

# County Record

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## Babin noted in January 6 Committee Hearings

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

U.S. Representative Brian Babin, who has Orange County in his Congressional district, was mentioned last week in the January 6 Committee investigating the attack on the capitol.



Babin

Babin is a Republican dentist from Woodville and represents the Texas 36th District. His name was listed as being on the White House visitors log on December 21, 2020, when then-President Donald Trump called some Republican congress members to discuss disputing the presidential election.

According to Babin's official website, he issued a press release that day, December 21, 2020, to say he was objecting to the election returns and claimed fraud in the voting.

January 6 Committee members and witnesses, including William Barr, who served as U.S. Attorney General, have said they have seen no evidence of fraud, even after dozens of court hearings across the country.

Babin has not responded to being mentioned during the televised committee meeting. However, his website quotes his as calling the January 6 in-

quiry a "witch hunt." He says the committee has "confirmed that they're uninterested in the truth."

The committee reported other Congress members attending the December 21, 2020, White House meeting as Republicans Louie Gohmert of Texas, Andy Biggs of Arizona, Matt Gaetz of Florida, Paul Gosar of Arizona, Andy Harris of Maryland, Jody Hice of Georgia, Jim Jordan of Ohio, and Scott Perry of Pennsylvania. Republican Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, who was a representative-elect and had not taken the oath of office, also was at the meeting.

The January 6 Committee hearing featuring Cassidy Hutchinson, former aid to White House chief of staff, testified that Gohmert, Gaetz, Mo Brooks of Missouri, Biggs, and Perry had requested Trump as president to give them blanket pardons. Babin was not listed on the pardon requests.

Babin was elected to represent the 36th District

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## Groups to meet on Bessie Heights crude oil pipeline project

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

Citizens and property owners interested in a proposed crude oil pipeline across Bessie Heights Marsh and under Sabine Lake will be able to discuss the project during a public meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 21. The meeting is sponsored by environmental groups and will be at the Bridge City Senior Citizens Center, 670 West Roundbunch Road.

The Record Newspapers reported this month the project by Blue Marlin Pipeline will go from Nederland under the Neches River and then through Bessie Heights Marsh in Bridge City. After crossing the marsh, the 42-inch pipeline will be buried and cross under Sabine Lake to

Johnson's Bayou, Louisiana. There a port terminal will allow the crude oil from Sunoco in Nederland to be loaded onto super-tankers.

The Record reported previous hearings by government agencies, including the U.S. Coast Guard, were held virtually with little citizen participation.

The Thursday meeting is being sponsored by the Port Arthur Action Network and Save Sabine Lake.org. The groups, along with the local Sierra Club, are objecting to the pipeline because the corporate company, Energy Transfer Partners, has a record of pipeline leaks.

The proposed pipeline, once completed, will carry an estimated 80,000 barrels of crude oil per hour, or two million barrels a day.

## Columbanus Motor Sports recognized for '500 For Life' event



Allison Hennigan, Keli Borel and Jennifer McConnell of Columbanus Motor Sports of Orange accepts a Certificate of Appreciations from Cowboy Harley Group (H.O.G.) Chapter 4974 director Van Jordan and chapter member JW Dalton. The Appreciation Ceremony was held Saturday recognizing the part the Columbanus Motor Sports group played in the "500 For Life" motorcycle rally on June 25.

The goal of the rally was to caution motorists to be especially aware of motorcycles on the road to help save lives. "500 For Life" was cosponsored by Columbanus Motor Sports of Orange and Cowboy Harley of Beaumont.

Jordan said the various H.O.G. chapters are partners with M.A.D.D., Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, and TxDOT to promote safety for motorcycles. The bottom line Jordan pointed out is there are too many deaths involving motorcycle accidents in Texas and in the nation. The group announced that "500 For Life" will become an annual event.

## West Orange tables RV park request

DAN PERRINE  
For The Record

Construction of a possible recreational vehicle park in West Orange is on hold for now. It took over thirty minutes of discussion and three votes of the West Orange City Council before the request for construction of the RV park was tabled on Monday, July 18, until further review.

Vice President Austin Mellen of Dal Sasso Enterprises submitted the request to construct a 54-space RV park at 605 Foreman Road to West Orange City Secretary Theresa Van Meter on July 12. Mellen asked in a letter for the request to be put on the July council's agenda after he spoke with the city's Building Official Michael Corbett a week ago. Some changes had



Robin Strother the plant manager at Suez Water Technologies and Solutions objected to the RV park being built within 250 feet of his plant for safety reasons.

RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

been made to the plans for the project, but Mellen added Corbett had not received the revised plans in time to sign off on them before Friday, July 15.

Mellen explained to the council that the plan for the proposed RV park

would include individual sewage cleanout for each of the 54 units instead of one large communal cleanup system. About a year ago Dal Sasso Enterprises requested a variance to the ordinance requiring an office be locat-

ed at the property because they wanted to manage the proposed property from their main office in the City of Orange, but that has changed and the company would now have an onsite manager from 8 AM to 5 PM every day.

The office to house the manager would have separate ladies and gentlemen restrooms. There would also be ADA approved showering facilities in the office complex according to Mellen.

There was one objection made to the construction of the RV park at its proposed location of Foreman Road and Williams Road. Robin Strother the plant manager at the Suez Water Technologies & Solutions facility asked the request be denied expressing concern about the pos-

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## Great Orange Area Chamber fun with purse bingo

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

People coveting a designer purse without a designer price can have invest in the Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce's latest fundraising project.

Purse Bingo will have prizes of purses, bags, and totes from some of the most popular designers including Louis Vuitton,

Gucci, Michael Kors, and Coach. The event will be the evening of Friday, August 5, at the Orange County Convention and Expo Center on FM 1442. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and games will start at 6:30 p.m.

Sponsorship tables are currently available for \$600. That price gets a reserved table for eight with each person getting din-

ner and drink tickets, along with bingo cards and door prize tickets. Each table will also get a bottle of wine plus bingo card daubers. July 29 is the deadline to buy a sponsorship.

Individual tickets are \$60 and each person will receive dinner, two drink tickets, bingo cards, and a door prize ticket.

In Purse Bingo, the

game prizes are the purses that sell for hundreds of dollars each. The bags chosen as prizes are in a variety of styles, colors, materials and sizes.

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# Beto O'Rourke gets \$2 million, his largest campaign donation yet, from Austin couple

It's O'Rourke's largest-ever donation as he runs for governor against Greg Abbott. Abbott, however, maintains a massive fundraising advantage and is no stranger to seven-figure contributions.

**PATRICK SVITEK**  
The Texas Tribune

An Austin couple gave \$2 million to Beto O'Rourke, making up his largest donations yet in his campaign against cash-flush Gov. Greg Abbott.

Simone and Tench Coxe each wrote O'Rourke's campaign a \$1 million check earlier this year, Simone Coxe said in an interview with The Texas Tribune. Both are philanthropists and investors who have long been politically active, with Tench Coxe supporting both parties over the years.

Their donations to O'Rourke and others are set to be disclosed on a campaign finance report due Friday and expected to be posted Saturday.

"We believe that state government is really important and we believe in good governance, and we believe good governance



Beto O'Rourke on the campaign trail in Texas.



Simone and Tench Coxe, philanthropists and investors, each wrote a \$1 million check for the O'Rourke campaign earlier this year.

requires some checks and balances on the system," Simone Coxe said in an interview. "Looking at the way [Texas] is structured in terms of the gerrymandering ... the only real opportunity to put a check on the state Legislature is through the statewide race, and we think Beto is an extraordinary candidate."

The Coxes' donations are part of a historic \$27.6 million haul that O'Rourke announced Friday morning. The figure covers late February through June, and it bested Abbott's fundraising for the same period, which totaled \$24.9 million, according to his campaign.

Abbott has his own donors who have contributed seven figures at a time, especially in recent years. They include people like Dallas pipeline billionaire Kelcy Warren, whose \$1 million donation to the

governor after the 2021 power grid failure has proven especially controversial. O'Rourke has assailed it as bribery, and Warren has sued O'Rourke for defamation over the attacks.

For O'Rourke, though, the two \$1 million checks are much larger than any donations he has ever received in his political career. O'Rourke, a former congressman and presidential candidate, has previously been bound by federal election rules that cap contributions. In fact, some of O'Rourke's biggest donations until now were from the Coxes, who each gave him \$50,000 shortly after he announced his candidacy in November of last year.

Simone and Tench Coxe moved to Austin from Palo Alto, California, in January 2021. Simone Coxe co-founded the public relations firm Blanc & Otus, where she served as CEO for 15 years, and she more recently co-founded CalMatters, the California news nonprofit. Tench

Coxe is a former venture capitalist.

Simone Coxe has been a prolific political donor in her own right, mainly giving to Democrats, including O'Rourke when he ran for U.S. Senate in 2018. Her husband, however, has a more bipartisan giving history, especially prior to the 2016 presidential election. For example, he gave to Mitt Romney's 2012 presidential campaign, as well as the Republican National Committee that year.

"We're pretty middle of the road," Simone Coxe said. "We're moderates, and I'm more of a liberal moderate than he is probably. But I think that's how we would both describe ourselves. We need commonsense solutions."

She said the couple has been drawn to O'Rourke's positions on public education, health care and the economy. They support abortion rights, but Simone Coxe acknowledged O'Rourke would have a

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## Can computers save us?

### Sen. Carl Parker For The Record

Democracy works best when all of the people of the nation participate. Unfortunately, today, less than half of the eligible voters in our country take time to exercise their privilege to vote. The most common excuse I hear is that voting will simply make no difference.

Today one of the most dangerous threats to American democracy is the practice of gerrymandering. The name originated with Eldridge Gerry, governor of Massachusetts in 1812. Gerry devised a special district to help elect his friends in the city



Former State Senator Carl Parker

of Boston. The outline for the district resembled a drawing of a salamander.

Gerrymandering simply put is a way to rig elections in favor of those drawing the lines of legislative and congressional districts. Unfortunately, today, both

parties are guilty of this practice and in fact have raised it to a fine art. Districts are usually drawn to benefit an incumbent or favorable candidate. Such practice is certainly an enemy of democracy because it denies equal protection under our constitution. The practice also removes the opportunity for those condemned to a minority in these districts to present their ideas, or even have rational discussion of vital issues to our country or state. Which could benefit all of us.

There are ways that have been suggested to do away with such practice, most of which propose that objective people be appointed to

committees to draw legislative lines. Unfortunately it is true that it is almost impossible to take politics out of politics. In my opinion the most promising way to achieve equal representation when drawing legislative lines would be fairly simple. I suggest that we take the requirements that districts be compact, contiguous, and as equal in number as possible (as mandated by the Supreme Court.). Take these elements and feed them into a computer and have the computer divide our nation, or our state, into proper legislative and congressional districts. Obviously, computers are not Republican or Democrat.

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## Texas Workforce Commission presents JET Grant Check of \$208,741 to LSCO

### Staff Report For The Record

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) held a press conference today at Lamar State College Orange (LSCO) to announce the funding of a \$208,741 Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant for LSCO's Nursing and Health-related Programs.

The JET Grant funds are supporting the training of over 250 students in the Registered Nursing,

Emergency Medical Technician, and Licensed Vocational Nursing Programs with industry-standard equipment, affording LSCO graduates to join a skilled workforce ready to meet the regional occupation demand.

Students in these programs are a combination of both traditional and dual credit students. "We are very pleased that the Texas Workforce Commission sees the potential,

as we do, in the students who attend LSCO and found our programs worthy of its investment through the Jobs and Education for Texans Grant. These funds will enable us to continue to offer state-of-the-art training to our students so that they will be skilled in best practices in their future industry and ready-to-work at the highest levels upon graduation," said LSCO President Dr. Tom Johnson.

## RV park From Page 1

sible safety hazards involved for the residents of the proposed park.

Strother indicated Suez would need an increased presence for security officers at the plant, an upgrade to the perimeter fencing with additional lighting for the facility, and adding security cameras on Williams Road for a total cost of \$245,000 to Suez to operate the plant safely for just the first year.

With Suez located approximately 250 feet away from the proposed RV park the residents would be in a relatively close proximity to the possible hazards from increased traffic on the two adjacent roads and the dangers from the flammable and combustible chemicals stored at the plant. Strother spoke of the risks from the three 20,000-gallon tanks currently commissioned and three more similar tanks that will be commissioned early next year outweighing the benefits from the addition of the RV Park.

Alderman Jay Odom made a motion to table the request from Mellen to allow the council to review the city ordinance regarding RV Parks. "We can look at the distance between it and the chemical plant that's right there.

They have room for 54 RV spaces. If there was some kind of upset at that facility it could affect a whole bunch of people. I do not really feel all that great about possibly putting somebody in harm's way," Odom warned.

Odom's motion was seconded by Lanie Brown, but before the council took a vote further discussion concerning the hazards of the chemicals stored at Suez caused Odom to ask to rescind his first motion to table the request. It was revealed later he wanted to make a motion to deny the request from Dal Sasso.

City Attorney Chris Leavins clarified the City Council would first need to vote on the initial motion to table the request. Odom voted against his own motion as did Brent Dearing and Meritta Kennedy which was matched by Brown, Mike Shugart, and Mayor Randy Branch who wanted to table the request for further review.

Odom's second motion to reject the request was seconded by Kennedy. The vote resulted in a tie again with the three that did not want to table the item earlier voting to deny it and the other three council members voted against the request being denied.

Mayor Branch then made a motion seconded by Shugart to table the request for construction of the RV Park until the city can receive further information about the chemicals at Suez, the blast radius of those chemicals in the case of an emergency, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations concerning restrictions to the proximity of the park to the plant. This motion to table the request with the stipulations added by the mayor was unanimously approved by the City Council.

Mellen expressed his feelings about the council's decision to table his request. "I completely understand the council's concern. I'll be interested to see what else comes of the further investigation, and I'm very hopeful for the next meeting," Mellen concluded.

Earlier in the meeting the City Council awarded a contract to LD Construction for submitting the low bid of \$281,569 which was under the city's estimated cost for pavement improvement projects on Western Avenue. The pavement improvements will go on Western from Irving Street to Foreman Road.

The Lark Group was

awarded a contract to demolish up to four properties deemed substandard and hazardous to the citizens of West Orange. The four properties specified for demolition were 1813 Austin, 1925 Bowie, 211 Dayton, and 609 Greenbriar at a total cost of \$20,600 to the city.

An offer for the purchase of the property at 1621 Western Avenue in the amount of \$17,000 was approved by the council. The property at 2713 Stevenson Street was offered as a donation to the city by Kathleen LeBlanc. There are \$12,859 in unpaid back taxes on the property. The council voted to table accepting the property until it was determined if the property has a clear title.

A resolution was approved authorizing the submittal of one or more applications to the Texas General Land Office for

2019 disaster program funds. The grants could be worth up to \$1 million each.

The city extended its contracts with the same debris removal company's used following previous disasters. Ash Britt will handle disaster recovery services and Tetra Tech will perform debris monitoring if necessary.

The Animal Control Ordinance No. 355 was repealed and replaced by a revised ordinance. Revisions to the ordinance added the acceptance of fowl and rabbits on tracts of one acre or greater in coops, cages, or hutches located no closer than 100 feet from any habitable building other than that of the owner. Regulations were updated for operators of bees colonies.

As is done every year an ordinance suspending for an additional 90 ninety

days the effective date of Entergy's proposed rate increase was approved by the City Council. This will allow the Lawton Law Firm in Austin to review the requested increase before it goes to the Public Utility Commission for final approval.

During staff reports Assistant Fire Chief Simmie Gibson said the tentative update on the new fire truck West Orange is purchasing indicated the vehicle should be in Mississippi by the first week of August. The purchase will be tight for this budget year Gibson concluded.

The meeting began with a public hearing to receive input and comments regarding the Phase II Municipal System 4 Stormwater Management Program. There were no citizens who spoke during the hearing.

## Babin From Page 1

in 2014 and is currently serving his fourth term. The Texas Legislature created the 36th District after the 2010 census. Steve Stockman, also a Republican, won the position in 2012, but opted to run for U.S. Senate, unsuccessfully, in 2014.

After the 2020 Census,

Orange County has been moved to the Texas 14th District, which includes Jefferson County. Republican Randy Weber represents the district. Weber, like Babin, voted against accepting the results of the 2020 presidential election when Congress voted the night of

January 6, 2021. Weber has not been mentioned during the committee hearings.

The next January 6 Committee will be held during television prime time on Thursday, July 21.

## Beto donors From Page 2A

hard time reversing the state's stringent abortion restrictions with a Republican-led Legislature. Still, she expressed hope that he could be a "moderating influence" on those kinds of issues as governor.

This is O'Rourke's first campaign at the state level, where there are no contribution limits. While O'Rourke has long crusaded against big money in politics, he said when he launched his campaign he would take advantage of uncapped donations, saying he did not want to "run this campaign with a hand tied behind our backs."

In a statement on the

Coxes' donations, an O'Rourke spokesperson, Chris Evans, said the campaign was "going to do everything necessary to ensure our organizers and more than 78,000 volunteers have the resources" to win the race.

"I would make a distinction between special-interest large contributions and kind of general-people public interest," Simone Coxe said. "We have no agenda other than debate and dialogue."

"No strings attached," she added. "Nothing we want out of anything other than good leadership."

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## From the Creaux's Nest THE EAGLE HAS LANDED JULY 20, 1969

It was 1961, John F. Kennedy was the president of the United States. He wanted to land humans on the moon in that decade. The United States had just started trying to put people in space. Was NASA ready to go to the moon? Apollo II blasted off on July 16, 1969. Neil Armstrong, Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin and Michael Collins were the astronauts on board. Four days later, Armstrong and Aldrin landed on the moon. They landed on the moon in the Lunar Module. It was called the Eagle. Collins stayed in orbit around the moon. On the night, in 1969, when the spacecraft, piloted by Armstrong, settled down onto the surface of the moon, millions of people around the world were listening via radio or watching on TV. The landing sequence was risky, and as each milestone was reached, Armstrong or colleague Buzz Aldrin would announce it. When they finally landed, Armstrong let the world know that they'd made it. If you are 60 years old or older you probably remember it. "Houston, Tranquility Base here, The Eagle has landed." Astronaut Neil Armstrong (1930-2012) is widely regarded as an American hero. His bravery and skill earned him the honor of being the first human to set foot on the moon in 1969. "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Armstrong's most famous quote doesn't quite make sense since "man" and "mankind" have the same meaning. He meant to say "one small step for man" referring to his first footstep on the moon having deep implications for all people. The astronaut hoped that the annals of history would remember his words for what he meant to say during Apollo II's lunar landing. The sign the astronauts left on the moon says, "Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the moon July 1969, A.D. We came in peace for all mankind." On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first human to step on the moon. He and Aldrin walked around for three hours. They did experiments. They picked up bits of moon dirt and rocks. They put a United States flag on the moon. They also left a sign on the moon. The two astronauts returned to orbit, joining Collins. On July 24, 1969, all three astronauts came back to Earth safely. It happened in our lifetime, 53 years ago. As a boy I thought of going to the moon as science fiction.

## STRUTTERS RILEY RETIRES REPLACEMENT NAMED

Cathy Riley, a Bridge City school teacher for 29 years and leader of the Strutters Dance and Drill Team for 25 years, has retired. Under Cathy's leadership the Strutters have accomplished many great things. For many years the Record Newspapers have always been the loudest voice for Bridge City's famous drill team. Cathy, a Nederland grad is a former member of the famous Kilgore Rangerettes. Cathy and her Strutters have long been covered with stories and photos by Mark Dunn, who made Riley's Strutters a pet project of his photography. The original Strutters photo on the historic swing bridge was taken in 2009 by Mark Dunn of The Record Newspapers. It was taken from the roof of the no longer existent Toupe's Marina. The original 35 'Texas skirts' had been hand sown by Debbie English, a Strutters mom, and the photo is now part of the state archive held by the Texas Historical Commission. Marcie Moore will take over as director of the Strutters Drill Team. Marcie, a Bridge City grad and former Strutter was also a Kilgore Rangerette. I'm sure we will have much more on this story later.

## TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 15 Years Ago-2007

The past week has been a sad one for our Record family. Shortly after putting last week's issue to bed, and while the printer was shipping it back to us, we learned that our friend and co-worker, A.J. Broussard, had passed away at daylight.\*\*\*\*Franklin and Sarah Scales celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday. Thanks to their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, they did it in style. The Community Church Auditorium was loaded with well-wishers who were served great food. The Scales offspring furnished the entertainment and a video retraced their 50 year journey together. Franklin, who usually wears overalls or wide suspenders, was out of uniform with jacket and tie. He said, "He felt like a \$30 horse with a \$500 saddle."\*\*\*\*Loretta and Jerry Hughes will celebrate their 50th on July 25. The Hughes' will spend it in Canada, where Jerry will golf with his granddaughters.\*\*\*\*Judge Jimmy and Donna Scales will mark 34 years together July 28. Their 25th was a special production, put together by Donna.\*\*\*\*We were sorry to learn that longtime friend, former County Commissioner Don Cole, has suffered a stroke. It happened at 4:30 a.m. Saturday morning and fortunately, the blockage was dissolved. He's a tuff old

codger.\*\*\*\*DPS Sgt. Brad Frey tells us his mom is in the hospital in Houston and her condition is not good.\*\*\*\*We were sorry to hear about the death of Ms. Lilly Blanda, 104, who passed away last week. Services were held Saturday, July 21. The widow of the late Joe Blanda, she had seen a lot of Orange history made. She was a devoted Catholic, who had attended and served St. Mary Church her entire lifetime.\*\*\*\*Ten-years-ago this week, services were held for Orange Mayor Jim Gilliam, 75, after he was killed in an auto accident in Florida on July 22, 1997. This week\*\*\*\* Eight-years-ago this week, services were held for John Kennedy Jr., wife Carolyn Bassette and her sister Lauren. Their plane crashed off the coast of Martha's Vineyard on July 16. The crash was discovered on the July 17.\*\*\*\*You can't be safe enough. Last week, attorney Melvin and wife Karon Boneaux, were the victims of a home invasion. Fortunately, they got by with their lives. Melvin was just bruised up. Anyone who would break into a home at night, deserves to be shot. If it's taking advantage of senior citizens, they deserve killing.\*\*\*\*President George Bush had a colonoscopy Saturday. Five small polyps were found and removed. The best thing is that 'Dubya' got a good flushing out. He has been full of it.\*\*\*\*Barry Bonds will be 42-years-old July 24. I bet that's the day he is shooting to tie Hank Aarons 755 home run record. Then, breaking the record becomes the big draw and filling the stadiums.\*\*\*\*All you ex-teenagers, who were Mick Jagger fans, are getting older, along with Mick, who will be 64 on July 26.\*\*\*\*Left handed Bridge City pitcher, Jeff Stringer, who had signed to play baseball at Lamar, will take his talent to Florida. Jeff has chosen Akaloosa-Walton Junior College in Niceville, Florida. I suspect so that he can be eligible for the pro draft next year. At Lamar, he would have to fill the four years or wait until he was 21-years-old.

## 45 Years Ago-1977

Orange Stars capture softball championship. Players are Mike Granger, Corky Carr, Glenn Aldridge, Mike Bishop, Chuck Floyd, Wayne Franklin, Gary Franklin, Robin Carey, Bobby Allen, Randall Murphy, David Riddling, David Kirby, Joe Luna and Mike Kelly. Bat Boys are Chuck Floyd, Jr., Chad Carr and Mike Kirby.\*\*\*\*Holly's Family Café, formerly Grande Courts, is now open at new location. Price for breakfast special of 2 eggs, toast, grits or hash browns and coffee, 89 cents. Working Man's lunch, \$1.95. Sunday special, 10 oz. T-bone steak, \$2.35.\*\*\*\*Grand opening held at Orange Bowl Seafood Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge. The Bowl is open 24-hours a day, serving all the catfish you can eat, \$2.95. Happy hour in the Golden Room, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., all drinks half price.\*\*\*\*Specials at Danny's Food Center; Ground beef, 68 cents pound, bacon, 89 cents pound pack, bananas, 4 pounds \$1. Delta bathroom tissue, 4 roll pack, 69 cents, Godchaux pure cane sugar, 5 pound bag, 88 cents. Young and tender calf liver, 59 cents pound.\*\*\*\*Pretty Jean Lapeyrolerie will be 18-years-old on August 2.\*\*\*\*Former coach Neil Morgan has opened the Shirt Hut on Texas Ave. in Bridge City. It's part of a custom T-shirt and cap store (Editor's note: Coach Morgan has written a book about his coaching career and area college coaches that made football king in our area.\*\*\*\*'Looks Like We Made It,' by Barry Manilow, is number one top single. 'Rumours,' by Fleetwood Mac, number one top album. Number one country single is 'It's Almost Like A Song,' Ronnie Milsap. Number one easy listening, 'It's Sad To Belong,' England Dan and John Ford Coley. (Editor's Note: I don't remember them). Number one soul single, 'Best of My Love,' the Emotions.

## 50 Years Ago-1972

Betty Harmon took four kids on a trip to Disney World and other places in Florida. After a week and ready to get home she drove 20 hours without sleep and arrived home at 3:00 a.m. Corky was sound asleep. He's hard to sneak up on.\*\*\*\*Bobby Smitherman and Peggy Fall were wed over the weekend and are on their honeymoon.\*\*\*\*On July 22, 1945, 27 years ago, Gordon Baxter started his radio career. The greenhorn novice deejay rode his bicycle to work at the radio station shouting the alphabet at the top of his voice. George Crouchet, his first teacher, had instructed him to do so to begin his career. Baxter became the most successful radio personality, money wise and listener wise for 27 years. Bax sat in a lonely radio booth five days a week telling stories and spinning records. (Editor's note: Bax, over the next 30 years, worked at different stations including KOGT in Orange for Ed Lovelace.\*\*\*\*Liz Wickersham is in Houston all this week competing in the Miss Texas World pageant.\*\*\*\*The West Orange Chiefs named Mike Barry as their new football coach.\*\*\*\*Paul Hale elected Mayor of Orange.\*\*\*\*Bubba Hubbard named to replace Charles English on the Bridge City council after English resigned.\*\*\*\*Speaking of Bridge City, we understand a BC cop stopped a Hippy walking down Texas Ave. with a cigar box tucked under his arm. The policeman asked him if he was selling cigars. "Hell no," answered the Hippy, "I'm moving out." That's how the story was related to Chief Wilson Roberts.

## A FEW HAPPENINGS

Happy 50th wedding anniversary on July 22, to Linda and Brown Claybar. Brown is former Orange mayor.\*\*\*\*Happy 61st wedding anniversary to Lyndia and T.M. Permenter on July 23. He also has been a mayor twice for the city of Pinehurst. Congrats to both great couples.\*\*\*\*Dave Rogers left us last week. For six years Dave had done some great reporting. I hope you got to read his goodbye column last week. He recognized and gave credit to a lot of public servants. That column showed his brilliant mind. We wish him the best.\*\*\*\*The American Legion, Post #49 located at 108 Green Ave. in Orange will be having a Fish Fry lunch on Thursday, July 14th. The meal will cost \$10.00 each and you may get delivered by calling 409-886-1241.\*\*\*\*"Stump"Mr. Lions Club Weatherford has a new honor. He was inducted Monday night as the new president of the Texas Lions Eye Bank during a dinner in Houston. He's been active in the Orange Lions Club for decades and has

traveled the world and state for the charitable group.\*\*\*\*Summer travels continue for people even with the hot weather. Gail and Steve Maddox have moved from sizzling Great Britain on to Germany and Austria. Hard to believe London's temperatures surpassed those in Orange County on Monday and Tuesday.\*\*\*\*Some vacationers sat by the pool on their trips. Kenny Myers spent time with mimosas poolside at La Cantera in San Antonio.\*\*\*\*Others cooled off at tropical beaches. Ralf and Cindy Mims were joined by friends including Angie and Gary Stelly, plus Tina and Jessie Romero, in Belize. Mindy and Robert Currie and friends took off for Costa Rica.\*\*\*\*Amie and Trey Smith took a trip to Orange Beach, Alabama, with kids Ethan, Maddy, Case, and Cash.\*\*\*\*The Hargrove family visited the ex-pat Sanders family (Myra and Alan) and their Coastal Community Church in Galveston, where Aaron Sanders is minister. Dr. Pauline Hargrove, retired LC-M superintendent, was the LC-M High principal for the Sanders's now-grown kids. Pauline Hargrove is alive and well. Her Facebook page was hacked on Monday with someone sending out fake messages that she was deceased.\*\*\*\*Orange City Councilor Caroline Hennigan frequents Crystal Beach at their cabin with husband Mike Hennigan. But the councilor didn't just sit on the beach this past week. She went on the water slides with her grandson.\*\*\*\*Who needs to find Carmen Sandiego? Keeping up with Gina and Skipper Yeaman could make a TV show. They left the beaches of Mexico and made a trip to the Ozark Mountains and Branson, Missouri, where the temperatures were cooler than Southeast Texas.\*\*\*\*The Texas High School Coaches Association had the annual convention in San Antonio. Brother Ryan Ragsdale met up with sister Rebekah Ragsdale at the convention. The other coaching sister, Sarah Ragsdale Nash, is still on maternity leave with baby Janie.\*\*\*\*Paul and Raul Burch have a pool to cool off in at their Old Orange Historic District home. Haven't heard if Paul needed a cool dip after his time in the kitchen. The cooking king of the family fried up chicken and shrimp fritters accompanied by a pot of butter beans with smoked ham, chicken and peppers, plus Spanish rice for Raul's family.\*\*\*\*Happy Birthday to local writer Ginger Broomes who marked the big 5-0 this week.\*\*\*\*Pam Honeycutt has been celebrating another trip around the sun. Trey King keeps fit and doesn't look like he's 48.\*\*\*\*Peggy Claybar got her birthday wish by traveling to Galveston and Houston with husband David along with grandchildren Annabelle, Caroline, and Keller. The trip included the Astros game on Sunday. Unfortunately, the 'Stros lost in the end. Former county commissioner Barry Burton and wife Cindy were also at that game.\*\*\*\*Karen Colburn traveled with daughter and son-in-law Terri and Darren Hoyland to the Oregon coast where they toured nature and visited with longtime friends Ann and Henry Seals, who now live in Austin.\*\*\*\*Nancy and Tony Dallas now have two upcoming weddings in the family. On Sunday, son Jack Dallas proposed to his partner Reid Whaley. Daughter Leigh Anne Dallas, the city of Orange's event planner, is getting married to Broderick Harrell at the end of October.

## BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know who will be celebrating in the next few days. July 20: Happy Birthday to Carrie Hunt, Amanda Stephson and Rebecca Toal.\*\*\*\*July 21: Tod Hurst, Danika Dubose and Patricia Tamplin celebrate birthdays. We remember our friend Cal Broussard who passed away on this day in 2009.\*\*\*\*July 22: Happy Birthday Lori Frederick, Linda Crawford, Jeff Anderson, Paige Dohmann and Keazie Cappel.\*\*\*\*July 23: Happy Birthday to Linda Brinson, Jim Reves and Travis Estes.\*\*\*\*July 24: Our dear friend Margie Stephens celebrates a birthday today. We haven't heard from her in a long time. She spends most of her days at Harry's Appliance. Harry married her out of high school and put her to work. Also celebrating today are Chassidi Cude, Lee Harris and Judy Batchelor.\*\*\*\*July 25: Pretty Ms. Julia Morris celebrates a birthday today as does Ryan Kimbrough, Misty Cappel, Allison LeLeux and Larry Wingaten.\*\*\*\*July 26: Happy Birthday Sherry Collins and Laura Berman.\*\*\*\*(Let us know if you or someone you know is celebrating a birthday or anniversary. Email to [news@therecordlive.com](mailto:news@therecordlive.com) or call 409-735-5305.)

## CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Clotile Comeaux, a single mom, was afraid her 12-year-old boy child, Tee-Mac, wouldn't turn out too good him. So, Clotile talk to Father Vincent an ax if da priest him, would counsel wit da boy.

Father said to send him over.

Da priest wasn't sure how to get tings going so he ax the boy, Tee-Mac where is God?"

Da boy he don't say nutten.

Father Vincent ax again, "Son where is God?"

Tee Mac, him still say nutten.

Father Vincent him, is getting a little aggravated him. Da priest say, "Tee Mac, for da las time, "Where is God hanh?"

Tee Mac him jump out of da chair and run like hell all da way home and hid in da closet. After a couple hours of searching his brother, Alfred found Tee Mac. He say, "Tee Mac, wat you doing hiding in dat closet, hanh?"

Tee Mac answer, "Alfred, I'm not xactly sure me, but God him is missing and dey tink we got him."

## C'EST TOUT

In Senator Carl Parker's column last week, the Senator wrote about he and Roy's lifetime relationship in politics and how Roy had opposed him twice. He failed to mention how Roy helped switch an endorsement that secured Carl's victory over Chester Slay in a senate runoff election. Carl also failed to mention that Roy hit a homerun against him in that famous Rotary game. Roy has the picture that was taken at the game for proof. The umpire in the game was Richard Cordor. Those are fond memories of great days.\*\*\*\*Do something nice for someone this week. Take care and God bless America.

## Deaths & Memorials

### Bonnie Ray Dunn Dean, 92, Orange

Bonnie Ray Dunn Dean, 92, of Orange, passed away on July 16, 2022, at Golden Years Assisted Living in Orange.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 22, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Burial will follow at Wilkinson Cemetery in Orange.

Visitation will be at 9:00 a.m., Friday, July 22, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Born in Orange, Texas, on September 23, 1929, she was the daughter of Gordon Dunn and Oleta Ray Dunn. Bonnie was a dedicated member of Methodist Church of Mauriceville, some of her fondest memories were singing in the church choir. She enjoyed painting and crossword puzzles in her spare time. Bonnie often volunteered for the Red Cross and was always happy with a big smile on her face. She was often referred to as the "fun aunt" and



Bonnie Dean

absolutely loved her family. Bonnie will be deeply missed by all her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, James Dean; parents, Gordon and Oleta Dunn; and brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Freda Dunn.

She is survived by her nieces, Cathy Morton and husband Bobby of Vidor, Rebecca Hebert and husband Randy of Mauriceville; nephews, William Dunn of Arizona, Dean Dunn of Mauriceville; one great-niece, Zoe Dunn; ten great-nephews, Cody Hebert, Landon Hebert, Carson Hebert, Asa Smith, Zain Smith, Payton Smith, Josh Dunn, Kieran Dunn, Ryan Dunn, Logan Dunn; good friends and cousins Sandra and Beth; as well as numerous other loving family and friends.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the staff at Best Hospice and Golden Years Assisted Living.

### Dewayne Daugereau, 84, Orange

Dewayne "Dee Dee" Daugereau, 84, of Orange, passed away on July 12, 2022, at Oakwood Manor in Vidor.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 16, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City. Officiating was Jack Comer of Circle Drive Baptist Church in Bridge City. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Visitation was held prior at Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City.

Born in Beaumont, Texas, on June 20, 1938, she was the daughter of Margaret and James Harrington, Sr. Dee Dee was a dedicated Christian woman her whole life. She loved her kids and grandkids and never passed up a time to get together with family. Dee Dee spent her spare time dancing with friends, going to the casino or playing bingo.

She will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed by all her family and



"Dee Dee" Daugereau

friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Margaret and James Harrington, Sr.; infant daughter, Peggy Ann; brother, James "Bubba" Harrington, Jr.; and stepson, Terry Daugereau.

She is survived by her daughter, Joyce Davis and Clayton Authement of Orangefield; stepdaughters, Debbie Cappadona and husband Ross of Orange, Jeanie Oullette of Hattisburg, MS; granddaughters, Jennifer Higgins and husband Jason of Vidor, Kristie Curtis, Kayla Coffman, Cher Weldon; great-grandchildren, Alyssa Higgins, Landon Higgins both of Vidor; brother, Johnny Harrington and wife Trudy of Orangefield; sisters, Peggy Lowery of High Island, Charlotte Anderson and husband Dow of Bridge City; sister-in-law, Mazie Harrington of Winnie; and life long friend, Millie Bland of High Island.

### Clifford Gordon Reese, Sr., 89

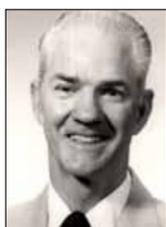
Clifford Gordon Reese, Sr., 89, of Port Arthur, passed away on June 22, 2022 at Rose Place Assisted Living in Port Arthur.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 2, 2022 at Liberty Baptist Church in Bridge City. Officiating was Pastor Jeremy Bradshaw of Liberty Baptist Church. Burial followed at the Hillcrest Mausoleum in Orange.

Visitation was held prior to service at Liberty Baptist Church in Bridge City.

Born in Orange, Texas, on October 27, 1932, he was the son of Richard W. Reese and Florence Reese. Clifford could fix anything. He often put his skills to the test by volunteering on christian building trips building Churches, even helping building Liberty Baptist. Clifford was a very well respected Treasurer and Deacon at the Liberty Church.

He loved his grandchildren, knowing him as their "Da". Clifford took several



Clifford Reese

trips with his kids, many including skiing, fishing, and Disney trips. He will forever be known as "The Perfect Daddy" and will be dearly missed by all who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Reese; parents, Richard W. and Florence Reese; grandson, Clifford "Trey" Reese III; siblings, Cherry Reese, Richard Reese, Jr., and Kenneth W. Reese.

He is survived by his daughters, Deanna Crull and husband Bill, and Jane Cordell and husband Guy; son, Clifford "Kippy" Reese, Jr. and wife Dana; sister, Carolyn Bell; sister-in-law, Mary Morgan; along with 4 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Darren Crull, Danny Crull, Guy Cordell, Jr., Bill Crull, Guy Cordell, Sr., and Kippy Reese. Honorary pallbearer is Jill Cordell.

### Rainbow Bridge death came day after new 988 suicide hotline started

MARGARET TOAL  
For The Record

A West Orange woman died Sunday evening after apparently jumping off the Rainbow Bridge, according to the Port Arthur Police Department. The department in a media release called the death a "suicide."

The death came the day after the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline began providing counselors for mental health support by simply calling 988 on a phone. The new hotline number is easier to remember than the previous 1-800-273-8255 toll free line, which is still in use.

Port Arthur police said witnesses pulled the woman from the water about

8:30 p.m. Sunday after she apparently jumped. She was brought ashore and emergency lifesaving efforts were made. However, the woman died. Jefferson County Justice of the Peace Tom Gillam III ordered an autopsy.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline was created in 2005 by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The Lifeline's website says the phone number has received more than 20 million calls since it began.

Even though the word "suicide" is in the name of the hotline, it is for any mental health crisis. The website says trained counselors staff the hotlines 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### Michael Hoke Memorial Outdoor Awareness Aug. 4

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office is having the 7th Annual Michael Hoke Memorial Outdoor Awareness for Kids on August 4 from 9 AM to 2 PM. This is a free event for ages 8-14.

It is being held at Claiborne West Park at 4105 North St, Vidor, TX under the Halliburton Pavilion at the back of the park. The activities will include a Duck

Dog Demonstration, Cooking on a Campfire, Skulls & Furs, Benthic Testing, and a Nature Trail walk. Closed toe shoes only, No sandals.

Check-in the day of will be at 8:30. Go to Orange.AgriLife.org and click on the Registrations Link to register your child. Call the Extension Office at 409-882-7010 if you have any questions.

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# When Suffering Doesn't Make Sense

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Suffering is largely a mystery to me.

While God's grace and presence have been unimaginably rich in my pain, I still don't understand why particular believers who love God endure loss after loss until they feel hopeless and confused, covered in darkness. I don't understand why people who have not strayed from God's path, but are looking to him in all things, feel defeated and dragged into the dust. I don't understand why God's people, whom he treasures and protects, are led like sheep to the slaughter.

And I'm not alone in my bewilderment. The Bible reiterates that the reasons for suffering can be mysterious and confusing, and from our vantage, incomprehensible. In the opening scene of the book of Job, for instance, we are taken into heaven and are witnesses to a dialogue between Satan and God. We realize from their interchange that there is much more happening in suffering than any of us can see, for sure in Job's life but also in ours (Ephesians 6:12).

Psalm 44 reflects on a similar tension. We don't know the circumstances surrounding its writing, but we do know that the Israelites felt abandoned by God. The psalmist speaks directly to God about their baffling pain in the face of his unparalleled power and past deliverance. He boldly cries out to God, pouring out his questions and doubts, trusting God enough to honestly come before him. It's a psalm for



those who trust God but have more questions than answers in suffering.

The psalm begins with praise, acknowledging God's goodness and faithfulness to his people in days of old. In verses 1-8, the psalmist declares that their ancestors flourished and defeated their enemies not because of their skill, but because of God's intervention. God delighted in Israel and put their enemies to shame, and his people praised his name. It was all God's doing, as verse 3 says:

Not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm save them, but your right hand and your arm, and the light of your face, for you delighted in them.

Then the psalmist reiterates his present faithfulness to God. He doesn't trust in his own resources, in his sword and bow, but it is only through God that they can be victorious. And they will boast in God and give thanks to him forever.

But then the psalm takes a turn. In verses 9-16, the psalmist says that God was the one who had engineered their subsequent disgrace and defeat:

You have rejected us and disgraced us. . . . You have made us turn back from our

foes. . . . You have made us like sheep for slaughter. . . . You have made us the taunt of our neighbors . . . a laughingstock among the peoples.

The Israelites recognized that their suffering came directly from God. They did not understand why it happened, but they knew where it came from. They understood that God forms light and creates darkness; he makes well-being and creates calamity (Isaiah 45:7). He acts and no one can turn it back.

## Like Sheep to Be Slaughtered

In verses 17-22, the psalmist maintains that God's actions were not because the Israelites had sinned. They had not forgotten God or worshiped idols or willfully disobeyed him, but rather were faithful and true to God's covenant. Their hearts had not turned back, nor had their feet strayed from the path. And yet God still broke them.

Verse 22 is a final word defending their innocence and obedience: "Yet for your sake we are killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." In other words, "We

are trusting you, Lord, and we are dying for you. Rather than rescuing us, you are behind our earthly destruction." That may be the cry of martyrs around the world today, who are proclaiming God's love while being led to their death. And it may be the lament of faithful Christians who are struggling with terminal cancer, unending pain, and precipitous loss. Our lives are in God's hands, and we are being crushed.

This feels shocking. That God would willingly lead us as sheep to be slaughtered when we are faithfully serving him can make us wonder if he cares about us at all. Which makes it even more surprising that Paul would quote this verse in Romans 8:36, as an example of how we can never be separated from God's love. The implication is that when we are at our lowest — feeling abandoned by God and growing increasingly hopeless — God is actually lavishing his love on us. He is making us more than conquerors in the place where we've been tasting bitter defeat and can't sense his presence.

While we associate the times of abundance and success with God's favor, Paul is reminding us that God's love is as strong as ever when we are facing despair and even death. The psalmist mourned that God had rejected and crushed them, implying that God was against them, but Paul reframes that perspective for Christians, asserting that even in our darkest moments — especially in our darkest moments? — God is working for our good.

## Who Can Be Against Us?

Paul's direct reference to Psalm 44 demonstrates that when we feel God doesn't care and is indifferent to the plight of the faithful, we're dead wrong. God couldn't be more for us.

The quote is sandwiched between Paul's stunning declaration that, "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:31-32), and his magnificent proclamation that we are more than conquerors through him who loved us because nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:37-39).

We may live with lingering questions about our suffering. Many questions may go unanswered, particularly the haunting question of Why? We can trust that God has reasons (perhaps ten thousand reasons), although we may not see or understand many of them in this life. But the overarching reason lies in the glorious truth of Romans 8:31-39. While we may see only in part now, we can trust that all that God does is out of his incomparable and unfathomable love for us.

## Our Great Hope in the Valley

The psalmist concludes by directly asking God for help, saying, "Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord? Rouse yourself!" (Psalm 44:23). When Jesus was asleep in a boat amidst a perilous storm, the disciples wondered if he cared about them. After Jesus

calmed the storm, he asked them why they'd been afraid (Mark 4:35-41). Jesus knew exactly what was happening. But like the disciples, when God isn't acting, we may wonder if he doesn't know or doesn't care, both of which are impossible.

The psalmist then exclaims, "Why do you hide your face? Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?" (Psalm 44:24). Those are the questions we ask God. Why can't we see his face? Why isn't he doing anything about what is happening? We can feel the agony of the psalmist on behalf of those who feel abandoned, lying prostrate in the dust. Yet the reassuring truth is that God can never forget his people, for they are carved on the palms of his hands (Isaiah 49:16).

Psalm 44 closes with this plea: "Rise up; come to our help! Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!" (Psalm 44:26). He is appealing to God for rescue, not based on their own faithfulness, but on the character of God and his unending love. As we see in Romans 8, it all comes back to God's love.

This psalm is a beautiful lament for those of us who wonder where God is in our suffering. God is the one who has helped us in the past, and God is the one who is letting us suffer now. Yet as Paul weaves Psalm 44:22 into Romans 8, we see that God is pouring out his love for us even as we are being led as sheep to the slaughter. God bids us to cry out to him, voicing our questions and detailing our anguish, while trusting in his steadfast love — even, and perhaps especially, in the face of suffering that doesn't make sense.

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# Lady Cardinals to Defend District Volleyball Title

OCSPORTSBEAT  
DAN PERRINE  
For The Record

The dominate volleyball team the last two years in Orange County has been the Bridge City Lady Cardinals. During this upcoming volleyball season which starts in August the Lady Cardinals will look to continue their outstanding play.

Coach Savannah DeLuna is entering her second year as the head volleyball coach at Bridge City. DeLuna will be leading the Lady Cardinals in their efforts to win a third straight district title.

DeLuna inherited some very good volleyball athletes when she took the job at Bridge City last year. "A lot of these girls play club which contributes to our school season," DeLuna reminded.

Bridge City had a very good season last year. The Lady Cardinals went undefeated in district, they won the YMBL, they won the Lumberton tournament, they did well in the Dickinson tournament which has a lot of bigger schools from the Houston area, and they went three rounds deep in the playoffs before losing in four sets to Huffman.

The Lady Cardinals played fantastic last season in the coach's first season. DeLuna described, "The girls accomplished a lot, and we, everybody, accomplished a lot especially with new leadership coming in. It was a little nerve wracking for me, but it was a lot of fun."

Five true returners, three seniors and two juniors, are back on the varsity for Bridge City this season. Two other Lady Cardinals saw time on the varsity at various points of last season including the playoffs.

Senior setter Taryn Doiron played very well last season and was a six-rotation player for Bridge City. "She's going to be a big asset to us this year," DeLuna pointed out.

Taryn has played on the varsity the three previous seasons and in now her fourth year on the varsity will be a leader for the Lady Cardinals. Doiron expressed, "I am going to share leadership responsibility on and off the court while hopefully uplifting the team. I've worked with these younger freshmen the last three years."

Another senior is Morgan Louvier an outside hitter who changed positions and played in the middle for the Lady Cardinals last year when there was a need for a player in that position. DeLuna explained, "We had a little bit of an issue with our lineup so she changed roles to a middle hitter and did really very well last year, but she'll be an outside hitter this year."

Louvier was a senior in last year to Bridge City, but already feels like part of the Lady Cardinal family. "I feel great coming on to this team. I knew a lot of them before I moved here, and that really helped me in and feel comfortable with them. They've let me and allowed me to accept a certain role on this team to be a leader and to give them as much encouragement as I can," Morgan responded.

Strictly a defensive specialist and back row player



Dan Perrine

is senior Makenna Carey. Coach DeLuna indicated Carey could join a couple of Lady Cardinals that are open for the libero position on the court.

Two juniors with varsity

experience are Demi Carter and Ashley Hale. Carter stands 6 foot, one and will be a force on the front

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The five returning Lady Cardinals on the volleyball team are Demi Carter, Ashley Hale, Makenna Carey, Taryn Doiron, and Morgan Louvier.

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# Lady Cardinals defend title From Page 1B

row for Bridge City. DeLuna praised, "She's done amazing things in the off-season and in club, and I'm really excited to see what she brings this year."

As a freshman and a sophomore Demi was quiet but is a lot more vocal now as a junior and is stepping into a leadership role. "That's really exciting to see," DeLuna commented.

Hale was a defensive specialist last season who is an all-around great kid according to the coach. "That's the kind of kid you want to represent your program," DeLuna added.

Though a junior, Ashley has already assumed a leadership role with the younger Lady Cardinals. Hale replied, "I'll show them that it's a safe space for everyone and we're very welcoming and show them that we really care about them and their feelings. I want to help them with everything they do whether it's on the court or off the court just to uplift them in any way we can and just show them this is a big sisterhood and we can all trust one another."

## Five Returners To Defend Title

The coach evaluated the lineup with the five returning Lady Cardinals. "It's going to be fun. We have big things ahead for this season," DeLuna stated.

The two Lady Cardinals that were pulled up to the varsity late last season for the playoffs are two sophomores Nicole Sasser and Chloe Doyle. Both Sasser and Doyle are front row players, they have some height, and they can jump. DeLuna pointed out, "They need to grow into their bodies a little bit more and develop better as volleyball players, but

they're just really true athletes and any coach can work with a true athlete."

The Lady Cardinals lost three seniors last year to graduation which actually totaled five positions on the court. Two of the graduating seniors were six-rotation players which means DeLuna will need to find two girls to replace each of the six-rotation players that left.

Official tryouts for the Bridge City volleyball team will be August 1. DeLuna is not sure who else will be on the varsity roster and which girls will be on the junior varsity and freshman teams. "I don't really know who's going to be on the team as of right now, but this incoming freshman class is a very strong group. We had a couple of them playing on the summer league with us and they really did very well. I'm really excited to see those girls and to see during tryouts who really performs and who wants that varsity position," Coach DeLuna announced.

Past history shows DeLuna normally likes to only keep ten to twelve girls on the varsity. "I don't like to do any more than that, but we have a lot of players, returners and new players, that are six-rotation players that never come off the court, they're good on the front row and they're good passing, and that's really an asset to have in your program. These juniors, sophomores, and freshmen that are coming up they all are hard-working kids that are willing to put in the work and we're going to see where it lands us," DeLuna analyzed.

Summer league allowed Coach DeLuna to see how this year's group of Lady Cardinals are going to roll out by competing against area schools. DeLuna said, "We had several



Coach Savannah DeLuna is in her second season as the head volleyball coach at Bridge City.

younger volleyball players that were competing with the varsity at the varsity level which that alone is exciting. I love to see the potential in the young ones."

There are some areas that need work to keep Bridge City at the top of its game when the season starts. DeLuna explained, "We lost three really good passers to graduation and so that is where we may struggle a little bit. That is what I am looking to improve. We have good volleyball athletes in this program and that is not always the case at every school."

Looking to the future a little bit DeLuna is hoping to develop a setter and a six-rotation player to step in when Taryn Doiron graduates at the end of this school year. "There's a couple of girls in our program that really have the potential to grow into that position so I have to have someone to step into that role if Taryn gets injured or sick," DeLuna confessed.

The Lady Cardinals like to run a fast passed offense that the girls have picked up very well. DeLuna evaluated, "The fast paced offense I'm not worried about, it's the defense a little bit more, but that can be resolved with reps and these girls are coming throughout the summer



Ashley Hale although just a junior is a leader for the Lady Cardinals and great team player for Bridge City.



Taryn Doiron is in her fourth year on the varsity volleyball team at Bridge City and a leading six-rotation player.



Morgan Louvier was a move-in to Bridge City last year and loves the close friends she has made there on the volleyball team

so they're getting their reps in, their passes in, their touches in, and so we'll just see come August 1, I guess."

Coming off back-to-back district championships puts the pressure on Coach DeLuna and the Lady Cardinals to defend their title, but the coach and the team like that kind of pressure. "Good teams thrive off stuff like that, and our girls if they're anything they are competitors. They do what it takes to win. Coming into this season are we a lot younger than we were last year? One hundred percent, but are they still through and through competitors, for sure. These girls they want to win and they'll do whatever it takes to get there," DeLuna pronounced.

## Bridge City Top of the Hill

Bridge City is at the top of the hill with the other teams in the district looking to knock them off that perch this season. The Lady Cardinals cannot have any lax days or off days they have to be on their A-Game every day, every practice, every game, every tournament Coach DeLuna emphasizes to the girls.

The volleyball district lost one of its top teams with the Orangefield Lady Bobcats dropping in clas-

sification. The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Lady Bears are always a good competitive volleyball school as are the Lumberton Lady Raiders. The Jasper Lady Bulldogs have been added to the district joining the West Orange-Stark Lady Mustangs as quality opponents for Bridge City.

DeLuna sets her expectations high for the upcoming season. "It would be wrong of me to not set my expectations high, and my expectations to win district again are one hundred percent. I don't ever want to come down from that. We're going to ride that high until we can't anymore. District wise I feel good, I setup a pretty good preseason we're playing Nederland, we're playing Huffman, and we scheduled Orangefield still," DeLuna reported.

## Scrimmages start August 5

Scrimmages open the season for the Lady Cardinals at Nederland on August 5. Other scrimmages will follow with Hampshire-Fannett and West Brook on August 6 at Bridge City.

The Lady Cardinals will play in a tournament at Wimberley, Texas, on August 12 and August 13 which is a 42-team tournament. DeLuna observed, "It's going to be a

really great team bonding and a really good experience to play those bigger teams up in that area."

District volleyball action begins on Friday, August 9, for the Lady Cardinals at home against the Silsbee Lady Tigers. The varsity game starts the action at 4:30 PM followed by the junior varsity and freshmen teams playing. District games will be played on Tuesdays and Fridays through Tuesday, October 25, which is Senior Night for the Lady Cardinals at Bridge City.

## First Saturday at First Baptist BC set for Aug. 6th

First Saturday at First Baptist will be handing out free school supplies August 6th in the church parking lot at 200 W. Roundbunch Rd in Bridge City. Starting at 10 a.m. we will have glue sticks, spiral notebooks, crayolas, Kleenex and a pack of pencils will be free, along with Bibles and prayer for those who come to the blue canopy. Just this one day, pulled pork sandwiches will also be free for those who come. The supplies will be handed out until 12:00 noon or until everything is gone. Look for the blue canopy.



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# Lawsuits appear settled by Houston Texans and MLB

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



Joe Kazmar

One thing National Football League players may or may not be aware of is the fact the team has a huge investment in every player and sees to it that they do everything above board.

If a player hangs out with the wrong crowd or gets arrested, members of the franchise delve into the situation with both feet and investigate the matter to the fullest before making any decisions or even making a statement about the alleged incident.

This was the case with All-Pro quarterback Deshaun Watson and his last National Football League team—the Houston Texans—and the 24 women that sued the quarterback, accusing him of sexual misconduct during a massage.

Twenty of those lawsuits have been settled and Watson is awaiting a decision about his punishment or lack thereof from the NFL which is expected to be handed down any day now by Commissioner Roger Goodell, who incidentally works for the NFL owners and not the other way around.

But the media never said anything about the Texans having an internal investigation of the matter, but believe me, the organization has reams of information about Watson's alleged escapades, some of which probably haven't even been made public.

There was only one lawsuit filed against the Texans by a woman about the Watson case which stated that the organization "enabled Watson's egregious behavior" according to an article appearing in Sunday's issue of the Houston Chronicle.

Right or wrong, the team settled the lawsuit Friday with no "admission of any wrongdoing" and also settled 29 claims involving Watson that have yet to be filed.

The Houston Texans just want to be done with Watson and his troubles which an undisclosed sum of money to the women apparently made the matter go away, according to the article.

Major League Baseball also verbally settled a federal lawsuit last Friday with the U.S. District Court in San Francisco that will cost them \$185 million. Chief Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero is expected to grant his approval, according to the Associated Press.

MLB agreed to pay minor leaguers \$185 million to settle a federal lawsuit

alleging violations of minimum wage laws, a case that has progressed through the courts for eight years without reaching a trial.

I only wish this settlement had occurred some 60 years ago when it would have directly affected me in the days when 99.9 percent of the players were out there for the love of the game and hoping to get a call-up to the big-league team. That \$75 meal money they gave us to eat on during a six-game road trip just didn't cut it.

An early estimate is that perhaps 20,000 players could share the money. "This settlement is a monumental step for minor league players toward a fair and just compensation system," said the players' lead lawyer Garrett Broshuis, a former minor league pitcher.

"I've seen first-hand the financial struggle players face when earning poverty-level wages—or no wages at all—in pursuit of their major league dreams," he pointed out.

"We are only in the second year of a major overhaul of the 100-year-old player development system and have made great strides to improve the quality of life for minor league players," MLB said in a statement.

"We are proud that minor league players already receive significant benefits, including free housing, quality health care, multiple meals per day, college tuition assistance for those who wish to continue their education and over \$450 million in annual signing bonuses for first-year players," MLB continued.

And to think that we lived in a damp basement apartment one season—which we paid rent for—a noisy trailer court—which we paid rent for—and a one-bedroom bungalow during the Arizona MLB Winter Instructional League—which we paid rent for—makes me believe that my theme song should be "Born Too Late."

**KWICKIES...**

Houston Astros ace starting pitcher Justin Verlander was in the American League dugout for last night's All-Star Game, but was definitely not going to pitch. He said he only wanted to pitch in games that counted—with the Astros—and not in "exhibition games". Verlander leads the majors



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with his 12 victories and is the first 38-year-old or older pitcher in MLB history to have 12 wins before the All-Star game and an earned run average under 2.00. His 10 strikeouts in Saturday's 5-0 win over the Oakland A's gave him 3,121 for his career and moved him into 14th place on MLB's all-time list.

And while on the subject of the All-Star game,

slugger Aaron Judge was the first New York Yankee with 70 RBIs before the classic since 2010 when A-Rod turned the trick. However, Judge declined to participate in Monday night's Home Run Derby.

Cameron Smith became the first PGA member from Australia to win the British Open since Greg Norman in 1993 as his five consecutive birdies to

start the back nine Sunday blew him past third-round leader Rory McIlroy to win the major event on the Old Course at St. Andrews Scotland. The beer-loving 28-year-old had four top-five finishes in the majors and fashioned a final round 64 and 20-under par to win by a single stroke over Cameron Young and two shots better than McIlroy. He said that losing weight made him gain distance on his drives.

Tiger Woods, who failed to make Friday's cut at the British Open still got a standing ovation from the large crowd. He said afterward that he has a hard time understanding why some of the younger golfers, who just came up from the amateur ranks, would give up playing in major tournaments or earning world rankings points to play on the LIV Tour, where the money is plentiful but the exposure is next to nil by entering just a few tournaments and playing only 54 holes with music blaring.

I'm happy to see the rivalry between my alma mater McNeese and La-

mar will continue since the Cardinals re-joined the Southland Conference. The two teams will meet in the regular season finale on Nov. 19.

**JUST BETWEEN US...**

We've seen women football referees and even assistant coaches for both the NFL and NBA, but we've never seen a female professional baseball manager—until now. According to this week's USA Today Sports Weekly, Rachel Balkovec is the first woman to be a full-time manager in affiliated professional baseball as skipper of the Tampa Tarpons, the Class A affiliate of the New York Yankees. The 34-year-old former softball catcher at Creighton and New Mexico, Rachel earned a master's degree in kinesiology from LSU before taking an internship with the St. Louis Cardinals in 2012, working in rookie ball in Johnson City, Tenn. and later became the first woman to be a full-time strength and conditioning coordinator in the minors.



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# Great conditions persist on Sabine Lake

## OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record



Chuck Uzzle

In all honesty I would have to sit down and think long and hard to remember seeing conditions as good as what we have right now on Sabine Lake. For weeks now the water has done nothing but continue to get clear and green all the way into the Sabine and Neches rivers. The beach front has been nothing short of gorgeous and the jetties are just as pretty depending on the tide movement. In short, it's about as good as we are going to see it right now and the fishing isn't far behind.

The "pre-dawn patrol" down in the channel south of the Causeway have really put together a pattern over the last couple of weeks and it's holding steady. Swim baits and topwater plugs are the most popular choices right now as the fish are super concentrated around various pieces of structure and bottom contours. One thing that many anglers overlook right now is how many fish will hold in one particular spot. If you are running shoreline or rocks

and get bit don't leave too fast, you may be running away from a bigger group of fish than you realize.

Obviously, the tide change is the key if you are going to target fish in the channel or near the jetties right now. The incoming tide is preferred but as long as the water has movement you increase your odds exponentially. Long casts parallel to the shoreline with swim baits or crankbaits will be met with vicious strikes when the trout get cranked up and you can always expect a mystery fish to show up and run away with a bunch of line or your favorite lure, that's always a fun

moment when you get near the gulf. The early topwater bite is strong as well with some really solid fish being caught.

If you feel like venturing offshore to some of the short rigs you can make quick work of the trout and they have been great quality fish. Plenty of specks in the 18 to 24 inch class are coming from the short rigs on soft plastics when the wind allows. The Spanish mackerel are also there in solid numbers so be prepared to lose a few baits as they will saw off everything that's not tied to wire.

Easily the folks who should be the most excited about the conditions are

the offshore folks. Pretty water and cooperative weather patterns are exactly what the anglers crave. The biggest problem the offshore crowd is dealing with right now is not weather related, it's "Washington related". The price of gas has just put a huge dent in virtually every fisherman's pocketbook including offshore anglers and guides. Joe Biden's onslaught on America continues to cripple everyone at the pump. Imagine paying for 100 or 200 gallons of gas right now to make a big run out into the gulf, talk about pain in the tank. Right now it appears as there is no relief in sight from this "America last" administration, in fact they just sold over 1 mil-

lion barrels of oil to China from the strategic reserve. Remember that next time you vote as you suffer from sticker shock at the pump.

For the time being local fishermen will enjoy some of the prettiest water we could ever hope for as long this weather pattern continues. Most everyone is still really dry so runoff from any measurable rainfall should not hurt the conditions very much. Keep an eye on the horizon as the high temperatures continue to spawn sudden thunderstorms. Remember there is no fish out there swimming worth taking a chance with lightning or bad weather. Enjoy the great conditions, who knows how long it will be when we will see it like this again.

## Gulf Coast Fishing Report

This week's reports compiled by Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.

### Sabine Lake

GOOD. 81 degrees. Recent rains improved the water system by congregating the fish. ICW is producing good catches of trout and redfish on rock piles using live shrimp under a popping cork, and 1/16th ounce jigs with five inch plastics in morning glory chartreuse, Texas roach or red shad. Night fishing at Texaco Island is good free-lining croaker, shrimp and mullet. Taylor's Bayou is holding redfish. Sabine Pass Channel is good for redfish and trout in the bulkheads in 12 feet of water using Texas roach 1/16 ounce jig heads. Glo chartreuse gulp will land you flounder. Jetties are holding beautiful trout limits with an early morning topwater bite, live shrimp under a popping cork or five inch glo chartreuse ¼ ounce jig head, and silver or white swimbaits or rattletails. Sabine Lake is good for trout mid lake under the birds, off rocks near the south levy, and under birds feeding on shrimp near the north levy. Redfish are good in 20 feet of water near Pleasure Island Point to the river using gold and silver spoons. Sheepshead and drum are good off the points. Trout are good with live shrimp under a popping cork. River bite is off while the water is high and moving fast. Report by Captain Randy Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

### Bolivar

GOOD. 82 degrees. Grass line between Pepper Grove and Sievers Cove is holding redfish biting on live shrimp under a popping cork, Haymaker fight club shrimp. Jetties holding bull redfish in the channel. On the outside of the jetties near the rocks redfish, trout, and sheepshead are biting live shrimp under a popping cork, and free-lining shrimp or croaker. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

### Trinity Bay

GOOD. 88 degrees. HL&P Spillway holding a few speckled trout, but mainly redfish. When water conditions allow, the gas wells in the open bay holding speckled trout. Shell reefs along the ship channel near marker 72 have been good for speckled trout using a variety of soft plastic lures and live natural baits. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

### East Galveston Bay

GOOD. 89 degrees. Hannah's Reef, Ladies Pass, and Pot Luck are holding redfish and trout early in the morning biting on live shrimp under a popping cork, and chatter rattle Carolina rigged Croaker. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

### Galveston Bay

GOOD. 86 degrees. Galveston Bay is holding trout around rocks off channel marker 64-70. Look for birds, bait and slicks to find the fish. Campbell's Reef holding some trout and redfish under the

birds and the man made rock shoals biting on live shrimp under a popping cork. The surf is on fire with the clear water moving in and wind relaxing. Success free-lining live shrimp, croaker, pinfish, mullet, and pogies. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

### West Galveston Bay

GOOD. 89 degrees. Decent numbers of speckled trout are in the guts of San Luis Pass biting on live croaker. Anglers drifting the deep shell reefs in the open bay with live croakers are catching good numbers of trout. The

Causeway railroad bridge is fair for speckled trout free-lining live shrimp or croaker. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing.

### Texas City

GOOD. 86 degrees. Moses lake is holding trout and redfish early in the day under birds biting soft plastics and live shrimp under popping corks. Gas wells in front of Top Water holding trout from Dollar Point to Eagle Point drifting soft plastics. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

### Freeport

GOOD. 85 degrees. Redfish, trout, and flounder are good in the river

free-lining live shrimp, down south lures, or new penny gulp shrimp. The river is producing big drums. Trout and redfish are good in the surf and pass free-lining croaker or mullet.

Flounder and sheepshead are good in the pass. Report by Captain Jake Brown, Flattie Daddy Fishing Adventures.

### E. Matagorda Bay

GOOD. 85 degrees. Redfish and trout are good drifting with live shrimp under popping cork, or wade fishing with croaker. Report by Captain Charlie Paradoski, Captain Charlie Paradoski's Guide Service.

### W. Matagorda Bay

GOOD. 85 degrees. Redfish and undersized

trout are good wading with artificials. The Colorado is fishing good for redfish up river with live shrimp under a popping cork. Flats are good for trout with topwaters and artificials. Report by Captain Charlie Paradoski, Captain Charlie Paradoski's Guide Service.

### Port O'Connor

GOOD. 90 degrees. Speckled trout are good on live croaker in the jetties and surf early in the morning. Redfish are good on dead shrimp and sardines at the end of the jetties. Drum are slow on dead shrimp. Black tips, sand and bonnet sharks are biting anything and everything you offer. Report by Captain Marty Medford, Captain Marty's Fish of a Lifetime Guide Service.

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# Effective Weed Control Begins with Knowledge

**JOHN GREEN**  
Texas Master Gardener,  
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Gardeners, it's another beautiful summer morning here in Southeast Texas. Rather than moving from gardening task to task, as is typical most days, I took the time to slowly walk around my yard this morning (coffee cup in hand), stopping at each flower bed to view flowers in bloom, stopping long enough to smell a few of the blooms. Leaving the flower bed areas, I walked over the raised vegetable gardens, making mental notes of herbs and vegetables to harvest later in the day (especially the Chinese long beans), all the while listening to a frogs' deep, throaty calls for affection. I was able to totally relax, allowing my mind to wander for a few peaceful moments. We always seem to be in such a rush - our lives are constantly bombarded with the pressures of everyday life! Take the time to enjoy the moment!

Today, I'm going to discuss weeds in general. Often, my attempt to gain the upper hand on weeds in my flower beds and vegetable gardens seems futile - as I'm constantly tugging, pulling, and digging out weeds year-round, as I'm determined not to allow them to take over garden areas. Just about everywhere you look you see weeds of some sort. Weeding is the bane of gardening, and as gardeners we want our flower beds to look nice and neat. Further, we want our vegetable gardens to be weed free, since weeds rob our plantings of necessary moisture and nutrients and can reduce harvest drastically.

Let's gain some understanding of weed types by category (not are not scientific categories), including a few of the best ways to manage them. Keep in mind that weeds are always going to be with us and there is no one best way of controlling them. I choose not to use herbicides, since many herbicides kill beneficial insects, pollinators and can severely harm the environment.

Annual -such as lamb's quarters, yellow oxalis, and chickweed only live one year. Dig or pull these weeds before they develop seeds as they cover the ground with seeds. If you can't pull them or hoe them without damaging other garden plants, cut



To some gardeners, dandelions have an attractive bloom but are considered a common weed. (Courtesy Photo)

the stems at or below soil line to prevent regrowing.

Taproot -dandelions have long, strong roots. Many of these types of perennials can regrow from any part of their root that was left in the soil. Biennials, such as bull thistle will die after the second year of blooming. Use a straight-point trowel to dig down next to the root, then pry it out or use a flat head spade for digging large, deep taproots.

Rhizomatic -are difficult to control as they spread horizontally under the soil and when cut, they will resprout. Stinging nettle and quack grass can be removed using a trowel, claw or spading fork to loosen the soil around the weeds.

Tough -include chickweed, plantain, and dock which like hard, compacted clay soil. An oscillating stirrup hoe is best used, as it will loosen the soil, making them it easier to tug out.

Monsters -are the most difficult weeds to remove and control. Weeds such as Japanese knotweed and bindweed and have deep, vigorous roots. The best way to get rid of them is by depriving them of light. Place heavy tarps over them for several weeks, only removing them when they are dead.

Use the following tips to help reduce the weed population in your gardens:

**STOP (Rototilling)** - overworking the soil is one of the biggest culprits to hosting weeds. Many weed seeds are resting on the soil surface, waiting to germinate once covered. Tilling also disrupts the eco-cycle of worms and other organisms.

**START (Mulching)** - is the easiest, most effective method for creating an almost weed free garden. Adding a heavy layer of mulch (3-4 inches) over a layer of newspaper or

cardboard will help control weeds year-round. Add more mulch as necessary but do not disturb the top layer of mulch.

**STOP (Hoeing)** - vigorous hoeing disturbs the soil making it more susceptible to weed seed germination. This also goes for disturbing the top layer of mulch by raking or turning. Simply pull the few weeds that appear.

**START (Cover Crops)** - planting fall cover crops they keep the garden soil covered from incoming

weed seeds. Additionally, they add organic matter to the soil, fixing nitrogen levels for the following season, while minimizing soil erosion and eliminating the need for rototilling.

If you truly want a weed-free or near weedless garden, it doesn't have to take hours on end to do the task, just take a stroll thru your garden, smelling the flowers along the way and pulling a few weeds!

If you have specific gardening questions or would like more information, contact the Orange Coun-

ty Master Gardeners Help-line: (409) 882-7010 or visit our website: <https://txmg.org/orange>, Facebook: Orange County Texas Master Gardeners Association or Email: [extension@co.orange.tx.us](mailto:extension@co.orange.tx.us).

Orange County Master Gardener certification classes will begin with orientation Aug. 25th. Classes are Thursday evenings. The class fee is \$150, which includes training handbook, supplies and speakers' fees. Please visit our website, then click JOIN MG link for more information.

## NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On July 1, 2022, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("ETI" or the "Company") filed its STATEMENT OF INTENT AND APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES ("Application"). ETI filed its Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") and with the municipal authorities in its service territory that have original jurisdiction over the Company's electric rates.

### Statement of Intent to Change Rates

In the Application, ETI proposes an increase in its base rates designed to collect a total non-fuel retail amount for ETI of approximately \$1.2 billion per year, which is an increase of approximately \$131.4 million, or 11.2%, compared to adjusted test year retail base rate and rider revenues, exclusive of fuel revenues. This proposal represents an increase in overall revenues, including fuel, of 6.95%.

The Application is based on a 12-month test year ending December 31, 2021. ETI requests inclusion in rate base of capital additions closed to plant in the period of January 1, 2018 through the end of the test year.

In addition to approval of ETI's reasonable and necessary operating expenses and capital additions closed through December 31, 2021, the Application also includes the following requests, among others:

- approval of a request to place in base rates costs currently being recovered through ETI's Generation Cost Recovery Rider, Distribution Cost Recovery Factor and Transmission Cost Recovery Factor;
- approval of two new voluntary riders to address its customers' increasing adoption of transportation electrification ("TE") technologies;
- approval of the Green Future Option Schedule tariff, which would provide a new voluntary option for ETI customers to receive benefits of renewable power associated with ETI's utility-scale renewable resources;
- approval of the Market Valued Demand Response ("MVDR") Rider, which is designed to facilitate the transparency of ETI's customers and aggregators of those customers in providing demand response solutions;
- approval of a limited-term Rate Case Expense ("RCE") Rider to recover approximately \$9.2 million over three years, which includes currently estimated costs associated with this proceeding and the actual costs incurred in ETI's prior fuel reconciliation (Docket No. 49916);
- approval of multiple tariff changes described ETI's Application and accompanying testimonies;
- approval of new depreciation rates; and
- approval of requested waivers to certain Commission rules.

To the extent a proposed new rider or schedule is not approved as a separate rider or schedule, ETI proposes to recover such costs through its base rates.

### Effect on Customer Classes

The rate change proposed in the Application will affect all customers and classes of customers receiving retail electric service from ETI. The following table shows the effect of the proposed base rate, rider and tariff changes on existing rate classes:

Rate Class	Number of Customers at Test Year End	Change in Non-Fuel Revenues*	Change in Total Revenues**
Residential	422,815	13.68%	9.84%
Small General	38,207	7.12%	5.10%
General	20,085	8.52%	5.55%
Large General	390	6.29%	3.65%
Large Industrial Power	124	9.28%	3.86%
Lighting	2,744	11.38%	9.40%
Total Retail	484,365	11.20%	6.95%

\* Includes the effects of changes to base rates and ongoing and new riders.

\*\* Includes fuel revenues as well as the effects of changes to base and ongoing and new riders.

The Application proposes an effective date for this rate change of 35 days after the date of this filing. Accordingly, the proposed effective date is August 5, 2022. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions of the Commission or other regulatory authorities.

### Contact Information

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact ETI at Attn: Customer Service, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call (866) 981-2602 during normal business hours. Persons may also email [tcr@entergy.com](mailto:tcr@entergy.com) with questions or to request more information or a copy of the Application. A complete copy of this Application, including the Rate Filing Package, is available for inspection at the address listed above.

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. All communications should refer to Docket No. 53719.

Since March 2020, 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](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](mailto: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](mailto:helpdesk@puc.texas.gov). You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

## Free Rockin' Country Gospel Music Concert

Free Rockin' Country Gospel Music Concert by the Cowboy Cross Band at 7 p.m. on Friday July 22. Free popcorn, free cola, free parking. Country gospel rock and contemporary country with gospel lyrics. Please join us at Cowboy Church of Orange County located at 673 FM 1078 in Orange, 77632.

## Free Food Safety Conference in Orange County

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office of Orange County and the Orange County Environmental Health and Code Compliance Office is having the 2022 Food Safety Conference: Unmasking Your Potential on August 2nd from 9 am until 3 pm. This is a free event geared toward the food service establishments and cafeterias. The topics will include: Roach Control, Cow Milking Demo, Grilling Food Safety, How to Pass Inspections, and hands on activities. There will be a continental breakfast and a lunch will be provided. A Food Handlers Course will be held at 3:00 pm after the conference. The Food Handlers Course is \$20. These will be held at the Orange County Convention and Expo Center at 11475 FM 1442, Orange, TX. Go to [orange.agrilife.org](http://orange.agrilife.org) and click on the registrations link to register. Call the Extension office at 409-882-7010 if you have any questions or just want to register for the Food Handlers Course only.

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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: **Barron Law Office**  
P.O. Box 279  
Orange, TX  
77631-0279

Dated the 18th day of July, 2022.

*George B. Barron*  
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#### CITATION BY PUBLICATION (OTHER) - COPUBWD

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: The Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Bonnie Catherine Green, Deceased

Respondent, NOTICE: **YOU HAVE BEEN SUED.** You may employ an attorney. If you or your Attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

The petition of Tanya Lunsford, et al, Petitioners, was filed in the 360th District Court of Orange County, Texas on the 6th day of June, 2022, against the Unknown Heirs of Bonnie Catherine Green, Deceased, Respondent(s), numbered 22195-C. The Suit requests: **DEFENDANTS BE CITED TO APPEAR AND ANSWER HEREIN** The court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement which will be binding on you.

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