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Four delinquent properties to be demolished

Dan Perrine
For The Record

The West Orange City Council met Tuesday, July 5, and approved to condemn four delinquent properties in the city. Two of the property owners attended the meeting and asked for alternatives to demolition.

Building Official Michael Corbett for the city reviewed the four structures that all had been residences but are now vacant. Corbett told the City Council that all four properties are delapidated, substandard, and constitute a hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens in West Orange.

The properties in question are located at 2011 Bradford, 709 Flint, 2326

Houston, and 2307 Western. The city had posted delinquent structure notices on each structure previously.

Nellie Miller Flanigan is the registered owner of the property on Flint. Flanigan said she would be willing to sign the property over to the City of West Orange including any mineral rights. Flanigan also paid back taxes on the property earlier on July 5.

Flanigan had tried to make repairs to the residence which was damaged during Hurricane Harvey. Flanigan explained, "I'll do whatever I need to do to try to be helpful in this situation, but I don't have a lot of money."

Mayor Pro-Temp Merit-

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Orange Rec Center awaits floor, grand opening

Dave Rogers
For The Record

The City of Orange's much anticipated grand opening of the new Recreation Center has developed a late-stage hiccup.

The massive temperature control system has to get the humidity just right inside the 17,200-square-foot building before the rubberized floor can be installed.

The last-minute snag is frustrating.

"The city hasn't had an organized recreation program since 1993," says James Lawrence, Parks Director for the city. "I think the challenge we're going to face is getting everybody in."

The rubber court flooring will be gray with white lines and orange accents. Orange and green will be the color scheme for the logo on the center jump circles on each of the two basketball courts.

The baskets can be adjusted from a regulation

10 feet high down to 8 feet for younger players.

When not in use for basketball, the building is big enough for four volleyball courts.

A mesh wall drops from the Rec Center's roof to divide the two ends of the huge 144-foot by 120-foot playing surface.

Lawrence and Anthony Dandridge, the city's recreation director, envision forming city leagues for both basketball and volleyball competition in the evenings and booking weekend tournaments.

"We definitely want to start getting tournaments in here," Lawrence said while leading a recent tour.

"But we can't start booking until we know when we're going to be open."

Even the hours of operation will be adjustable, depending on the demand.

"We're thinking we'll open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. until we break it in," Law-

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OC's Orleck finds new home

Margaret Toal
For The Record

The USS Orleck, a navy destroyer built in Orange at the end of World War II, opened to the public on Friday for the first time at its new home in Jacksonville, Florida, on the Atlantic Coast.

The ship was originally saved from the scrapyard by a preservation group in Orange, but local efforts to make it into a tourist attraction and museum did not work out.

Third Coast News in Jacksonville reported that the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel along with the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association sponsored the first tours. The ship opened on Friday and will continue to be open for tours to hotel guests through July 10.

The Historic Naval Ship Association website said the Orleck is at a temporary mooring by the multi-story hotel. It will be moved to a perma-



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nent moor that is under construction nearby at the preservation group's museum.

Efforts to preserve the Orleck in Orange and Lake Charles failed because of a lack of tourists and donations to keep the ship moored and maintained.

Jacksonville is much larger than the other two cities with a 2020 population at 950,000. In addition, Jacksonville is a major Navy town. The Naval Station Mayport, along with a Navy air station, are there. The Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base is nearby.

The Orleck was built at Consolidated Steel Shipyard in Orange as a part of a contract with the U.S. Navy. The Orleck is a Gearing Class destroyer. It was named after World War II Navy hero Lieutenant Joseph Orleck. His

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BC church opens seniors soup kitchen

Dave Rogers
For The Record

The Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen at Bridge City's First Church, 201 Roberts, will open at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 7.

Initial plans are to offer a hot lunch weekly to Bridge City seniors not already participating in Meals on Wheels programs.

"We are targeting senior citizens to start," Duane Gault said. "But anyone who needs a meal, we're not going to turn them away."

"It won't be steak and lobster," Pastor Allen Chapin said. "Maybe spaghetti and meatballs. But it'll be hot and good."

Gault, who retired from his chemical plant job a year ago, and his wife, Linda Gault, a recent credit union retiree, came up with the idea for what they believe will be Bridge City's first soup kitchen and pitched it to Chapin at BC's First Assembly of God Church.



Pastor Allen Chapin, left, join Linda and Duane Gault in the Bridge City First Church kitchen awaiting the Thursday opening of the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen.

RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

"Basically, my wife and I both retired and were looking for something to do together," Duane Gault said.

"We thought, 'There's a really nice kitchen at our church that we use for our church. How can we use

this to serve our community?'"

Chapin was quick to approve the idea.

"They came to me and said they wanted to make a difference," Chapin recalled. "They told me their idea and said, 'Pastor,

what do you think? Are you cool with that?'"

He was, and soon, more than a dozen church members volunteered to help get the program off the ground.

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Uvalde shooting victims aren't getting compensated from state fund, officials say

Sneha Dey
The Texas Tribune

State Sen. Roland Gutierrez and Uvalde Mayor Don McLaughlin said Monday that families of the Uvalde shooting victims are experiencing delays in getting compensation benefits from the state and that the com-

ensation has been insufficient.

Gutierrez, whose district includes Uvalde, and McLaughlin are calling on Gov. Greg Abbott to remove Uvalde County District Attorney Christina Mitchell Busbee from overseeing victims' services and to bring in the

Texas Division of Emergency Management instead.

Gutierrez and McLaughlin penned a letter to the governor saying that one Uvalde family was at risk of having the power cut off in their home while their daughter was in the hospital. Other

families have been offered compensation of two weeks' pay, which Gutierrez and McLaughlin called "meager."

"These families cannot begin to heal unless they are given time to grieve free from financial worry.

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Bridge City begins work on 'Comprehensive Plan'

**FROM THE
MAYOR'S DESK**
**Mayor Rutledge
For The Record**



Mayor Rutledge

I don't know about you, but I'm glad to see our drought gone! It was becoming a drain on everyone's patience and pocket-book.

The ground around my slab was starting to shrink away from the concrete and needed watering. Plants and trees were becoming almost daily water consumers. That and the heat associated with the dry spell came earlier and seemed to stay longer than it had in previous years. The last high-pressure system that I can remember

moving over us and staying like this one was in 1980. We may have had others since then, maybe even more oppressive than this one, but I don't recall them. The moisture that broke this dry spell was certainly a welcome relief. I just wish the rain would have spaced itself out to fall at a

slower rate and for a longer time. Either way, I'm grateful for the relief.

Out and about town, our crews continue to work to improve our city. As usual we continue to work on improving drainage. It's just a fact of life on the Gulf Coast that drainage is always going to be a challenge. Considering that we have quite a few miles of ditches to maintain, our crews do a great job keeping things open and flowing.

During the dry spell, our water systems were challenged as well. The high usage rates persisted for several months. Our crews did a great job making sure all our equipment was available and in service to meet the demand. Around

City Hall we're getting all our "new" people settled into their new or expanded roles. That training phase is going really well, and we hope it is seamless for our citizens/customers.

City Council had a first-in-a-very-long-time (if ever) day-long training session last month. We took some time to have an orientation for our new council members that doubled as a refresher course for the "veteran" members. We went over our City Charter, the document that spells out how the City is governed, what it means to be a Home Rule City, and some of the legal requirements of that type of government.

The charter also states the roles and responsibili-

ties of various elected positions and selected staff members. The Charter was adopted in 1974, and with only minor changes over the last almost half-century, still continues to serve us well. We also covered Council procedures and policies that explain how and why we conduct our business the way we do.

Along with our orientation for new and veteran council members, we also began working on what's called our City Comprehensive Plan. This is where we look at where we are as a city, what goals we want to achieve, what our strengths and weaknesses as a city are, areas we'd like to improve, and the things that could inhibit us from achieving our goals.

It includes looking at City infrastructure, short-

term and long-term goals, capital projects, funding and investments, projected growth of the city, quality of life opportunities, and many other factors that go into creating the place where we all want to live and work. We barely scratched the surface in our discussions and have a long way to go to develop that Comprehensive Plan.

As we go forward in our efforts, we'll be gathering lots of data on all these things along with input from our citizens on what they would like to see in Bridge City's future. So stay tuned, you'll hear more on that as we go forward.

That's about it for now. See you around town. Take good care of "Bridge City, the Gateway to Lake Sabine."

Texas Government: House of Representatives

**Sen. Carl Parker
For The Record**



Former State Senator
Carl Parker

The Texas House of Representatives is made up of 150 members elected from individual districts throughout the state. Traditionally they are re-done to accommodate changes in population every ten years. The only exception is recently when the Republicans chose to re-apportion the state while there had been no recent census carving the state into districts that assured a Republican majority in the House. The House according to the state's constitution is required to meet at noon, on the second Tuesday of every odd numbered year for a maximum of 140 days. The Legislature can also meet when called into session by the governor but can only consider those matters submitted by the governor during a called session.

When an annual session begins the first order of business is the House being called to order by the Texas Secretary of State and the rules to be used for that particular session are

adopted. Traditionally, there is an adoption of temporary rules leaving the permanent rules to be adopted later in the session. The second order of business is the election of a speaker from members of the House.

The speaker of the House is armed with authority to name the chairs of the standing committees, appoint sub-committees and their membership as well as their chairs. The speaker of the House is also the traffic director for legislation having the power to assign any bill introduced to the committee of his choice.

Unlike the Senate where unlimited debate abounds, debate on legislation in the

House is fairly limited, usually by 20-minute limit with 10 minutes allowed for rebuttal. It is common, however, on important matters where serious questions are being asked and answered the House has the authority to move to extend the time of whomever is presenting in an effort to get a full explanation of the bill. The House is prohibited by the constitution from meeting in closed session and must throughout its work remain open to the public.

The speaker, like each other member of the House is paid \$600 per month, the only perk enjoyed by the speaker, however, is an apartment furnished for the speaker adjoining his office in the state capitol building. In addition to his other duties, the speaker of the House serves on the Legislative Budget Board which has authority when the Legislature is not in session to transfer funds from one purpose to another. The speaker also heads an organization called the Legislative Council which is a team of clerks, secretaries and lawyers whose duty it is to as-

sist with drafting bills.

Since the late 60s and early 70s a speaker pro tempore is chosen by the speaker to preside in his absence. As a side note, I had the privilege of being the second speaker pro tempore chosen for the House of Representatives. Incidentally, to my knowledge, I am the only person who has served both as speaker pro tempore of the Texas House of Representatives and President of the Texas Senate.

The local history of Southeast Texas participation in the House of Representatives has changed over the years. In the 60s representatives were chosen at-large from designated districts. As an example, Jefferson County had four representatives, all elected county-wide and Orange County had one. During the 60s, until the late 70s Jefferson and Orange Counties voted as a block and was able to accomplish several good things for Jefferson and Orange Counties.

Although the constitution provides the House to meet every other year, there is seldom been a two-

year period in Texas history when the Legislature was not called back into session for some reason. There have been numerous proposals that Texas, like the vast majority of other states, conduct annual ses-

sions so tor be better able to allocate funds and respond to critical needs of the state on a regular basis rather than attempting to budget for a two-year cycle. Such proposals have been met with little support.

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Orleck finds new home From Page 1

widow was in Orange for the launching on May 12, 1945, after the war had ended in Europe.

The Orleck never made it to full duty before the war with Japan ended three months later. However, the ship spent many weeks patrolling off the coast of Viet Nam during that war from the 1960s into 1970s. The nickname "The Gray Ghost" was given to the ship for its appearance off the Vietnam coast.

In 1982, the Navy sold

the decommissioned ship to the Turkish navy.

About 1996, a group of Orange County citizens tracked the Orleck down and began to raise money to save the ship after the Turkish Navy was going to scrap it.

Donations large and small were made through the "Save the USS Orleck" campaign.

The effort raised enough money to have the non-working Orleck towed from Turkey all the way up the Sabine River to

Orange. A celebration and ceremony complete with Turkish Navy officers was held at Ochiltree-Inman Park along Front Street in August 2000.

Volunteers cleaned and worked to repair the ship. Some former crew members of the ship even traveled to Orange to help with the restoration. However, the Orleck group did not raise the money to build a permanent dock.

The city allowed the Orleck to dock at the Park along the 1980s riverwalk.

The city was going to let the non-profit group build the mooring site at the land it owned along Simmons Drive that was to be developed into a park.

In September 2005, Hurricane Rita blew the Orleck and other vessels around in the river, damaging the destroyer. The shipyard company that owned the old Consolidated Steel, later American Bridge, shipyard had the ship towed north on the river to a dock near where Green Avenue once crossed.

Repairs were made and volunteers continued to

work on the restoration. However, the city officials did not allow the Orleck to go back to Ochiltree-Inman Park. The non-profit group searched for a new home and berth for the ship.

The Lake Charles City Council agreed to let the Orleck have a home there and the ship was towed and arrived in May 2010. Nine years later, the Lake Charles City Council asked for the ship to be moved or scrapped.

Once again, a site was needed for the Orleck. The Jacksonville Naval Museum agreed to add the

ship. The pandemic in 2020 interrupted plans for it to be towed. Hurricane Laura in 2020 blew the Orleck around and caused damage.

The Orleck was eventually towed to a shipyard in Port Arthur for repairs and then towed to Jacksonville. Friday was the first day the ship built in Orange but docked in Florida was open for public tours. And on Monday night, people once more stood on the deck to watch a fireworks show.

Bridge City soup kitchen opens From Page 1

"My first thought when Duane and I first talked about it was, 'We want to do this,'" Linda Gault said.

"But how are we going to get people on board?"

"Immediately, they jumped in."

The Gaults have turned for guidance to both the leaders of the Bridge City-Orangefield Ministerial Alliance food pantry and the Orange First Presbyterian Church Lighthouse Soup Kitchen.

Both the twice-weekly

soup kitchen in Orange and the Ministerial Alliance in Bridge City operate with assistance from several community churches.

The Loaves and Fishes group is also aiming for support from the religious and business community.

"It's kind of hard to ask for help with something that's not yet going," Pastor Chapin said. "Initially, we're starting with donations from members of our church.

"We plan to apply for grants and seek donations and workers from outside sources. We've already talked to the Bridge City Chamber of Commerce and some businesses have said they'd like to volunteer."

The response has been gratifying, Linda Gault said.

"The Ministerial Alliance and First Presbyterian in Orange have been very helpful," she said. "We hope other churches



Volunteers set to help with the weekly Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen gather before the Thursday, July 7 opening day at Bridge City First Assembly of God Church, 201 Roberts. RECORD PHOTOS: Dave Rogers

will join with us and it will grow."

To that, the pastor added his voice.

"This is not just about our church. We're not trying to get people to go to church here. We're trying to help our community," Chapin said.

"Hopefully, other businesses and organizations will help us. Hopefully, this will be a spark for other organizations in the community to come up with more ideas."

For more information on Loaves and Fishes, call 409-313-6151.

Properties to be demolished From Page 1

ta Kennedy moved that the council accept the proposal of Flanigan and have the ownership of the property be transferred to the city due to hardship. Kennedy amended her motion for demolition to be done on the structure after 30 days, which was unanimously approved by the council.

Alderman Jay Odom thanked Flanigan for coming to the meeting. "I think it's very brave of you to come here and do what you did," Odom commented. Several other council members echoed that sentiment.

The owner of the property at 2326 Houston attended the meeting. Landon Rothstein told the council he has been trying to sell the residence on the property through owner finance.

Rothstein was forced to foreclose on the person living in the residence to get them off of the property when they stopped paying him. It was after that it was disclosed to Rothstein the problems and the possible condemnation of the property on Houston.

Rothstein said he paid a \$581 fine for an unsecured building and \$181 for overgrown grass on the property. He wants to sell the property and if that is not possible he would like to knock the structure down.

The structure would re-

quire at least \$65,000 of renovations to fix it up Rothstein estimated. Renovations plus another \$28,000 owed the lender by Rothstein means he needs to find a buyer for the property willing to spend \$93,000 for him to break even. Rothstein admitted the house is probably only worth fifty to sixty thousand dollars in good condition.

The request from Rothstein to the council was to give him some time to find a buyer for the property. Odom moved to give Rothstein 30 days to repair, sell, or demolish the property. The motion was approved by a vote 4 to 1 with Kennedy the only one opposed.

There was no discussion of the properties on Bradford or Western since the owners did not attend the meeting. The council approved both be demolished in 30 days.

The next regular meeting of the West Orange City Council will be held Monday, July 18, at 5:00 PM in the West Orange Community Center off of Austin Street. The main item of business will be the council voting on a proposal to adopt the tax rate on the agenda of a future meeting as an action item. One public hearing will be scheduled for Thursday, September 8.

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From the Creaux's Nest HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRIDGE CITY

Fifty-two years ago, July 7, the small community of Bridge City incorporated and the town of Bridge City, Texas was born. A young attorney named **H.D. Pate** had recently arrived in the area. The community leaders had hoped to attract a lawyer. **H.D. Pate** had recently moved in and converted a house, owned by **Bubba Hubbard**, on the corner of Roundbunch and Bland, into an office. **Hubbard** rented it to **Pate** rent free. **Hubbard** was one of the leaders in the move to incorporate the city. The young lawyer **Pate** drew up the incorporation papers. Many people helped pass the election and start up the city. Twenty-seven year old **Pate**, with the assistance of **Feagin Windam**, an Orange County attorney, provided the legal direction. On Sept. 22, 1970, P.M. 'Red' Wood became the first mayor, narrowly defeating **Jay Eshbach** by three votes. It's a long and interesting story. Very few of the original group to incorporate remain, folks like **Pate**, **Albert Gore**, **Louis Garriga** and maybe a few more. **Gore** was co-chairman along with **Hubbard**.

TEXAS GOP ADDS MORE VOTING LIMITS

The new voting restrictions put in place less than a year ago are not enough, now the **Texas Republican Party** is plowing ahead with yet new measures that would reduce the number of early voting days and end the practice of allowing any senior to vote by mail without an excuse. The push to further restrict early voting and mail-in ballots is rooted in former president **Donald Trump's** continued claim without evidence that the 2020 election was stolen from him largely because of mail-in balloting. At the same convention where the state **GOP** adopted the new legislative priorities, more than 8,000 delegates also approved a resolution rejecting the "certified results of the 2020 Presidential election" and declaring "that acting President **Joseph Robinette Biden Jr.** was not legitimately elected by the people of the **United States.**" What's more, the **Republican Party of Texas** membership voted overwhelmingly at its statewide convention in mid-June to make more election reforms its **No. 1** priority for the next legislative session that begins in January. That would include **increasing penalties** for those who violate election laws even inadvertently, **reducing early voting days** and **restricting mail-in balloting** to only the military, the disabled and people who will be out of the country during the entirety of early voting. More than 1 million Texans used vote-by-mail during the 2020 presidential election and more than 850,000 of those ballots came from people 65 or older, according to the **Texas Division of Elections**. **Voting rights groups** and **Democrats** are concerned that lawmakers are cutting voting options at a time Texas is seeing a historic voter registration surge, particularly in **Democratic strongholds**. Since 2014, Texas has added more than 3.3 million voters, with **Harris County** leading the way. Those counties have also seen the most dramatic shift. **Gov. Greg Abbott**, **Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick** and **Attorney General Ken Paxton** all won them in 2014, then lost them badly enroute to the closest re-election of their careers in 2018. They are up for re-election this year. The platform adopted last month includes planks such as calling for a vote on secession from the **United States**, **privatizing Social Security** and opposing both the expansion of gambling and legalizing marijuana.

A HISTORICAL EVENT

Katanji Brown Jackson is sworn in as first **Black** woman on the **Supreme Court** on Thursday, June 30, 2022. The oath was administered by **Judge Stephen Breyer**, the judge she replaces on the Court and also by **Chief Justice John Roberts**. The 51-year-old **Jackson** made history by becoming the fourth woman on the **Court**, three **Democratic** women and one **Republican**.

REMEMBERING THE DAY ROE WENT AWAY

We will remember **June 24, 2022**, one of the most controversial days in **Supreme Court** history. The day the **Court** overruled 49 year old **Roe vs Wade** and **Planned Parenthood vs Casey**.

TURNING BACK THE HAND OF TIME 5 Years Ago-2017 A GOOD MAN HAS LEFT US

We were saddened to learn that Phillip Welch's dad, Frank Everett Welch, age 89, had passed away Sunday, July 2. Phillip and the family had planned to hold a 60th anniversary gathering for his mom Lorayne and Frank when he got sick and went into the hospital. They canceled the gathering and planned to hold it in the fall. Frank, who was believed to be in good health until then, had surgery and never left the hospital. Born in Robeline, LA., was a WWII Army veteran.

15 Years Ago-2007

Judge Joe Parkhurst, chair of a special classification committee, told Commissioners Court a three percent cost of living pay raise this year will cost the county \$600,000. The committee compared salaries for employees in 23 other counties comparable in population and tax base. **Judge Carl Thibodeaux** noted that the county is taking a number of cost increases in the 2007-2008 fiscal years. One of the big ones will be paying for indigent health care for the first time in 20 years as the sale contract for the old Orange Memorial Hospital ends.****At the **Creaux's Nest**, in Bridge City, in **Mr. Cox's Neighborhood**, we gauged 13.6 inches of rain in the last two weeks.****Condolences this week on the death of six-month-old **Chloe Breaux**, who passed away July 3, 2007. Her parents are **Dwayne and Amber Breaux**. Grandparents, friends of ours, are **Angie and Don Breaux**.****The Orange Shetland All Star A-Team are **Haylee Ladner, Cace Skinner, Skyler Orange, Kade Richards, Slade Green, Max Dileo, Justin Veitch, Hunter Hooks, Nolan Moore, Jordan Alexander, Brendan Sylestine and Chad Dallas**. Coaches are **Herman Ladnen, Ryan Skinner, Terry Green and Kevin Dileo**.****Specials at **Danny's and K-Dan's** this week featured rump roast, \$1.89 lb.; ground round, \$1.99 lb.; ribeye steak, \$5.98 lb.; Bordens milk, \$3.99 gallon; Maxwell coffee, 13 oz. \$2.39; Bananas, 35 cents lb. (Editor's note: Prices haven't gone up as much as you would think over 10 years.****

45 Years Ago-1977

Here's one for **Ripley's Believe It or Not**. **Neil Willey, of Mauriceville**, has a cat that gave birth to five kittens on the **7th day, of the 7th month, of 1977**. All of the kittens had **seven toes on each foot**. **Mama cat** has seven toes on her front paws. That's a total of **164 toes and six cats**.****The Legislature created a **third district court for Orange County**, effective **Jan. 1, 1978**. Thanks to the work of **Sen. Carl Parker and Rep. Wayne Peveto** for their efforts. Also, to **County Commissioner's Court** and the **Orange County Bar**, who lobbied for the court. **Gov. Dolph Briscoe** signed it into law. At this time, the governor is expected to name **attorney Grover Halliburton** as the new judge (Editor's note: That's not what happened. The first judge was **Don Burgess**).******Amy Oubre** celebrates her birthday **July 9**. She is **Phyllis Dunn's mother**.******Harold and Rod Fissette**, along with **C.T. Kelly and Lester Saucier**, using **Calvin Stakes' boat**, participated in the fourth annual **July 4 Cameron Fishing Rodeo**. They had prize-winning catches in both **Spanish and King Mackerel** and **Calvin's boat** placed third in the offshore category. They came out far better than they did last year.******Allyson Nickum, daughter of the Bill Nickums**, turned seven, on the **seventh day, of the seventh month of 1977**.******Hot Runners**. Congrats to seven **Bridge City mothers** who made a good showing in every event of the first annual **Mother's Track Meet in Orangefield**. The lovely runners were **June Gregory, Cindy Van, Charlotte Fitts, Ginger Prince, Dot Guilhas, Denise Guyote and team leader Caroline Mires**.

50 Years Ago-1972

Congratulations to **Lee Roy Boehme, Sr.**, Orange Lion's Club member, for 30 years of perfect attendance. **Jack Fuller, Milton Jones and Judge Homer Stephenson** all have 29 years. **A.J. Warner**, 28 years, **Casey Peveto, Travis Jarvis and Burt Hauver** all have 25 years.******Pretty Kathy James**, of Bridge City, will spend two months in the Alps while visiting her **Aunt Norma and Uncle Peter**. **Kathy** will also be doing extensive traveling. (Editor's note: I remember that beautiful lady. She was **Bill James' wife, Billy's mom**. **Kathy** also had a daughter. I wonder what became of that great family. Where are they now? Let me know at news@therecordlive.com.****A stormy athletic situation at **West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District**. The position of Athletic Director has been abolished. **Adolph Hryhorchuk** has been A.D. for 12 years. Two days later, **West Orange head coach, Ted Gray**, was fired. The new superintendent, **Dr. Paul Willis**, initiated both moves that got **Hryhorchuk and Coach Gray's jobs**.****A brand new **1972 Chevrolet Impala Custom Coupe or Impala 4-door sedan**, your choice, \$3,762 at **Harmon Chevrolet, Third and Green**.****The **Orange Evening Optimist 'Bears'** of **Bridge City**, captured **Minor League Little League** championship. Players were **Jerry Gore, Clint Britt, Lance Lee, Joey Hargrave, Dean Pepper, Paul Rhodes, Brad Williams, Shannon Forman, Darrell Reynolds. Manager Curtis Lee**. Team Sweetheart, **Becky Hargrave, Team Mother Annie Hargrave**. (Editor's note: I'm looking at the team picture. My buddy, **Annie**, was a knockout 50 years ago.)

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Congrats to **Ty Chambless**, 12-year-old Bridge City native. He was selected to the **USA Baseball's Under 12 National Team**. The 18-player roster was announced last Friday. The 12 year old catcher has been trained by **Coach Jason Tyner** for eight years. The former **Aggie and major leaguer** said **Tyler** was the best young catcher he's ever seen, better than a lot of high school players. He's only one of four **Texans** on the team and first ever from this area. The baseball world cup will be played July 29 to Aug. 7, in **Tainan, Taiwan**. This is one **Coach Chad Landry** probably will not get as a future **Cardinal**, **Ty** lives in **Bridge City** but goes to school in **Nederland** where his mother is a teacher.****The downtown **Orange Fourth of July** along the **Sabine River** once again drew crowds of families celebrating the day. Even with the heat and mosquitoes, moms and dads, grandpas and grandmas, pulled wagon loads of chairs and kids so they could sit and watch fireworks. The city, thanks to the financial support approved by the city council, sponsored the annual event and held at concert with **Logan Soileau at the Riverside Pavilion**. Food trucks, including one with ice cream and one with funnel cakes, were available if families weren't full of barbecue from earlier in the day.******Leigh Anne Dallas** is the city's event planner with help from **Brandy Judice and Hillary Gravett**.****Of course **Mayor Larry**

Spears Jr. was at the Fourth with his kids and sister **Felica Conway** with hubby, **Thomas Conway**, plus son were also there. Councilor **Brad Childs** had wife, **Terri**, and mother-in-law **Dayle Foreman** at the festivities close to the band. **Dayle** debuted her new book, a novel, at the **Museum of the Gulf Coast** in Port Arthur.******Kent and Dallie Miller** enjoyed the fireworks for a double festivity. **Kent** was celebrating what he calls his '**Jackie Robinson birthday**,' or **No. 42**.******Constable Lannie Claybar** and wife **Melanie** had their first date on **Independence Day** way back in 1996.******Captain Cornmeal (Eric Ellison)** watched the fireworks from the river in his boat with guests. They weren't the only ones out on the water for the **ooohs and aaaahs** of the colorful explosions.****Longtime buddies **Corey Stark, Joel Amaya, Dirk McDonald, Blake Hamilton, and Victor Carlos** went boating but at **Toledo Bend** on Monday wearing matching red, white, and blue swim shorts. **Dirk** also put on some dance moves.******Deana Laughlin** also had a **Fourth of July birthday**, but she was probably worn out from keeping a big surprise from mother **Thelma Laughlin**. **Thelma** turns 90 on July 13, so she was surprised when friends and family gathered Saturday at **Faith United Methodist Church** for a big celebration.****Former **Orange County Judge and Pinehurst Mayor Pete Runnels** had a birthday on Sunday, but we haven't heard from him in a while. We hope he is doing well since moving to be near his son.****With the Fourth on a Monday, the long holiday weekend allowed people a chance to travel. **Adam Conrad, Jody Chesson, and Jennifer McConnell** were touring **Pigeon Forge, Tennessee**, including having dinner at the famous **J.T. Hannah's Kitchen**.******Allisha and Gary Bonneaux** got back from touring beaches and jungles in **Costa Rico**, but decided they needed more beach time. They headed to **Galveston** during the weekend and visited with **Kelly and Monty Morphew**, who now live in a restored home on the Island, but still own a house in the **Old Orange Historic District**.****The **Hennigan** **Hiway on Crystal Beach** was busy with friends and family of owners **Mike and Caroline Hennigan** (she's on the **Orange City Council**).

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. **July 6:** Happy Birthday to **Lori Winstead**, also **Makayla Peveto, Aaron Myers. George W. Bush** is 76 years old today.******July 7:** Our long-time friend **Donna Peterson** celebrates today along with **Alyson Nickum Smith, Nacey Mumbach, David Peck, James Caldwell**. **Bridge City** turns 52 years old today.******July 8:** The guy who put Bridge City on the map, **Steve Worster** celebrates today also Happy Birthday to **Lynda Barulich, Elizabeth Dupuis and Margie Bean**.******July 9:** **Teri Chaffin, Mike King, Kayla Gallegos, Laverne Joseph, Liz Barclay, Linda Dews and Patrick Halliburton**.******July 10:** Long-time buddy **Donna Riley** celebrates today. Also Happy Birthday to **Joni Abshire, Paula Auffurth and Connie Welker**.******July 11:** A very Happy Birthday to a very special friend **Dayle Gunn Weatherford**. Also celebrating are **Kathy Lynd, Charlotte Stout, Miranda Welker, Cleon Hogan and Michael Brinson**.******July 12:** Happy Birthday today to **Christy Khoury, Lana Griffith, Sue Bearden, Dera Breaux, Craig Simmons and Dawanna Landry**. (Note: If you know someone who is having a birthday or anniversary let us know at news@therecordlive.com or call 409-735-5305.)

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Highway patrolman Paul Mouton, who worked da highway between Lafayette and Abbeville, around Judice and Maurice, was rushed to da hospital wit an inflamed appendix. Doctor Comeaux operated and tole Mouton everyting was well.

Patrolman Mouton, him, kept feeling something pulling at da hairs in his crotch. Dat really worried Mouton, he tink maybe he had a second surgery dat Doc hadn't tole him about.

Mouton finally got enough energy to pull his hospital gown up so he could look at wat was making him so uncomfortable.

Taped firmly across his public hair was tree wide strips of tape, da kind wat takes everyting wit it wen you pull it off.

Written in large black letters was da sentence, "Get well quick," from nurse Ella Mae, wat you gave a ticket to las week.

C'EST TOUT DeSANTIS MAY DEFEAT TRUMP

There is a new poll from **New Hampshire**, that shows a very different race than the national polls. The survey is called the **Granite State Poll**, conducted by the **University of New Hampshire**. In addition to general election polling, it has been running 2024 **GOP** primary polls since the summer of 2021. There have been some big changes in the race in the last 12 months. In July 2021 **Trump** led **DeSantis** by an imposing margin among **Republicans, 47% to 19%**. Now, in June 2022, **Trump** has faltered significantly, while **DeSantis** has surged. In the new poll, conducted between June 16 and 20, **DeSantis** leads the **Republican** race with **39%**, with **Trump** close behind at **37%**. The pollsters also conducted a survey of all **New Hampshire** voters. In a barely hypothetical 2024 matchup of **Trump** and **President Joe Biden**, **Biden** is significantly ahead, **50% to 43%**. **Trump** slipping in pre-primary polls is part of a typical pattern. He was the president of the **United States**, and it is extremely rare for a president who has lost a bid for reelection to mount a serious effort to run again. **George H.W. Bush** did not do it after losing in 1992. **Jimmy Carter** did not do it after losing in 1980. **Gerald Ford** did not do it after losing in 1976. **Hurbert Hoover** did not do it after losing in 1932. Each day, his presidency is one day further in the past. In addition, **Trump** will be 78 years old in 2024, the same age **Biden** was when he took office, with many **Republicans** thinking **Biden** was too old for the job.******Read us cover to cover**. Let us hear from you and please shop the good people within these pages. Take care and **God bless America**.

Uvalde shooting compensation From Page 1

There is no worse pain imaginable than losing a child. This pain is made all the more severe because of the way these children were killed and injured," Gutierrez wrote in a statement. "In short, the State of Texas ought to use every available resource in law to make these families whole."

Local and state officials opened the Uvalde Together Resiliency Center in June to provide long-term support services to Uvalde residents after a gunman killed 19 children and two educators at Robb Elementary on May 24. Resources offered at the center include crisis counseling, behavioral health



Hundreds of flowers, toys and candles surround crosses honoring the 21 victims of the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde.

PHOTO: Evan L'Roy for The Texas Tribune

care and child care services for survivors and first responders.

The governor's public safety office made an initial \$5 million investment

to establish the center. It's unclear how much the state has allocated for victims' compensation benefits. In announcing the center's opening, Abbott said the local district attorney would take the initial lead on services, coordinating efforts between local support organizations and state agencies.

The district attorney's office is also handling one of the investigations into the shooting. Busbee told ABC News last week that she has been meeting with victims' families to provide updates about the investigation and "make sure that they're getting the resources that they need." Busbee did not immediately respond to a request for comment about

Gutierrez and McLaughlin calling for her replacement.

McLaughlin and Gutierrez wrote in their letter that the district's office is neither equipped nor staffed to provide adequate services.

The two previously criticized the state and the Uvalde County district attorney's office for their handling of the response to the shooting. McLaughlin has accused the state of selectively releasing re-

cords that scapegoat local police and has said the district attorney's office has left Uvalde city officials out of briefings about the investigation.

Gutierrez is suing the Department of Public Safety for withholding records related to the shooting. The Democratic state senator also said it was a "slap in the face" to be left out of the Legislature's special committee to investigate the Uvalde shooting.

Recreation center to re-opens From Page 1

rence said. "We'll see how it's going to work and what the demand is."

In addition to basketball and volleyball, citizens have inquired about adult fitness classes and open gym in the morning for seniors.

"We're getting questions about table tennis, too," Dandridge said.

At 1405 West Orange Ave., the Rec Center replaces the Orange Natatorium, which had been a city landmark and hot-weather refuge since the 1970s.

But the Natatorium was expensive to maintain and even more difficult to staff in recent years. A shortage of lifeguards meant it was unable to open for much of its final three summers.

The City of Orange came up with the idea to replace the indoor pool with an indoor Recreation Center in 2018.

The new building cost \$3.1 million, according to

the city. Initial estimate was \$2.9 million.

"You'd have spent more money and time fixing that pool than we'd ever spend on this building," Lawrence said.

During a budget planning session in 2018, with the city facing a shortfall created by a decrease in tax values caused by Hurricane Harvey, council members were unanimous in telling then-City Manager Shawn Oubre to trim \$155,000 of spending for pool maintenance and operations from the 2019 budget.

Jim Wolf, public works director at the time, said major expenses such as replacement of the pool's plumbing, pumps and heater would be needed in coming years.

The decision then was to "mothball" the natatorium for a year.

Mayor Larry Spears Jr. proposed repurposing the building by filling in the

pool and keeping the outer structure.

"How many years have we heard this city needs a recreation center?" Spears asked after a tour of the Natatorium for council members and reporters. "This is a recreation center, if we just put some money into it."

The mayor pointed out the new center could also be used to stage emergency management operations during a hurricane or other disaster.

It turned out the entire structure had to be replaced and the concrete foundation had to be repoured, with 25 feet added to accommodate the side-by-side basketball courts.

The money for the project that began with demolition of the natatorium in 2019 came from \$8 million in bonds council had earmarked for road repairs and "quality of life" projects.

Earlier in the budget

talks for Fiscal Year 2018, a baseball/softball complex was deemed less needed than road repairs and a pavilion at the Orange Boat Ramp that became Riverside Pavilion.

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Deaths & Memorials

Eddie Michael Head, 74, Orange

Eddie Michael Head, 74, of Orange, passed away on June 29, 2022, at his home with his family.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, July 3, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating was Steven Burk of Victory Life Church in Orange. Burial followed at Duncan Cemetery in Shelbyville, Texas.

Visitation was held on Saturday, July 2, 2022, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Born in Orange, Texas, on July 18, 1947, he was the son of Walter and Ethel Head. Eddie proudly served in the United States Air Force. He was a union pipefitter as well as a member of Masonic Lodge 1345 in Bridge City. He loved spending his time outdoors keeping up his lawn. Eddie was also an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a dedicated member of Victory Life Church in Orange. Eddie was incredibly wise and would teach anyone that would listen. He was a hilarious jokester and enjoyed collecting coins and other trinkets he would find.



Eddie Head

Eddie never met a stranger and cherished all of his friends and family dearly. His grandkids called him "Paw Paw" and loved him dearly. Eddie will truly be missed by all of those that knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Ethel Head; son, Michael Coyce Head; brother, Gene Harrison; and sister, Lillian Clark.

He is survived by loving wife of 53 years, Barbara Head; sons, Jared Head of Orangefield, Corey Head and wife Leslie of Lexington; grandchildren, Tyler Head, Shelby Delano, Blake, Taylor, Gracie, Matthew, Chloe, Courtney; numerous great-grandchildren; sister, Eloise Harvey of Vidor; furbaby, Molly; as well as numerous other loving family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Wayne Chandler, Tyler Head, Todd Longron, Dylan Howard, Jake Lombardo, and Matthew Clifton. Honorary pallbearers are Jackie Harrison, Lonnie Peveto, Paul Beaudreaux, Carroll Young, and Danny Harvey, Jr.

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'In Faithfulness You Have Afflicted Me'

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The Bible's most well-known and beloved declaration of God's faithfulness might be Lamentations 3:22-23:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

"his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

We hear it echoed in many of our hymns and songs, like the refrain from the much-loved hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness":

"Great is thy faithfulness!"
"Great is thy faithfulness!"

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed thy hand hath provided —

"Great is thy faithfulness,"
Lord, unto me.

We love this text, and the songs it inspires, because we find God's faithfulness to be one of his most comforting attributes. But one fact we might overlook when we quote or sing these verses is that this great declaration of God's great faithfulness was made in the context of severe affliction.

God-Given Affliction?

The book of Lamentations is one long, tearful lament over profound suffering. At the time, the Jewish people were suffering at the hands of the ferocious Babylonian army. The author of Lamentations recognized that this affliction came directly from the hand of the Lord, who in afflicting his people was being faithful to his word (Lamentations 2:17).

Now, when we endure suffering, we take comfort in God's faithfulness to keep his promise to ultimately deliver us from our suffering (2 Corinthians 1:10). And that's right — we should. So did the author of Lamentations (Lamentations 3:21). But can we derive hope, as the author of Lamentations did, not merely from God's promise to faithfully deliver us from our afflictions, but from what God will faithfully accomplish for us through our afflictions?

The biblical answer to that question is a resounding yes. And for the sake of our encouragement, let's examine some of God's redemptive purposes when, in faithfulness, he afflicts us.

Delivered from Wandering

Psalm 119, that long, beautiful, ancient acrostic poem, is precious to many Christians — and for good reason. Because it is, in part, an extended celebration of and appeal to God's faithfulness to do just what he promises us.

Like the author of Lamentations, what provokes the psalmist to write is a "severe affliction" (Psalm 119:107), a significant aspect of which is unjust persecution at the hands of ungodly, powerful people (verse 161). Yet, as one who believes in God's sovereignty over all things (verses 89-90) and in God's goodness in all things (verse 68), the psalmist recognizes his affliction has also come from the hand of his good God:

I know, O Lord, that your

rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. (Psalm 119:75)

The psalmist is someone who hungers and thirsts for righteousness, the kind of person whose longings, Jesus later said, would be satisfied (Matthew 5:6). And though he may not have expected, at the outset, that one of God's chosen means to satisfy his longings would be affliction, it is a discovery he makes during his season of anguished wrestling.

As a result, he grows to love God's word "exceedingly" (Psalm 119:167). It becomes "the sum of [all] truth" to him, "a light to [his] path" (verse 105) and his refuge when he feels threatened (verse 114). So, he meditates on it throughout the day (verse 97) and finds it "sweeter than honey" (verse 103) and more valuable than gold (verse 72).

In his suffering, the psalmist discerns God's loving correction to his proneness to wander, and therefore he finds comfort in both his affliction and God's promise to deliver him from it, which enables him to say,

This is my comfort in my affliction,
that your promise gives me life. (Psalm 119:50)

Delivered from Faithless Fear

Genesis 32 contains the strange story of Jacob literally wrestling all night with God. Physically wrestling with the Almighty is strange enough. But even stranger is that when the enigmatic figure "saw that he did not prevail against

Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint" (Genesis 32:25). Why does God afflict Jacob with a dislocated hip?

We can deduce one reason from the story's context. At the Lord's command (Genesis 31:3), Jacob is returning to Canaan after twenty years of working for his uncle Laban. He had originally fled Canaan after learning his twin brother, Esau, planned to kill him for stealing Esau's rightful paternal blessing. Hoping that Esau's desire for revenge had cooled with time, Jacob sends a messenger to inform Esau he is coming home. The messenger returns with news that Esau is coming to meet him — with four hundred men (Genesis 32:6). This terrifies Jacob, so he pleads with the Lord:

Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. But you said, "I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude." (Genesis 32:11-12)

In other words, he pleads with the Lord to be faithful to his word. The Lord answers by showing up in bodily form at night and wrestling Jacob. During the struggle, he somehow reveals to Jacob who he is, and at sunrise he injures Jacob's hip. But Jacob refuses to let God go without a blessing — this time not a stolen blessing, but one bestowed because he is willing to persevere in faith for

it. But why the hip? In part, because God purposes to help Jacob fear his word more than the threats of an angry brother. And so, the night before Jacob's encounter with Esau, God faithfully afflicts him so he can't flee again out of fear of man, but instead is forced to trust God's faithfulness to his promise.

Delivered from Dangerous Pride

In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul describes how the Lord had graciously granted him surpassingly great "visions and revelations" that were so wonderful and rare in human experience that he, through his indwelling sin, was tempted with conceit (2 Corinthians 12:1-7). And so, he explains, the Lord had graciously granted him "a thorn . . . in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass [him], to keep [him] from becoming conceited" (2 Corinthians 12:7).

At first, he pleads with God to deliver him from this demonic affliction. But the Lord replies, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). This is another wonderful revelation for Paul, which moves him to say with gratitude,

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

Through this affliction, God was faithfully deliver-

ing him from a greater danger than a demonic tormenter: Paul's own sinful pride.

God of All Comfort

These stories illustrate three ways God mercifully manifested his faithfulness to his beloved children through ordaining their afflictions. He delivered them from a proneness to wander from him, a faithless fear, and the deadly danger of sinful pride.

Can we derive hope, not merely from God's promise to faithfully deliver us from our afflictions, but from what God will faithfully accomplish for us through our afflictions? The biblical answer is a resounding yes. Because when it comes to his children, God's purposes in our afflictions are always redemptive, since "we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

The more we see God's faithfulness in our afflictions, the more meaningful we will find Paul's exclamation, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). And the more meaningful we will find the passage that inspired the great hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," because we will realize that included in the "all" of "the God of all comfort" is the comfort that God, in his steadfast love, has in faithfulness afflicted us.

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Hitting catches up to stellar pitching for Astros in June

KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record

I really don't like writing about the same subject two columns in a row, but the Houston Astros left me no choice because of a couple of records they set in the last two weeks and the great month they had in June.

And with the new and improved (?) Spectrum not able to settle their contractual differences with AT&T, those baseball fans in Southeast Texas and Southwestern Louisiana without a dish were also without the Houston Astros. So that's where I come in.

After a very mediocre opening month in April, the Astros pitching staff carried the team in May while the hitters were having trouble with most of their line drives hit right at a defensive fielder and did a majority of their scoring with home runs. One or two homers a game won't feed the Bulldog UNLESS the pitching is superb.

That's exactly what happened as the Astros were winning games 1-0, 2-1, 3-2 etc. thanks to a pitching staff that ranked among the top two in the major leagues.

Manager Dusty Baker wasn't that concerned about the lack of runs Houston was scoring and predicted the hitters would eventually come out of their funk and the run-scoring would improve.

And Baker proved to be correct as the Astros just finished the month of June with a comfortable 12½-game lead in the American League West Division after finally climbing into first place on May 11.

In nine of the 15 games last month in which Houston scored eight or more runs, the Astros were 15-0 in those games. This should be classified as a "hot streak" but actually it is just a "natural correction" as the result of players who had slow starts finding their grooves just as Baker told the baseball writers they would, according to Sunday's Houston Chronicle.

"This is a modern-day baseball team," the article pointed out. "The Astros are hitting only .238, but are 35-4 when they hit more than one home run in a game."

Let's not forget the pitching which has continued to be brilliant and is why the Astros have been the best team in baseball for the last few weeks. The pitching staff has allowed only 27 runs in the last 13 games, a stretch in which they were 11-2 through Sunday's action.

The starters are 8-0 in the last nine games, with Framber Valdez not getting a decision in Sunday's 4-2 win on a walk-off, two-run homer by sensational rookie shortstop Jeremy Pena for a three-game sweep over the faltering LA Angels. It was Pena's fourth hit and second homer of the game and is making Astros fans forget about Carlos Correa very fast.

Valdez had a career-high 13 strikeouts in his six-inning stint, with the team setting a franchise record with 20 strikeouts in a nine-inning game and the help of relievers Hector Neris (2), Rafael Montero (2) and closer Ryan Pressly (3) who was credited with the win thanks to Pena's game-winning home run with two outs in the bot-



Joe Kazmar

tom of the ninth inning.

The team has won six in a row with their only two losses coming at the hands of walk-off hits by Yankees' star Aaron Judge. Since losing 7-0 to the Chicago White Sox June 18, the Astros had not trailed by anything more than one run until Sunday when Valdez put



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them in a two-run deficit until the team caught up with single runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

Going into Monday's Fourth of July game against the lowly Kansas City Royals, the Astros stood at 51-17, second only to the New York Yankees 58-22 which has the best record in major league baseball. The Yankees had the second-best record (59-21) through Saturday of any team in 93 years. Only the 1998 Yankees (59-20) were better.

Baker, the Astros' Hall of Fame-to be manager, needed only three more wins (2,038) to pass Walter Alston (2,040) and move into ninth place on the all-time wins list for managers.

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The University of Houston will be joining the Big 12 Conference in 2023 after stints in several conferences including the

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Gulf Coast Fishing Reports

This week's fishing report was compiled by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Sabine Lake

GOOD. 85 degrees. Trout are good in 10-25 feet of water on ICW points, drops and inlets using live shrimp under a popping cork, and five inch soft plastics with a 1/2 ounce jighead, and swimbaits and crankbaits over rock piles. Jetties have a good early morning top-water bite switching to swimbaits and plastics mid-morning. Limits of speckled trout and redfish in the surf. Sabine Pass Channel is good for trout with redfish mixed in off points in 5-15 feet of water with red shad or morning glory chartreuse tail artificials. Sabine Lake is holding trout from Blue Buck Point to mid lake with a good bite making long drifts in 4-5 feet of water with 1/2 ounce glo chartreuse plastics. Watch for jumping shrimp to lead the way. North and South Levy Walls are good for trout using live shrimp under a popping cork, crankbaits and plastics. North end holding limits of trout keying on mullet and shrimp over mudflats and clam shell bottoms using plastics. Neches River is good for trout using silver and gold spoons in 8-15 feet of water. The ship turnarounds and cuts leading into the Bessie Height marsh are good for limits of redfish with mullet or shrimp Carolina rigged. Report by Captain Randy Foreman, Captain Randy's Guide Service Sabine Lake.

Bolivar

GOOD. 82 degrees. Small sharks, trout, and the occasional bull redfish are at the Jetties. Redfish are on the grass lines by goat island. 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 is 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. Speckled trout are good over open bay reefs. Increased west winds slowed the bite some. Some trout and redfish are being caught in the deeper



Conditions are "Good" for saltwater fishing in local areas.

marsh pockets of the bay. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. Hanna's Reef is holding trout under the slicks and the working bait using artificials. Pepper Grove is holding trout. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

Galveston Bay

GOOD. 86 degrees. Good number of speckled trout being caught around Redfish Island, Exxon A-Lease gas wells, and mid-bay structure. Live shrimp under popping corks and live croakers are drawing strikes. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. Lower Galveston Bay is holding trout and redfish near Campbell's reef and the man-made rock walls. Fish are biting live shrimp under a popping cork, or a Carolina rigged croaker. Moses Lake is holding fish drifting from the gate to Dollar Point. Upper Galveston Bay is holding good numbers of speckled trout from marker 55 to 65 in 10-12 feet of water over the reefs with artificials. 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 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. Boats running over 50 miles out offshore fishing over wrecks and rocks are having success for red snapper. Some nice ling fish are being caught around offshore structures. Closer inshore the king mackerel action has

picked up. Galveston jetties are good for bull redfish. Plenty of sharks biting outside the jetties. Best catches of speckled trout and slot redfish are coming off the South Galveston jetty. Report by Captain David Dillman, Galveston Bay Charter Fishing. The Dike is holding redfish and trout close to the rocks early on live shrimp with an occasional flounder mixed in. Mosquito Island holding some trout on artificial and live shrimp. Report provided by Captain Raymond Wheatley, Tail Spotter Guide Service LLC.

Freeport

GOOD. 86 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 drum. 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.

East Matagorda Bay

GOOD. 86 degrees. Redfish are biting on cut mullet. Undersized trout under the birds trout using croaker. Report by Captain Charlie Paradoski, Captain Charlie Paradoski's Guide Service.

West Matagorda Bay

GOOD. 86 degrees. The Colorado River and mudflats are good for redfish using cut mullet. Flounder gigging at night is excellent. Report by Captain

Charlie Paradoski, Captain Charlie Paradoski's Guide Service.

Port O'Connor

GOOD. 91 degrees. Trout are good using live croaker in the surf early morning. Redfish and black drum are good on dead shrimp and sardines. Bull redfish and jack crevalle are good in jetties. Report by Captain Marty Medford, Captain Marty's Fish of a Lifetime Guide Service.

Rockport

GREAT. 87 degrees. Waders are finding success on trout and redfish in the early morning on live bait and plastics. Redfish are great in the shoreline out to two feet of water, follow the birds and bait fish to locate big schools. Trout continue to be great in 2-6 feet of water using soft plastics and croaker. The topwater bite at first light has been deadly under birds on the

grass flats. Drum are good in 2-6 feet of water on dead shrimp. Report provided by Damian Hubbs, Mathis Bait Co.

Port Aransas

GOOD. 87 degrees. Trout are good in Aransas Bay along the Quarantine Shoreline with croaker, and wade fishing at Trailer Island. Black drum and redfish are good at Ellen's Bite using dead shrimp and cut mullet. Redfish Bay in Stedman's Reef holding trout and redfish biting on croaker. Report by Captain Doug Stanford, Pirates of the Bay Fishing Charters.

Corpus Christi

SLOW. 84 degrees. Trout are good at the gas wells with croaker and live shrimp. Trout are good in Aransas Bay along the Quarantine Shoreline with croaker, and wade fishing at Trailer Island. Report by Captain Doug Stanford, Pirates of the

Bay Fishing Charters.

Baffin Bay

GOOD. 85 degrees. Trout fishing is on fire with a few redfish mixed in. Throw croaker in two feet of water along grass lines. Seeing drum and sheepshead in the grass lines as well, but they are not interested in live bait so now is a good time to bring out the bow. Report provided by Gilbert Barre-ra, Baffin Bay Hunting and Fishing.

Port Mansfield

FAIR. 82 degrees. Tides are still low and water temperatures remain hot. Fishing is good overall for trout while fishing deep. Redfish are fair on the shallows, and the bite improves in deeper water. Flounder are fair. Wigalo's and 4 inch paddle tails seem to be best on 1/8 ounce or 1/4 ounce jigheads. Report by Captain Wayne Davis, Hook Down Charters.

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Different sides to fishing the summer

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

For many of us the summer months mean different things when it comes to the sport of fishing. There are those who can only dream of clean blue prop wash, flat seas at dawn, and an endless expanse of gulf as far as the eye can see. For others the thought of rushing into the bay amid the sounds of working birds and fleeing bait gets their heart pumping in anticipation of hungry trout and redfish by the bunch. Still others look forward to the quiet solitude of anchoring up on their favorite "hole" with a live well full of fresh bait, a cooler full of cold drinks, and their best buddy in the seat next to them. All of the above sound inviting and each group would be hard pressed to change their tactics because in their world their pattern or mode is just right and that's what summer fishing is all about.

On each end of the fish-



Chuck Uzzle

ing spectrum there are two different types of anglers with one common goal, they just go about achieving that goal in different ways. Both groups enjoy the sport and all that comes along with it, they just apply varying methods. On one end you have the high profile folks who attack their sport with a passion that borders on obsession. Tournament anglers fit into this category since they know no boundaries when it comes to chasing their favorite fish. These folks study charts, maps, and graphs like a student trying to earn a degree. In a very short time these "machines" made to look like humans can decipher nearly any body of water and know it as good or better than the locals, it's amazing how good some of these folks are. Case in point, the anglers who fish the high end redfish



Hunter Uzzle carefully releases a redfish caught in Sabine Lake. RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle

events are easily some of the best anglers who ever fired up an outboard. The lengths these guys go to in order to pattern fish in new locations is nothing short of mind boggling, I

am continually amazed at how they consistently find fish on foreign water.

Let's back up a minute and look at the folks who fall on the other end of the fishing spectrum, the

weekend pleasure fishermen. Now don't get me wrong there are some really good fishermen who just pleasure fish, they just choose to fish for fun instead of dollars and there is definitely something to be said for that. Nothing ruins a good time fishing for some folks like making it a contest or putting pressure on a relaxing event. Some of the very best times I have ever had on a boat were sitting on anchor drowning shad or shrimp in the Sabine River with any number of friends or family. The social interaction and low stress atmosphere is at times exactly what the doctor ordered. On this end of the spectrum is where you find the family fishermen and kids, this is probably why I like to hang out on this end the best. Kids and summer fishing is a match made in heaven as far as I'm concerned. It really doesn't make a difference what the fish is as long as it bites for the most part, just ask kids and they will tell you as long as it pulls it's good. I wish more folks would subscribe to that theory, we could all learn a little bit from kids.

Speaking of kids, it's that time of year again when one of the greatest events on Sabine takes place and that's the annual Saltwater Anglers League of Texas fishing tournament. This year will be the 47th year of this event, easily the longest running event of its kind just about anywhere on the Texas coast. The SALT tourney starts July 15th and runs through the 17th. There is an incredible amount of divisions and options to fish which makes it great for everyone and all ages. The kids divisions are highly promoted in this event and they give out some fantastic prizes all the way through 5th place in 8 different categories. Perhaps the best prizes in the entire event are the 6 free lifetime fishing licenses that will be given out to some very lucky kids, all they need to do is weigh in a fish or a crab to be eligible. If you have never fished this event you owe it to yourself to participate because its top notch all the way around. If you would like any information on the event you can call Steve at 409-201-7418 or Bubba at 409-719-2418.

TPWD accepting drawn hunt permit applications

Staff Report For The Record

AUSTIN – New opportunities and scenery are available to hunters this fall through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) drawn hunt permits program, now accepting applications for a shot at almost 10,000 permits in 62 hunt categories.

The permits allow drawn hunts on both public and private lands throughout Texas. Among the offerings available through the online system are hunts for white-tailed and mule deer, pronghorn, turkey, alligator, dove and guided packages for exotic species and bighorn sheep.

"This season, we will conduct drawings in 62 hunt categories," said Kelly Edmiston, TPWD Public Hunting Program Coordinator. "These drawings include selections for U.S. Forest Service Antlerless Deer Permits, both adult and youth hunts, 18 e-Postcard Selections for hunters using the \$48 Annual Public Hunting Permit (APH), and hunts conducted on 10 National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) in Texas."

Applicants for e-Postcard hunts and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Antlerless Deer Permits must have a current APH permit to apply.

New areas included in this year's drawn hunt catalog include the Muleshoe

NWR and Powderhorn State Park. Devil's Sinkhole SNA, Lost Maples SP, Village Creek SP, and Stephen F. Austin SP have re-entered the program this season. TPWD also created two new NWR hunt categories, for Antlerless Deer and Alligator.

An interactive map shows all drawn hunt opportunities by category or

by area, and all applications, fee payments and permit issuance are handled electronically. To participate, applicants will need internet access, an email address and a credit or debit card. The customer ID number from the applicant's hunting or fishing license is the most effective way to access the system.

Application fees are \$3 or \$10 depending on the hunt category. Adult hunters that are selected may also need to pay a Special Permit fee of \$80 for regular hunts and \$130 for extended hunts. Some categories, such as the Youth-Only hunts, require no application fees or permit fees. Permits are open to resident and non-resi-

dent hunters alike.

The first application deadlines are in August. Aug. 1 is the deadline for the alligator hunt categories, pronghorn, and private lands dove hunts, and Aug. 15 is the deadline for archery deer, general exotic and javelina. Application deadlines are the 1st and 15th of the month from Aug. 1 to Nov. 1. A full list of category deadlines can be found online. Hunters can apply up to

11:59 p.m. Central Time on the application deadline, and after the application is submitted, they can check their drawing status online at any time.

For more information or to get started in the application process visit the TPWD drawn hunts webpage. For questions, contact hunt@tpwd.texas.gov or call (512) 389-4505 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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THE RECORD'S ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE: Red hot summer music schedule



Rock band Poison will be hitting Houston on Aug. 19 as the main support for Def Leppard and Motley Crue on "The Stadium Tour" at Minute Maid Park. This tour is shaping up to be one of the biggest events of the summer based on early reviews. RECORD PHOTO: Tommy Mann Jr.

TOMMY MANN JR.
For The Record

Not only are the temperatures scorching hot, but the summer music schedule is red hot as well and the fall schedule of events is shaping up to be a fantastic one too. Several big events have been added to venues in Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana, so take a look below and find what is best for you.

- **July 8:** Hank Williams Jr., Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **July 8:** Maverick City, Kirk Franklin, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 12:** Hanson, House of Blues, Houston
- **July 15:** The Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band, House of Blues, Houston
- **July 15:** Tom Segura, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **July 16:** Zebra, Rise Rooftop, Houston
- **July 16:** Santana, Earth, Wind and Fire, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 21:** Train, Jewel, Blues Traveler, Thunderstorm Artis, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 22:** Travis Tritt, Golden Nugget

- Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **July 24:** Styx, REO Speedwagon, Loverboy, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **July 26:** Howard Jones, House of Blues, Houston
- **July 27:** Bowling for Soup, Less Than Jake, House of Blues, Houston
- **July 30:** Rick Springfield, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **July 30:** Ted Nugent, Warehouse Live, Houston
- **July 31:** Sum 41, Simple Plan, Magnolia Park, House of Blues, Houston
- **Aug. 1:** The Pretty Reckless, The Warning, Lillith Czar, House of Blues, Houston
- **Aug. 6:** Wiz Khalifa, Logic, 24KGoldn, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 12:** Stoney LaRue, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **Aug. 13:** Boys II Men, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **Aug. 14:** Rick Springfield, Men at Work, John Waite, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land
- **Aug. 17:** Echo and the Bunnymen,

- House of Blues, Houston
- **Aug. 19:** Gary Allan, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **Aug. 19:** Motley Crue, Def Leppard, Poison, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Minute Maid Park, Houston
- **Aug. 19:** Incubus, Sublime with Rome, The Aquadolls, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 19:** Wang Chung, A Flock of Seagulls, The English Beat, Dramarama, more, Arena Theatre, Houston
- **Aug. 21:** Rob Zombie, Mudvayne, Static-X, Powerman 5000, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Aug. 26:** Luke Bryan, Riley Green, Mitchell Tempenny, Cajundome, Lafayette, La.
- **Aug. 28:** One Republic, Needtobreathe, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 1:** Imagine Dragons, Macklemore, Kings Elliot, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 2:** Five Finger Death Punch, Megadeth, The Hu, Fire From the Gods, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 4:** Korn, Evanescence, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 8:** The Killers, Johnny Marr, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Sept. 9:** O.A.R., Dispatch, White Oak Music Hall, Houston
- **Sept. 10:** House of Blues, Houston
- **Sept. 11:** Pitbull, Sean Paul, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 14:** Twenty One Pilots, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Sept. 16:** Sammy Hagar and The Circle, George Thorogood and the Destroyers, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 17:** Jamey Johnson, Golden Nugget Casino, Lake Charles, La.
- **Sept. 17:** Dinosaur Jr., White Oak Music Hall, Houston
- **Sept. 17:** Alice In Chains, Breaking Benjamin, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands
- **Sept. 17:** Scorpions, Whitesnake, Toyota Center, Houston
- **Sept. 21:** Collective Soul, Switchfoot, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land

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Lone Star (1946-48), Gulf Coast (1949), independent (no conference in 1950), Missouri Valley (1951-59), independent (no conference 1960-75), Southwest (1976-95), Conference USA (1996-2012) and American Athletic (2013-2022).

In more earth-shattering news, it was announced last week that USC and UCLA are leaving the Pac-12 for the Big Ten, which would grow to a monstrous 16 teams and stretch from New Jersey (Rutgers) to Southern California. The Big Ten voted Thursday to add the two schools in 2024 after current media rights contracts with ESPN and Fox expire.

J.T. Poston went wire-to-wire in Sunday's final round of the PGA Tour John Deere Classic for his second PGA win and a spot in the British Open July 14-17 at the St. Andrews Old Course. He started his final round leading by three-strokes and finished with a three-stroke victory. "I can't wait to get to St. Andrews and see what it's like," Poston bubbled after his round.

Ole Miss finished No. 1 in the final Top 25 College Baseball Poll compiled by USA Today sports coaches. Oklahoma was No. 2, followed by Arkansas, Texas A&M and Notre Dame. The Texas Longhorns finished No. 8.

JUST BETWEEN US...

Getting back to the topic of the Houston Astros, outfielder/designated hitter Yordan Alvarez was named the American League Player of the Month. Playing in only 23 games in June, the powerful left-handed slugger had a .418 batting average with four doubles, a triple, nine homers, .510 on-base percentage, .835 slugging percentage, 1.346 OPS and 28 RBIs. He walked 13 times and struck out 13 times and for the month he led the league in batting average, on-base percentage, slugging percentage, OPS and RBIs. His home run tally tied for fourth in the American League.



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\$50,000 Student Success grant awarded to LSCPA

**Staff Report
For The Record**

Life for students at Lamar State College Port Arthur just got a whole lot easier.

LSCPA was notified this week that it has received a \$50,000 Accelerate Student Success Planning Grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. LSCPA is one of just 80 colleges and universities across the state to receive part of the more than \$4 million grant.

This financial windfall will allow LSCPA to better assist students with more engagement among incoming freshmen, enabling better student success and retention, leading to more degrees and certificates being awarded. First generation and economically disadvantaged students are the focus

population in this endeavor.

"There are plenty of challenges in being a college student in the best of situations," said Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Pamela Millsap. "Here, there seems to be unending obstacles that are often beyond our control. Hurricanes, winter storms, unemployment and seemingly unfettered inflation all combine to make being a successful college student so much more difficult.

"This generous grant will not only provide more activities to keep new student engaged and moving forward toward their degrees and certificates, it will also bolster supplies like food and supplies that students need maintain their momentum through school," she said.

Since the start of the Coronavirus pandemic,

the LSCPA Food Pantry and the LSCPA Seahawk Closet have been popular and much-needed resources for students. As part of the grant expenditure by the college, these free services will provide the availability of even more food, hygiene products, cleaning and school supplies.

"Food insecurity, especially with the country's rising prices right now, is a serious issue among our students," Dr. Millsap said. "There are several factors that make Lamar State College Port Arthur students vulnerable in the college environment."

More than 94 percent of LSCPA students work to pay for college, which means that a majority of them, 66 percent, are only able to attend part time. Additionally, factors such as minority ethnicity, first generation enrollment, and low socioeconomic status put students at risk for failing to complete their college credentials.

In addition to the growth in availability of food and supplies, the college will utilize the grant to provide at least four high quality first-year experience activities for the Fall 2022 semester incoming freshmen, focusing es-

pecially on the at-risk students who have been identified.

Among the proposed activities are a De-Stress Fest, How to Choose a Major/Career, and workshops on Time Management and Organization Skills, Financial Literacy, and Health and Wellness.

Students who are currently enrolled at Lamar State College Port Arthur

can access the Food Bank and Seahawk Closet by contacting Kiet Le, Director of Student Activities, by calling 409-984-6191. His office is open during the summer Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon. The campus returns to its regular Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours on Monday, August 1.



Watering techniques for SE Texas gardens

**John Green
Certified Texas
Master Gardener**

Happy Independence Day everyone! I'm hoping each of you were able to spend time with family,

friends and loved ones to celebrate the holiday. I spoke with my sister recently, who lives in North Alabama, and she asked several questions about watering plants during the summer months. During our conversation, she asked if I could write an article about the best watering technique for keeping lawns and flowering plants hydrated, growing, and looking their best without wasting our precious natural resource-water. So let me begin by saying the way water is applied to our plants is important!

For example, there is absolutely no use in applying water faster than the soil can soak it in when watering a lawn. If water is applied excessively, then water runs down the curb into the street or provides relief to your neighbor's lawn, at your expense! Sandy type soils can handle water almost as fast as it can be applied but the soil in our area of SE Texas is clay soil. Clay soils will soak up water very slowly, often taking days after a heavy rain event. Select the method of application which is the best fit for your soil type. Drip hose or a drip irrigation system is by far the most efficient use of water for flower beds and vegetable gardens.

Mulch, mulch, mulch whenever possible! The use of mulch has numerous benefits for trees, shrubs, flower beds and vegetable gardens, since mulch conserves soil moisture, mitigates soil

compaction, lowers soil temperature in summer (elevates soil temperature in winter), and helps to reduce weed seed germination. My preference is to use a 2-to-4-inch layer of organic mulch- such as leaves, rice hulls, pine bark, straw, hay, grass clippings, cardboard, and newspaper. Keep an eye on the depth of the mulch material, organic mulch decomposes and will wash away during heavy rainfall. You'll need to add more mulch as necessary throughout the seasons to maintain the benefits of using mulch.

There are plant experts who state night-time watering is detrimental to your landscape plants and lawns, espousing plant

diseases will develop. In some environmental conditions, I would agree.

But there are times when it is acceptable to water your lawn and plants at night! For example, when daytime temperatures are excessive, 95F or higher I have been known to water during the heat of the day to keep my garden plants and lawn thriving, though there is more evaporative loss of water. The evaporative loss also cools plants which is often beneficial to the plant!

For water efficiency, water early in the morning or late evening while temperatures are cooler, which means evaporation rates are lower. We all know our summer nighttime temperatures are also hot. I'm here to let you know, watering at night will not be a significant factor in disease development! So, the absolute best time to water lawns and plants during the summer is after 8 p.m. and before 8 a.m. If you have an automatic sprinkler system you can set it and forget it, but if you don't, consider purchasing a mechanical water timer. They range in cost from \$20 to \$50 and are well worth the investment since you can set the timer to activate for several hours (2 or

3). Be mindful of the sprinklers spray pattern to minimize water runoff into the roadway or adjacent property. Move the sprinkler nightly until the entire lawn is watered.

Encourage deep root development by thoroughly watering every time you water the lawn or landscape plantings. By watering thoroughly at 5- to 9-day intervals, ensures deep root penetration and utilization of the available soil moisture. Often plants wilt during the heat of the day, this doesn't necessarily mean the soil is dry. If plants remain wilted the following morning, water the area thoroughly, don't wait until evening as your plants are stressed and will suffer severe damage.

So, let's get out there a grow ourselves a greener, more beautiful world-one plant at a time!

Happy gardening everyone.

If you have specific gardening questions or would like more information, contact the Orange County Master Gardeners Helpline: (409) 882-7010 or visit our website, Facebook: Orange County Texas Master Gardeners Association or Email: extension@co.orange.tx.us.

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 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. Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Filer, you may email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: centralrecords@puc.texas.gov. For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

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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: Janice Manshack
 3794 Westwood
 Orange, TX 77632

Dated the 29th day of June, 2022.

Tommy Gunn
 Tommy Gunn

Attorney for: Janice Manshack
 State Bar No.: 08623700
 202 S. Border Street
 Orange, TX 77630
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 Email:tommy@gunnlaw.org

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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.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Orange, Texas on June 20, 2022.

VICKIE EDGERLY, District Clerk,
 Orange County, Texas

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 To any and all Unknown Heirs and all Persons Interested in the Estate of

CODY GENE PANNELL, Deceased
 Cause No. P19464
 in County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate filed AN APPLICATION to DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in this estate on JUNE 30, 2022, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of CODY GENE PANNELL, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse, 801 W. Division., Orange, Texas 77630.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention or response in writing with the County Clerk of Orange County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court at Law, Orange County, Texas at the office of the Orange County Clerk in Orange, Texas on June 30, 2022.

BRANDY ROBERTSON,
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To: **JOSE VAZQUEZ**, Respondent,

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The petition of **Robin Harmon and Richard Harmon**, Petitioners, was filed in the County Court At Law #2 of Orange County, Texas on the 23rd day of June, 2022., against **Krista Lynn Harmon, Jose Bazquez, Gary Lizardi** numbered 220378-D and entitled in the **Interest of Angel Vazquez Et Al Children**. The suit requests **Original Petition In Suit Affecting The Paren-Child Relationship**.

The date and place of birth of the child/ren who is/are subject of the suit:

Angel Vazquez April, 03, 2010 Orange Park, Florida
 Julian Lizardi February 12, 2015 Jacksonville, Florida
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 Joziah Lizardi July 14, 2018 Orange Texas

The court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child/ren's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

ISSUED AND GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court at Orange, Texas, this June 30, 2022.

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To: **GARY LIZARDI**, Respondent,

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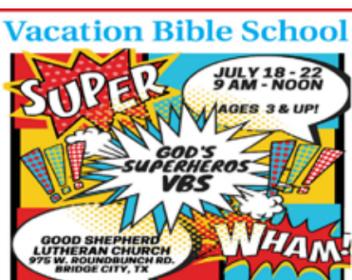
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