence never occur in our state again," Phelan, the head of the Texas House of Representatives, wrote to Patrick, his counterpart atop the State Senate.

"Like you, I believe our respective chambers have the obligation to take immediate, concrete action with the goal of making our schools as safe as possible before the start of the upcoming school year.

"Your recommendation to dedicate \$50 million toward outfitting local school law enforcement with bulletproof shields is a worthwhile goal to that end, and you have my full support in that endeavor."

Bulletproof shields were not available to first responders in Uvalde, who faced gunfire from an AR-15 assault rifle wielded by an 18-year-old.

Patrick announced last week that he was seeking Phelan's approval for a \$50 million budget transfer to purchase the shields for school police departments.

Because the Legislature, which sets the state's two-year budget, is not scheduled to meet again before January, Texas has a provision that emergency budget transfers may be made with the approval of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the House Speaker and the chairs of both the Senate and House Finance Committees.

Phelan, a four-term Republican who faces no opposition in November's election, wrote to Patrick, "I believe our state is best served by a multi-faceted response that includes strategies to improve mental health outcomes and strengthen school security for students and teachers, which our chambers have worked in stride to improve and enhance for multiple sessions."

In addition to backing Patrick's plan for shields, Phelan's proposals include eight points to address school safety and



Dade Phelan

mental health. He told Patrick they "are several additional actions I believe we can reasonably take before the start of school this fall, and I urge your consideration and support of these efforts."

- \$7 million to provide active shooter training to all active-duty licensed peace officers each three years, with priority given all school resource officers.

- \$7 million to provide funding for the Texas School Safety Center to ensure every school district's School Safety and Security Committee has reviewed their emergency operations plan and trained every district's School Behavioral Threat Assessment Team.

- Provide \$18.7 million funding for the state's nearly 9,350 school campuses to purchase silent panic alert technology.

- \$37.5 million a year to expand telehealth services to public school students who need mental health treatment.

- \$30 million to increase inpatient capacity at Texas hospitals, to allow them to take in more children who need mental health or support.

- \$10.5 million a year, plus \$3 million in start-up costs, to create Pediatric Crisis Stabilization and Response Teams in every region of the state.

- \$13.5 million a year for increasing the number of multisystemic intervention therapy teams in the state to grow the state's current seven-team program 20 times to meet the need to reduce the risk of violence by 75 percent. Phelan said this cost could be offset by adding it as a Medicaid benefit.

- \$900,000 per year to add two Coordinated Specialty Care teams across the state to treat youth experiencing a first episode of psychosis.

Phelan's letter, a copy of which he forwarded to Gov. Greg Abbott, explained his proposals could be funded using surplus appropriations to the Foundation School Program, which is the main source of funding for Texas Schools.

He said that surplus "will be more than sufficient to cover the cost of all these actions and will not impact funding for any school district in the process."

Phelan expects a busy 2023 dedicated to safeguarding Texans, he told Patrick.

"The coming year will bring many debates and policy discussions about how our state approaches the issues of school safety, mental health, police training, firearm safety and more," he stated.

"I look forward to working with you in this important mission to make Texas a safer place," he told Patrick.

Phelan closed by saying he hoped "our

chambers can come together earnestly to do what is right for the State of Texas and the community of Uvalde, beginning with the initiatives that you and I have now proposed."

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Country music star Cody Johnson returns to Southeast Texas for another Thanksgiving weekend performance at Ford Park in Beaumont on Saturday, Nov. 26. Tickets on sale June 10 at all Ticketmaster outlets. RECORD PHOTO: Tommy Mann Jr.

Local additions shape summer lineup

TOMMY MANN JR.
For The Record

Big additions to the concert schedule will surely have fans excited as events featuring Cody Johnson, Gary Allan, Jamey Johnson and more are on tap for Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana, along with the other events across the region listed below.

- **June 17** Crystal Gayle, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont
- **June 18** Debbie Gibson, House of Blues, Houston
- **June 19** Nothing More, Asking Alexandria, Atreyu, Eva Under Fire, House of Blues, Houston
- **June 22** Max and Iggor Cavallera, Scout Bar, Houston
- **June 24** Kid Rock, Foreigner, Cynthia

Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

- **June 24** Keshi, Rei Brown, House of Blues, Houston
- **June 25** Boz Scaggs, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **June 25** Tom Keifer, L.A. Guns, Faster Pussycat, Warehouse Live, Houston
- **June 25** Chicago, Brian Wilson, Al Jardine, Blondie Chaplin, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **June 26** 5 Seconds of Summer, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **June 30** Pop Evil, Oxymorons, Zillion, Warehouse Live, Houston
- **June 30** Midland, Party by the Pool, LAuberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles,

La.

- **July 2** Daughtry, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **July 2** Rod Stewart, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 8** Hank Williams Jr., Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **July 8** Maverick City, Kirk Franklin, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 12** Hanson, House of Blues, Houston
- **July 15** The Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band, House of Blues, Houston
- **July 15** Tom Segura, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **July 16** Zebra, Rise Rooftop, Houston
- **July 16** Santana, Earth, Wind and Fire, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 21** Train, Jewel, Blues Traveler, Thunderstorm Artis, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 22** Travis Tritt, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **July 24** Styx, REO Speedwagon, Loverboy, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 26** Howard Jones, House of Blues, Houston
- **July 27** Bowling for Soup, Less Than Jake, House of Blues, Houston
- **July 30** Rick Springfield, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **July 30** Ted Nugent, Warehouse Live, Houston
- **July 31** Sum 41, Simple Plan, Magnolia Park, House of Blues, Houston
- **Aug. 1** The Pretty Reckless, The Warning, Lillith Czar, House of Blues, Houston
- **Aug. 6** Wiz Khalifa, Logic, 24KGoldn, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 12** Stoney LaRue, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **Aug. 13** Boys II Men, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **Aug. 14** Rick Springfield, Men at Work, John Waite, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land
- **Aug. 17** Echo and the Bunnymen, House of Blues, Houston
- **Aug. 19** Gary Allan, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **Aug. 19** Motley Crue, Def Leppard, Poison, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Minute Maid Park, Houston
- **Aug. 19** Incubus, Sublime with Rome, The Aquadolls, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 19** Wang Chung, A Flock of Seagulls, The English Beat, Dramarama, more, Arena Theatre, Houston
- **Aug. 21** Rob Zombie, Mudvayne, Static-X, Powerman 5000, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 26** Luke Bryan, Riley Green, Mitchell Tempenny, Cajundome, Lafayette, La.
- **Aug. 28** One Republic, Needtobreathe, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 1** Imagine Dragons, Macklemore, Kings Elliot, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

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BC Cardinals , LCM Bears get new athletic fields

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DAN PERRINE
For The Record

Two more local high school football teams will be playing their home games on artificial turf this upcoming season. The Bridge City Cardinals and the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears will have upgrades to their fields completed before the season starts.

H. N. Litton Field at Larry Ward Stadium in Bridge City had its new Matrix Turf with Helix installed near the conclusion of the recent high school baseball season. Workouts for the Cardinals football team and other athletes have been



Dan Perrine

held on the new turf this summer. Bridge City Head Football Coach Cody McGuire reminded the turf now on Litton Field is the same kind used at SoFi Stadium home of both the Los Angeles Rams and the Los Angeles Chargers of the National Football League. The last Super Bowl was played in February at SoFi Stadium on the Matrix Turf.

Hellas Construction produces the popular synthetic surface which is also used by the Dallas

Cowboys and the Houston Texans on their playing fields at AT&T Stadium and NRG Stadium. Coach McGuire commented, "Hellas did a great job and they're a first class organization so our field is first class. We're really excited about it, the kids are excited about it, and other kids from other communities are coming over here getting on our turf because everybody in the area is excited about it."

The Cardinals are pumped about their new playing field and McGuire believes it will benefit the Bridge City football team this year tremendously. "The kids are excited to



High school football is still two months away but players are already testing the new turf in Bridge City. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

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New turf on OC fields await seasons

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The Bridge City Cardinals logo at midfield of the new synthetic field at the football stadium. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine



Bridge City High School got four new tennis courts at the end of the last school year and will make full use of them this tennis season RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

play on it. We're not going to have to fight ants and everything else when it rains, and we'll be able to practice in the rain. It's definitely going to benefit our football program," McGuire pointed out.

The Bridge Independent School District's Board of Trustees allotted over \$3 million for the installation of the Matrix Turf at Larry Ward Stadium and other upgrades done for athletic facilities in the district according to McGuire. A beautiful new video scoreboard has been erected at the stadium to enhance the viewing of the Cardinals' home games.

Holly Fregia the Chief Financial Officer for the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Consolidated Independent School District indicated the costs for the new turf on the football field, a new track, and new tennis courts at LCM High School were bid together. Hellas was the vendor awarded the contract in a total amount of \$3,892,461.

Work is in progress on the new field for Battlin' Bear Stadium at Little Cypress-Mauriceville. Tractors and backhoes have been excavating the

ground to prepare it for eventually laying the new synthetic turf there.

By the second week of June it appeared Battlin' Bear Stadium might be ready for running an obstacle course but not much else. Little Cypress-Mauriceville Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Eric Peevey said that will change in the next couple of months before the high school football season begins. "It's going to be ready, it's going to definitely be ready," Peevey insisted.

Coach Peevey shared his anticipation for the addition to the Bears' football field. "We're excited about it. They're getting at first all the destruction part done everything torn off the field, the grass off the field now. There's a lot of excitement around the community right now," Peevey expressed. "Every day it seems like something else is getting ripped up, but I'm happy to see the progress."

The new field at Battlin' Bear Stadium will be tremendous Coach Peevey emphasized. "It gives us a place every day to practice on that's actually a full sized field, and we don't

have to worry about little things like mud, rain, ants, and missing practice time. That's what hurt us last year, we had multiple days last year where we missed practice because we couldn't get on the field and we had to go to the gym. The gym is good for talking a little bit, but at the same point it's not good for really getting a full practice in," Peevey explained.

The LCM Bear football program under Coach Peevey emphasized speed last year when the Bears were co-district champions and that will be enhanced with the new turf in the upcoming season. Peevey analyzed, "I definitely think the traction of the turf is going to help us especially with our agility



Tractors and backhoes are the only things running at Battlin' Bear Stadium currently. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

and speed."

The addition of artificial turf at Larry Ward Stadium and Battlin' Bear Stadium means four of the five high school football fields in Orange County have gotten away from grass fields and gone to synthetic surfaces. Leroy Breedlove Field of Dan R. Hooks Stadium at West Orange-Stark High School and Ivan Croak Field at Pirate Stadium in Vidor installed artificial turf prior to last football season.

Only F. L. McClain Stadium at Orangefield High School will have grass on the field when the football season kicks off in August. Orangefield Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Josh Smalley said there has been some talk about switching to artificial turf for the Bobcats' playing field but added he knows of no action having been taken in that direction by the trustees with the Orangefield Independent School District.

A new track was added to Larry Ward Stadium and the same will be done later when the renovations

at Battlin' Bear Stadium are completed. The improved tracks will bolster the track programs for both schools.

McGuire as the athletic director is confident the new playing field and track at Larry Ward Stadium will improve not just the football and track teams but the whole athletic department in Bridge City. "When teams are in their off seasons like basketball will be out there on the track, girls basketball, softball, baseball everybody will be able to use it. Soccer is going to be fired up. Last year they had to play all their home games away. It's definitely going to benefit all programs," McGuire concluded.

Tennis is also getting a boost at Bridge City and Little Cypress-Mauriceville. Four new tennis courts have been completed as part of the \$3 million upgrade of facilities carried out by the Bridge City school trustees.

Randall Robertson the tennis coach at Bridge City said it was very difficult to practice on the old

courts because of the state of the facilities. "There were overgrown weeds and several cracks on all four courts. This was obviously a hazard for the kids as it was dangerous to go 'full speed' not knowing when you may or may not trip on a crack or loose gravel. Also, the balls would hit the cracks often, which caused the ball to take a wild spin or die on the spot, not very realistic for practicing tennis. We often had to put in a work order to weed eat the courts," Robertson described.

The new courts became available towards the end of last season and the end of the school year. Robertson said the new tennis courts are amazing and the kids got to enjoy them.

Robertson is very grateful. "We are very thankful we do not have to travel to Orangefield just to practice tennis. We are very thankful to everyone who played a part in getting the new courts including Dr.

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College baseball continues with CWS, summer leagues

KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record

When I was playing college baseball for McNeese State back in the early 1960's, after the season ended and final exams were over, I would head home to Schenectady, New York and play summer baseball up there. It was a league consisting of college players past and present, some area high school coaches and even some former professional players.

It always gave me a good feeling to see some of my old high school teammates, coaches and guys I grew up with. It was something I always looked forward to.

But after the McNeese season ended in 1961—my sophomore year which was the best of my four-year collegiate career for both our Cowboys team and myself, personally —our coach asked about seven of my teammates and I if we would like to play in a college league out of New Orleans with our room and board paid for.

We all agreed and were sent to Jeanerette, which is between New Iberia and Franklin—both cities that also had a team in the league. The league had a commissioner in New Orleans—Monk Milazzo—who set up the schedules and handled the financial logistics of our room and board at the St. Francis Hotel.

We had a crackerjack team coached by former Cleveland Indians player Roy Weatherly and had only lost one game in the three weeks the league only lasted because of rain-outs from those pesky afternoon showers that are so prevalent in Louisiana.

So, baseball in an organized league after the regular season was popular among college players—and it still is.

Those players who were on the 64 teams good enough to win their respective conferences or win at-large berths got to participate in the NCAA Division I Regional Tournaments with the winners going to the Super Regionals (which concluded Monday) and those eight winners making up the field for the College World Series, which begins later this week in Omaha, NE.

Two teams from the Lone Star State—Texas A&M (42-18) and the Texas Longhorns (47-20)—along with Notre Dame (40-15) who upset No. 1 Tennessee 7-3 Sunday, Oklahoma (41-22), Arkansas (42-22), Ole Miss (37-22) are the teams competing for the 2022 CWS National Championship.

The Aggies swept Louisville while the Longhorns needed three games to dispose of the pesky East Carolina Pirates. Oklahoma, which upset No. 4 overall seeded Virginia Tech, will meet No. 5 overall seeded Texas A&M in the double-elimination portion of the CWS.

Texas will meet the tourney's Cinderella team Notre Dame, which hasn't been to the CWS since 2002.

My grandson Logan Smith, who was stationed at Ft. Benning for two years after graduating from West Point in 2020, was re-assigned to Ft. Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska—his choice—earlier this month.

Word got out before he even arrived that he pitched four years at Army West Point and was the Most Valuable Player in 2020. The collegiate summer team located there—the Alaska Goldpanners—wanted him as their bull-



Joe Kazmar

pen coach. And when they found out he still had a year of eligibility left because of the

COVID-19 pandemic, they added him to the active roster.

The season began last week even though some of the players selected to their roster hadn't yet arrived.

Even though Logan hadn't pitched competitively since the 2020 college season ended prematurely in March, he was aware of the Goldpanners and communicated with the coach during the early spring and worked out pretty hard while at Ft. Benning.

In the second game of the season, the Goldpanners were losing 4-2 and were in deep trouble in the sixth inning, so Logan put himself into the game and quelled the uprising with only one run coming in.

He breezed through the seventh inning and his teammates rallied for four runs and the Goldpanners won 6-5 and Logan was credited with the mound victory. But now his best friend is a tube of Ben Gay.

There are at least 64 summer leagues around the country and the winners compete in regional tournaments and hope to reach the National Baseball Congress World Series, which has been played annually in Wichita, Kansas since 1935.

But the baseball is on Logan's own time because his real job at Ft. Wainwright is being the platoon leader of 35 men and women, arriving before them in the early morning and leaving after them.

On game days Logan hustles to the ball park in his military uniform and changes into his baseball uniform with the games starting at 6:30 p.m.

However, the big attraction for the Goldpanners is the annual Midnight Sun Classic, which is a game that begins at midnight June 21—the longest day. They will be hosting the San Diego Waves on Tuesday at midnight and will draw between 5,000 and 8,000 fans for the classic.

KWICKIES...

The NBA Championship Finals between the Boston Celtics and the Golden State Warriors will be decided this week with the series tied at 2-2 going into Monday night's game at San Francisco. Each team has won every other game so the championship could be decided tomorrow at Boston or for sure Sunday at Golden State.

In major league baseball games Sunday, the defending world champion Atlanta Braves won their 11th game in a row, downing the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-3 but still trailing the first-place New York Mets by five games. The St. Louis Cardinals broke their 21-game winning streak when leading by three or more runs after the last place Cincinnati Reds rallied from an early 3-0 deficit to down the Cards 7-6. And the San Francisco Giants swept the LA Dodgers in a three-game series for the first time since 2016 with their 2-0 blanking Sunday.

Rory McIlroy successfully defended his RBC Canadian Open title with a scorching eight-under-par 62 in Sunday's final round to stave off rallies by Tony Finau and Justin Thomas to earn the \$1,566,000 first-place money. Thomas

was right on his heels until he faltered with bogeys on the last two holes.

I drove over to Delta Downs to place a bet across the board on the winner Mo Donegal with longtime friend Mutual Manager Peggy Vincent, who told me that there will be a strange attraction Saturday afternoon with a pair of races between camels and zebras.

Former Houston Texans defensive coordinator and interim head coach Romeo Crennel is finally hanging up his whistle at age 75 after a 50-year career in the game, mostly in the NFL. He said that one of the items on his bucket list that he intends to fulfill is going to all of the cities where he worked in the NFL and tailgate before a game.

JUST BETWEEN US...

Houston Astros ace pitcher Justin Verlander possibly prevented his team from going into their usual June Swoon after losing four of five games at home, including three in row, by coming up with another solid performance Sunday, despite giving up four unearned runs in the top of the seventh inning thanks to three Astros errors. But Verlander was saved by the bullpen and four runs in the bottom of the eighth inning and recorded his major league-leading eighth victory against two losses and lowered his earned run average to a skimpy 1.94. Jordan Alvarez has reached base in his last 13 games for Houston going into last night's game against the Texas Rangers, going 25-for-50 (.500) in that span with nine extra-base hits (four doubles, one triple, five home runs and 15 RBIs). Kyle Tucker has a career-best 11-game hitting streak during which he is 14-for-40 (.350) with three homers and seven RBIs.

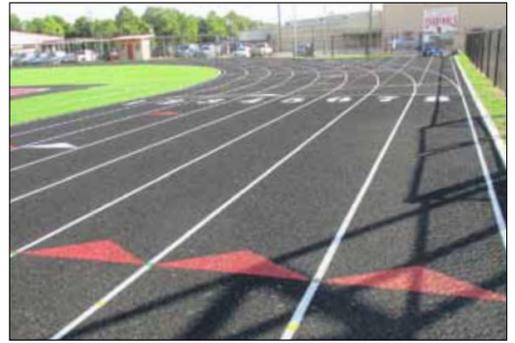
OC fields get new turf From Page 2B

and the school board," Robertson applauded.

The new tennis courts at LCM High School will be located in Bear Park in front of Battlin' Bear Stadium. Trees have been cut down and removed to make room for the construction of the facility to begin there.

The projects at Little Cypress-Mauriceville are expected to be completed before the end of the year according to Fregia. Turf will be completed before the district's first home game at the end of August with completion of the track and tennis courts after football season, but before the new year.

Fregia said the almost



The new track added at Larry Ward Stadium will be used by the track team during competitions but also other Bridge City athletes for working out during their off seasons.

\$3.9 million contract with Hellas has other items in it. "This total includes various alternate options that the district elected to receive and includes additional add on items that

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Fishing: Texas 2-A-Days Are Back

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

Now unless you live under a rock in a far dark corner of the planet you probably have some sort of idea about how completely fanatical Texas folks are about football. The summer months in our great state are often looked upon with great enthusiasm as thousands of football players begin their preparations for the fall campaign by first trying to beat the Texas heat. The football term "2 a days" refers to the common practice of working out twice a day, usually once in the morning and once in the afternoon in an effort to escape the hottest parts of the day. Well football players aren't the only ones trying to beat those high temperatures; fishermen are also trying to combat the heat as well. Triple digit temps not only have an effect on fishermen but also on the fish in some instances.

The whole key to successful summer fishing is figuring out how to cope with the heat and that means focusing on the best times as well as tides to pursue your fish. The folks who have to make the biggest changes in how and where they fish are those that stay in the shallow water areas like the marshes around Sabine and Calcasieu. During the summer months those shallow brackish marshes can have some ridiculously high water temps which in turn really do a number on the fish. Surface temps in the 90's will begin to make things dangerous even for the heartiest of redfish as oxygen levels decrease during the long summer days. Many times these fish will retreat to the deepest areas of the marsh in search of cooler water. Several years ago I was helping some Florida angler's pre fish for a big tournament and watched them carve out a very unlikely but successful pattern by fishing deep ditches adjacent to larger back lakes and ponds. We watched several other anglers scour the shallow water areas and finally give up after having little or no success while the deeper ditch pattern steadily produced quality fish. Its amazing the difference in temperature that comes from water only a couple of feet deeper than the surrounding area, especially if it has a decent tidal influence.

Another great equalizer for the fish is matted vegetation that acts like a canopy and provides shaded cooler water. Many of the areas I like to fish will get covered in widgeon grass, turtle grass, or even coontail and the fish seem to gravitate to it like a magnet. Besides the immediate relief from the temperature that mats offer there is also the extra added bonus of bait that tends to gather there as well. Shrimp, small crabs, and other baitfish will seek out the safety and sanctity of those grassy areas just like redfish will and that's a great combination for both fish and fisherman. Certain adjustments in tackle and technique will need to be made in order to properly fish these areas and it all starts with lure selection. For me it's the Stanley Ribbit, hands down one of my absolute favorite ways to fish. After taking a page out of the freshwater fishing playbook on fishing grass and vegetation the Ribbit opened up an entire new world for clients and myself. Being able to fish water that in the past was basically off limits due to the thick grass enabled me to fish virtually anywhere and not be uncomfortable with those conditions. The Ribbit is not only a versatile lure but the strikes it pro-



Chuck Uzzle

voke from thick grass are heart stoppers! Definitely worth experimenting with if you've never done it before.

Now the shallow water folks are not the only ones who have to adjust to the heat, the open water folks have to adapt as well. The fish in the open lake or bay are not as affected as the shallow fish are but they certainly can be at times. Surface temps, high skies, bright sun, little to no wind can all be factors that stifle a bite. The most obvious factor is surface temperature and that causes perhaps the biggest adjustments. Tons of anglers will habitually patrol the shorelines barely a cast away from the land regardless of other factors. During certain times of the year that program pays off but in the summer it can hurt just the same. I have seen plenty of boats anchored up at marsh drains that empty into Sabine lake during the summer oblivious to the fact that the water coming out is much hotter than the water in the lake. In the summer this can be a bad idea while in the winter it's a perfect pattern. Perhaps one of the best bets during the summer months is to burn a little gas, get off the shoreline, and go see what the open water has to offer. On Sabine you may just run into some of the huge schools of shad and pogies that are often times being destroyed by schools of big redfish and hungry trout. The tell tale signs of feeding slicks

along with an occasional shrimp skipping across the surface can be a precursor to some absolute angling chaos without any crowds to dampen the fun.

Now so far we've thoroughly discussed how temperatures affect the fish, its time to consider what this summer heat does to anglers. For most of us the thought of working in hot temperatures is down right unappealing. The funny thing is that fishing in those same temps somehow doesn't seem so bad. Standard precautions of staying hydrated, using sunscreen, and wearing appropriate clothing go without saying. Many folks also adjust their time schedule and will often leave the dock after dark to get a more comfortable surrounding. Fishing in the dark has its own set of rules and precautions to follow so we'll talk about that at another time. Just be sure if you do decide to prowl the bay after dark to communicate with some one about where you'll be and have all your necessary safety gear in order, especially lights. Back to our schedule change, the pre dawn launch that allows you to grab that first hour or so before the sun starts cooking is a magical part of the morning and a favorite for many fishermen. The same can be said for the last hour of daylight until sunset. These times are tailor made for catching big fish in the summer and there are many anglers I know who try to do both in the same day. The thought of 2 or 3 fishing hours at dawn followed by 2 or 3 fishing hours at sunset is my idea of a "Texas 2 a day"



Lamar State College Orange hosted six "externs" from area ISDs who came to campus to learn about our Healthcare and Maritime Program offerings for dual credit students and students who are graduating high school.

Pictured from left to right are Denee Hurst from LCM HS; Lacey Dougharty from LCM HS; Elizabeth Lebeouf from LCM HS; Stephanie Brown from WOS HS; Kim Boutin from LCM Middle School; LSCO President Dr. Tom Johnson; Johnnie Harrell from LCM HS; LSCO Provost and Executive Vice President Dr. Wendy Elmore; and Dean of Health, Workforce, and Technical Studies Kristin Walker.

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Summer's here folks, so no matter the time of day, stay hydrated and take numerous breaks. If possible, schedule yard work and gardening tasks during the cooler times of the day; early to mid-morning and late evening.

We are in for long, hot, and unfortunately very dry summer so incorporating mulch into flower and vegetable beds, will aide plants, especially when it's extremely hot, or when there is little to no rain fall. Adding mulch around plants keeps their root zone cool, minimizing heat stress, and retaining moisture. It reduces the number of weeds by inhibiting weed seed germination, and slowly decomposes adding needed nutrients to the soil.

Mulch is cover or layer of material placed around the base of plants to control weeds and retain moisture in the soil. It creates an insulating layer between the

soil and summer's heat or winter's cold. Organic mulch can be composed of many different materials, such as: compost, leaves, grass clippings, tree bark, hay, wood chips, sawdust, straw, pine needles, cardboard, newspaper (not the glossy pages). Inorganic mulch is made up of synthetic material, such as black plastic, fabric, or rubber.

How do you decide which type of mulch is right for you? Choosing the right type of mulch to use in your garden doesn't have to be a difficult decision. Let me assist you by highlighting the pros and cons of the more common mulches sold and used today, beginning with organic mulches.

Compost is by far the best mulch to use. It continuously nourishes plants by adding nitrogen and carbon to the soil as it decomposes. Adding a 3-to-5-inch layer of compost will keep weed seeds from germinating and retain soil moisture while keeping plants roots cooler during

summers heat.

Hardwood mulch is mostly recycled wood by-products. They are typically coarsely shredded and last for many months while remaining in place. Hardwood mulch decays faster than cedar mulch, allowing nutrients to be released into the soil, enriching the soil while suppressing weeds. Hardwood mulch compacts well, working well on uneven surfaces. However, the compaction sometimes can repel water and the soil beneath can remain dry,

resulting in microorganisms competing with plants for nutrients.

Cedar mulch is coarsely shredded wood, which is stinky, and lasts longer than hardwood mulch. Twice ground cedar mulch is finely ground and will compost faster. Fresh cedar mulch is known to rob the soil of nitrogen which is a crucial element for plants. The long-lived nature of cedar means it's not adding nutrients, so more frequent fertilizing will be necessary.

Pine Straw is great for

plants such as azaleas, gardenias, camellias, blueberries, hydrangeas, and evergreen shrub beds. It is easy to collect beneath pine trees, as it is light, easy to work with, lasts longer than many other types of mulch and does well holding in soil moisture. Pine Straw is not effective as a weed barrier, as the needles are thin and light, unless piled on very thick. This means it can become a welcoming habitat for pests and insects (good and bad), while also attracting snakes in search of food.

Dyed mulch (Red, Black, or Brown) is attractive ini-

tially, but they do not break down enriching the soil. The dye leaches into the soil, discoloring it. Contaminates, such as chromium, copper, and arsenic used to create the mulch may kill beneficial soil bacteria, insects, earthworms and sometimes the plants themselves. Also note, runoff from the gardens can seep into groundwater or drain into surface water affecting aquatic environments.

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

c/o: **Paul M. Fukuda**
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DATED the 10th day of June, 2022.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **ROSA WATSON aka ROSA STEWART WATSON**, Deceased, were issued on **JUNE 9, 2022**, in Cause No. P19413, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **PATTY JEAN RUFFIN**.

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

c/o: **Patty Jean Ruffin**
Stephen C. Howard
Attorney at Law
903 W. Green Avenue
Orange, Texas 77630

Dated the 9th day of June, 2022.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **RONNA ANN DICKMAN**, Deceased, were issued on the **JUNE 8, 2022**, in Cause No. P19284, pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **NATHAN DICKMAN**.

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Dated the 9th day of June, 2022.

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION (OTHER)

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
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FILE NO. 22 CVD 729

In the General District Court:
ACTION FOR DIVORCE

CRISTIN VILLADSEN, Plaintiff,
v.
JAMES VILLADSEN, Defendant

To: **James Villadsen**, the Defendant therein:

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

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This the 23rd day of May, 2022.

By: *Shahzad Khan*

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