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Orange Mayor Larry Spears Jr., center, talks about city improvement projects at Tuesday's Orange City Council meeting. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

Back to basics for Bridge City council

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Bridge City Mayor David Rutledge has been on the job since 2016, but half the city council members – three out of six – are first-terms.

What better time to get back to the basics?

Rutledge and council members began the summer with a day-long training session which served as an orientation for new members and a refresher course for veteran members.

Sherby Dixon and Patty Collins were elected to city office for the first time in May. Aaron Rocafort is still in his first three-year term.

The three others, Tam-

mi Fissette, Terri Gauthier and Mike Reed, have served multiple terms.

Last week, the council's July 7 meeting saw Rutledge put up for grabs spots serving as city liaisons with citizens guidance and advisory committees.

"We've never really done it wholesale like this," Rutledge said. "It's been kind of piecemeal."

Normally, citizens volunteering for cities' advisory committees serve a defined term and are usually invited to stay on. Replacements are named as members step down, quit or move. The same goes for council members working on the commit-

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Bridge City leads in May sales tax collections

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

Bridge City businesses showed strong sales during the month of May based on sales tax payments to the city last week.

The Texas Comptroller's Office collects the sales taxes for entities that collect them. The office keeps the state's share and then sends the amounts to entities once a month. Gasoline and fuel taxes are in a separate category and do not go to local entities.

Bridge City had a 10.95 percent increase in the May sales taxes this year compared to last year, and is now at 9.17 percent up for the year to date, which is now at seven months of collections.

The city of Orange had a drop in monthly sales this year, but is still strong with a 12.47 percent increase for the year to date. Pinehurst continues to have a drop in collections

for the month and the year to date, while Vidor is almost stagnant. West Orange has slight increases.

Orange County has strong overall sales tax collections. The county has a 0.5 percent (half-cent per dollar) sales tax rate and collected \$577,300 for May, compared to \$491,535 in May 2021, a 17.44 percent increase. The county is now at \$4.15 million for the year to date, compared to \$3.8 million last year, a 9.03 percent increase.

The city of Bridge City has a 1.5 percent sales tax. The city has \$173,100 for May, compared to \$156,000 in May last year, a 10.95 percent increase. The city has \$1.3 million for the year to date compared to \$1.2 million last year, a 9.17 percent increase.

Orange has a 1.5 percent tax rate and collected \$505,820 for May, a 1.85 percent drop from May

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Activists fight proposed pipeline

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Plans to run a 42-inch crude oil pipeline around Bessie Heights Marsh and under the center of Sabine Lake are meeting opposition in Southeast Texas.

Environmentalist John Beard of Port Arthur, a retired refinery worker leading the Port Arthur Community Action Network (PACAN) and SaveSabineLake.org, says the company behind the proposed Blue Marlin pipeline can't be trusted to avoid dangerous oil spills.

Houston-based Entergy Transfer Partners, a company that transports about 30% of the nation's oil and gas production via 120,000 miles of pipelines across 41 states, applied in 2020 to develop Blue Marlin Offshore Port to export domestically produced crude oil.

The U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration actually held community meetings in Cameron Parish, Orange and Jefferson Counties in December of 2020, but because of COVID-19 the meetings were held on-line with the principals in Washington D.C. Public comments after the meetings were allowed only via email over a 48-hour period after the virtual meetings.

But a quick check with Orange County Commissioners and a few sportsmen this past week revealed few had heard of Blue Marlin.

Beard hopes to change that. His groups are in the middle of an awareness campaign that includes door knocking, social media and TV advertis-



The proposed Blue Marlin Pipeline would connect a 42-inch crude oil pipeline from Nederland's Sunoco plant around Bessie Heights Marsh and under Sabine Lake.

ing. PACAN and Save Sabine Lake.org are hosting town hall meetings next week in Port Arthur and Bridge City.

The first is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 19 at the Port Arthur Civic Center. The second in Bridge City, beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 21 at the Bridge City Senior Center.

The Blue Marlin proposal involves building a 37-mile pipeline from an existing Sunoco terminal in Nederland under the Neches River and through Orange County, then under Sabine Lake to connect to the existing Stingray Pipeline in Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, that runs into the Gulf of Mexico where ETP will build an offshore port capable of filling up super-

tankers. Roddy Hughes of the Sierra Club said the pipeline was being built to carry 80,000 barrels of crude oil per hour, or 2 million barrels per day.

"This pipeline is a concern to me," Beard said, "because of the company that's building this pipeline: Energy Transfer Partners."

"An organization called Violation Tracker has found that over the last 12 years Energy Transfer and its subsidiaries have incurred over \$589 million in fines – that's over half a billion dollars in fines – for everything from environmental offenses, to workplace safety incidents to market manipulation.

"My biggest concern with Energy Transfer is their very long history of

pipeline spills. In 2018, it was reported that Energy Transfer and its subsidiaries had spilled more than 3.6 million gallons of hazardous liquids over the past 16 years, including 2.8 million gallons of crude oil in 527 separate incidents.

"That means, on average, an Energy Transfer pipeline leaked once every 11 days. That's why we're opposed to this project."

The Record attempted to contact Energy Transfer's media department to comment on these charges but received no response by press time.

The Blue Marlin filing on the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration

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Dupont Sabine River Works at 75-Years

MARGARET TOAL
For The Record

The lights from the shiny, new "city" were already glowing at night from the flatlands along the Sabine. But it wasn't official until the first week of July, 1947. Seventy-five years ago, the DuPont Sabine River Works officially began production.

Eight hundred men and women were working at the plant when it opened with another 1,400 men working in construction, according to a special edition newspaper printed for the event. More than 3,500 construction workers were involved during the peak construction.

The new petrochemical plant began making the "salts" used to produce nylon, a man-made fabric created by DuPont. Du-



Dupont Sabine River Works entrance as seen when it opened and began making the "salts" used to produce nylon, a man-made fabric created by DuPont.

Pont had even trademarked the name "Nylon," with a capital letter, but the name was used so often for synthetic clothing that the company lost the

trademark. The new threads produced hosiery for women to replace more expensive silk.

DuPont information from 1947 said the first

nylon plant opened in Seaford, Delaware in December 1939, about a year after the product was creat-

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**Dave Rogers
For The Record**

Thank you, Orange County.

For the past six years, I've been working for Roy Dunn and The Record Newspapers and learning and sharing a ton of things I never knew about Orange County despite living next door for 30-odd years.

Along with being informative and oh-so helpful, everyone has been so kind.

That list begins with newspaper publisher Roy Dunn and prominently includes Margaret Toal, who I'm proud to say will be taking my place writing and coordinating news and feature coverage at The Record Newspapers for what I hope will be many more years.

I'm taking my talents over to the county line that separates Chambers and Harris Counties to



TOAL BRINGS OC HERITAGE TO 'THE RECORD'

As longtime staff writer Dave Rogers moves on, journalist Margaret Toal takes over as News Director for The Record. They are seen together here with Dan Perrine (right), The Record's staff writer and sports columnist. FILE PHOTO

work at The Baytown Sun.

They have plenty of Chevron-Phillips Chem plants and a 4-million square foot Walmart warehouse over there. (Eat your heart out, Jessica Hill.)

But Margaret Toal has

been my go-to authority for Orange history forever. We studied journalism together at North Texas State (since renamed University of North Texas) and worked together for a while at the Beaumont Enterprise.

Margaret's newspaper bona fides are nuts: daily papers in Sherman, Lufkin, Beaumont and the Orange Leader. She's worked before for Roy Dunn and The Record, and she's the Southeast Texas correspondent for the New York Times.

She worked from 2009-21 as news reporter for Orange radio station KOGT-AM and appeared with station owner Gary Stelly and fellow NT grad Dan Perrine on KOGT's popular morning show.

"I've been in Orange County media longer than (Leader sports editor) Van Wade," she said.

Both Margaret and Dan Perrine have been working with The Record since KOGT went off the air at the end of 2021. Dan has taken over weekly high school sports coverage and written many non-sports stories as well.

"I'm surprised that it was 11 and a half years that we did the morning show on KOGT," Margaret said. "I really enjoyed do-

ing that show with Gary and Dan."

An Orange native, Margaret is a news and feature reporting institution in Orange County and says she's excited about the new gig.

"It's nice working for something that has a newspaper you can hold in your hands," she says.

"And believe me, I've seen unimaginable things happen in the media in the last 50 years. We all have computers in our phone now.

"When we started, I carried a bag with a big cassette recorder and a Nikon 35mm camera and a big flash attachment all around. Now I can carry it all in my pocket (as a cell phone)."

And there's no better occasion than adding a certified historian like Margaret to the staff for me to walk down my short-term memory lane like a Joe Kazmar Christmas column.

Roy Dunn created the Opportunity Valley News in 1971 to compete head-to-head against the Leader. He did so well the Leader's corporate owner, Cox Communications, bought him out, exchanging -- I heard -- lotsa moolah for a boodle of loyal readers and advertisers and a promise not to operate a competing Orange County paper for five years.

In 1992, Dunn returned to local media, buying the

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Roy and Me

**Sen. Carl Parker
For The Record**

Roy Dunn, publisher of this paper, and I can be cited as a good example of how politics in America should work.

Our relationship began over 50 years ago. A close friend of Roy's was my opponent when I first ran for re-election to the House of Representatives. The race was competitive, but there was no name calling or dirty politics. Later we were on different sides of an election for the Senate. Even so, we remained friendly and grew to be really good friends.

We could, and still can discuss our differences, particularly about politics without anger or ill-will; this is what America desperately needs today. I still admit, however, I managed to extract a little revenge against Roy for having opposed me in two elections. I challenged him to a soft ball game to be publicly held in Bridge City. I even boasted that being a hot-shot, fast pitch soft ball pitcher that I could defeat any team he could select using only four men. On the appointed day we appeared at a field on Roundbunch Road. There were three men and myself on my team, as promised, and I stationed my eleven-year-old son on first base. Roy quickly pointed out that I had five players, not four. I responded by claiming that I only promised to have four men and that my eleven-year-old son was not yet a man. So the game proceeded. I got my idea from having participated in a game with the "King and His Court," a four-man soft ball team led by world champion fast pitch pitcher Eddie Feigner. The game went on and as I expected, I was able to strike out most of Roy's team; until the final inning we were leading. One thing I forgot, however, is that Roy insisted on choosing the umpire. As his team went to bat in the final inning it seems that no matter where my pitch went, directly over the plate or even being swung at, it was called a ball by Roy's umpire. In fact, he called enough balls that enough batters were walked across the plate to score until the score was evened up.

Even so, we have remained friends all these years.

**Are You
A Sucker?**

P. J. Barnum once said,



**Former State Senator
Carl Parker**

"There is a sucker born every minute." He made millions using that philosophy with his circus.

If democracy is to survive, we need to not be suckers when we vote. Our record so far has not been so good.

Millions are now being spent to convince us that climate change is a hoax. The money is coming from those fearing loss of profits.

Lessons should be learned from past history. Remember when we were told that cigarettes did not cause cancer, or that asbestos in the workplace was no danger?

We need to demand

truth and action from our elected leaders. Recently, the Railroad Commission approved continuation of allowing hundreds of uncapped oil wells to continue to be open. These wells are daily spewing dangerous gas into our air. Soon after the Commission ruled, its chair received a multi-thousand-dollar gift from the oil industry. That chairman is seeking re-election on the November ballot. Take the time to learn his name and vote.

It's your chance to not be a sucker.

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City business From Page 1

tees. "The only ones we really require council reps on are planning and zoning and the police contract negotiating committees," Rutledge said.

"According to our charter, the mayor is supposed to appoint these positions, but to my way of thinking I'd rather see what everybody is interested in and we'll pick it from there."

Dixon volunteered to be council liaison to the planning and zoning commission and was getting backing from Collins and the mayor, each of whom pointed out they usually attended the meetings as spectators, but Dixon would be the one reporting to all the council members, if an issue required it.

Roccaforte agreed to stay on as the city liaison to the Fire Department Pension Committee and Reed, though absent from the Thursday meeting, was "volunteered" to continue his service as liaison to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee.

Gauthier, currently serving as President of the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission, was OK'd to remain liaison with that governmental body.

Collins and Fisette volunteered as liaisons to the City Collective Bargaining Committee for the 2021-22 Bridge City Police Association contract negotiations.

As mayor, Rutledge is required to attend SETRPC and contract bargaining meetings.

Orange names fire department leadership

New Orange Fire Chief John Bilbo announced

two high-level promotions and the city council distributed \$49,412 in Community Development Block Grant funds at Tuesday's meeting.

Bilbo, named Orange Fire Chief in June, presented Payton Smith as his new Deputy Chief and Randy Ener as his Fire Marshal.

Smith has been with the OFD for 13 years and served as battalion chief for four years. Bilbo said eight people applied for the Deputy Chief job, four from within the department.

Ener has been with the department 30 years, Bilbo said, the past seven years as a battalion chief. Council members approved CDBG funds for community service organizations in the following amounts:

Meals on Wheels \$14,000; Greater Orange Area Literacy Services \$7,000; Jackson Community Center \$7,000; Southeast Texas Hospice \$7,000; Stable Spirit \$7,000; Julie Rogers Gift for Life \$5,000; BuildHer \$1,412; Voice of Hope \$1,000.

A payment of \$47,500 was approved to Man-shack & Sons, the only bidder for demolishing eight condemned homes.

"This will be 44 structures this fiscal year that we've removed," Kelvin Knauf, city planning director, said.

Council member Paul Burch related that in the past owners of condemned properties had sold the properties to buyers who were unaware of the structures on them were condemned.

"The new owner comes to us and asks us not to demo it," he said. "We tell them we can't not tear it down."

Knauf said that after the

lengthy requirements to try to get property owners to clean up their structures had ended with condemnation proceedings, each building has been painted to indicate it was to be demolished.

"In the state of Texas, property owners have the obligation to know the details before they purchase a property," said Guy Goodson, city attorney.

LCM Board appoints Temple as trustee

Little Cypress-Mauriceville school board members appointed former LCM grad Clint Temple to serve along them in 2023.

Temple, a Technical Advisor at Dow's Sabine River Operations Hydrocarbon plant, is filling the final year of a three-year term won by former board president Randy McIlwain.

McIlwain resigned from the board earlier this month.

Temple and his wife Rebekah have three children, Aubrey, Kyndall and Harper, all students at LCM schools.

"I'm honored to serve our community as part of the LCM Board of Trustees," Temple said after Monday's meeting. "With immense regard to the students, faculty, staff and citizens of this district, I pledge to be an advocate for you all."

LCMCISD has another vacancy on its seven-member board, that of Aubrey Milstead, whose resignation was accepted May 9, one year into a three-year term.

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website shows that Energy Transfer's application called for construction to begin last fall and the offshore port operational by 2023.

The website carries this statement:

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), in coordination with the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Action in accordance with the Deepwater Port Act (DWPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and applicable regulations.

"The EIS will assist the Maritime Administrator in deciding whether to approve the license application for the proposed Project."

"I just found out about it a year ago," Beard said. "I went before the SALT Tournament people and the Port Arthur Yacht Club," fishing and sailing groups based on Sabine

Lake, "and nobody knew anything."

Don Carona, general manager of the Orange County Drainage District, said, "They've met with us and showed us the alignment," about the Blue Marlin project.

"But what was most on my mind was the potential interaction with the drainage structures on the Coastal Management Levee Project and I'm not seeing a problem right now."

The Sierra's Club Hughes was one of several environmentalists that partnered with Beard on a lightly attended February virtual conference to help Orange County landowners who could be affected by pipeline easements on their property.

"Energy Transfer is not the company I'd want building a massive 42-inch pipeline carrying 80,000 barrels of crude an hour in my community, or lakes, or out into the Gulf,"

Hughes said.

"Their record shows they're incapable of doing it in a way that's safe for the environment or host communities."

"John's big concern is they're using an old gas import pipeline and converting it to oil export. That's not an uncomplicated process and frankly, we just don't trust Energy Transfer to do it right."

"Doing it wrong will mean a big disaster for the entire Golden Triangle region. You're going to contaminate all the bodies of water around. You would hurt fishermen, hunters, birdwatchers, anyone else who enjoys the region's amazing outdoors."

"Even in a region that hosts a lot of oil and gas, this is a high-risk project. Your lives, your lakes, your rivers, your property are too important and not worth risking it all just so a few billionaire companies can export more oil to foreign markets."

Local sales tax revenues From Page 1

2021 with \$515,362. The city is up 12.47 percent for the year to date after collecting \$4.41 million, compared to \$3.92 million last year.

Pinehurst also has a 1.5 percent sales tax and collected \$53,135 for May, down from \$62,552 last year, a decrease of 15.05 percent. The city is now at \$388,620 for the first seven months of the year, down 6.18 percent for the same time last year.

Vidor with a 1.5 percent sales tax is up slightly, 2.61

percent, after collecting \$270,765 for May, compared to \$263,856 last year. The city has a slight decrease, 0.5 percent, for the year to date with \$2.02 million this year compared to \$2.03 million last year.

West Orange has the lowest of the city sales tax rates with 1.25 percent. The city collected \$109,657 for May, up from \$105,180 for May 2021, an increase of 4.25 percent.

The city has \$802,965 for the year to date, a 1.11 per-

cent increase from \$793,820 last year.

The Little Cypress Fire and Rescue Department, or Orange County Emergency Services District No. 3, is the only special district in the county with a sales tax. The department's sales tax is 1.5 percent. The district collected \$22,829 for May, compared to \$17,351 last year, and is now at \$163,441 for the year to date, up from \$161,391 last year.

American Legion, Post #49 Fish Fry

The American Legion, Post #49 located at 108 Green Ave. in Orange will be having a fish fry lunch on Thursday, July 14th. The meal will consist of Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Green Beans with Pickles, Onions, Bread and Dessert for \$10.00 each.

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From the Creaux's Nest LEAVING HENRIETTA RECALLING SPECIAL TIMES GREAT FRIENDS AND A GOOD RUN

On September 12, 2008, Hurricane Ike came ashore, completely overrunning Bridge City with water as high as six feet in some homes and businesses. The Record Newspaper office where we did all of our production was destroyed. On second thought, Mark Dunn had the good judgment to unplug all of the computers and equipment and load them in his van. After Ike cleared out we discovered we had lost all of our vehicles, about a dozen cars and trucks. The only transportation left was Mark's van that had for some reason survived as did all of our equipment. In a few days, as soon as we could travel in and out of the city, we made our way to Harmon's Used Cars, on MacArthur, in Orange. We purchased a couple of fairly new trucks and a couple of cars from then. We still had no idea where we were going to set up shop. Back when we had started in the newspaper business with the Opportunity Valley News, we needed a place to set up shop, a building large enough that we could grow. That was over 50 years ago. Jackie Harmon said the Harmon brothers owned a building on Sixth Street that would be perfect. They made it possible for us to have that building by trading payment for advertisement. We still own the building but Ike also played havoc with the inside. We needed to publish our paper as soon as we could. We needed a location, a suitable building. Again the Harmon's came through. They were using only half of the building where their used cars dealership was located and offered us the other half. In five days we published the Penny and County Record from that location and for the next 14 years, until last week. When we landed there in 2008, there was a lot of activity on Henrietta Street, I usually arrived at work about 5 a.m., Don Harmon was next, about 7 a.m. Corky, David and Donnie Harmon all worked in the building and Tommy Harmon kept the book at home. Glenn Oliver, Ray Cravens, C.J. Huckabay and other Harmon friends were daily visitors. Today, the only person left is Donnie Harmon; all the others have passed on. The used car business has also changed. That's all Donnie, a three year Notre Dame graduate, ever wanted to do. He loves the car business. Donnie has the intelligence to do anything he wants to do. He plans to keep the front of the car lot so he can still dabble in the business some, but the lease on the building runs out this month. Last week, we moved to the John Dubose CPA office building, at 335 West Roundbunch, in Bridge City, for the time being. We are proud to announce that longtime newspaper executive Margaret Toal has agreed to come on board as editor for both papers. We will miss Dave Rodgers, who over the years has been an excellent reporter. That boy could write a news story on the fly and have all his facts correct. He has been offered a deal in Baytown that he can't refuse. God bless the Harmon's, thanks and best of luck to Donnie.

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME

15 Years Ago-2009

Time repeats itself 15 years later-2022

Mid July has come and we keep rolling on. We can't complain about the heat; between showers, the temperature has been a comfortable 80 degrees. The 'Skeeter Patrol' has been fighting the fight and at least breaking even. That's a good thing. Right after President Bush was reelected, T. Bone Pickins said that oil could go for \$100 a barrel, and gas at the pump at least \$4 a gallon. Well, it hasn't gone there yet, but unless the Demos get busy at stopping the rising cost, it might be before the Bush oil parade comes to an end. Have you bought a loaf of bread or a gallon of milk in the last month? Both are up 40 to 45 cents a unit. Multiply that on a thousand items. In our case, here at the paper, the cost of gasoline affects our free home delivery. When Bush took over, we paid 90 cents a gallon. Today, it's nearly \$3 a gallon and we haven't absorbed the cost in our rates, which remain the same. Like bread and milk, however, our cost goes up on other items, like the oil base plastic bags we wrap the paper in, which has doubled in price. Cost of ink and newsprint has gone up and the cost of delivering our papers from printer to our location, is higher. You can see how high fuel cost is very costly in many other ways, besides the price at the pump. The cost of doing business goes up for all of us; meanwhile, oil company profits are at an all time high. They are making hay, while the sun shines. First, let me congratulate our longtime, good friends, Paul and Nettie Roy, of Bridge City, on 60 years of marriage. That may not be a record, but it's a damn good average. We wish them continued good health and many more happy years. Those folks are the real salt of the earth. (Editor's note: They both are gone now.) Speaking of anniversaries, Franklin and Sarah Scales will celebrate 50 years next Saturday at Community Church. The gathering was put together by Dr. Nina Leifeste and

siblings. Mayor Brown Claybar and Linda celebrate their day next Sunday, July 22. Brown's health has improved enough to do some light celebrating, as long as it's not overly strenuous. Happy anniversary to both. Ms. Virginia celebrated 79 years last Friday. Creaux and I sent her a dozen roses, but Neighbor Cox removed our card and replaced it with one of his own that said, "From your loving husband of 56 years." When caught, he told Ms. Virginia we had gotten them from the graveyard. He did take his lovely lady out to Tuffy's and had a great meal. (Editor's note: They are both gone now but remembered by many.) We were sorry to learn about the death of TeeNot Feverjean and also Sally Waddell. Both died last week. For many years now, we have known Lamar 'Coco' Hardin. He was born in Abbeville in 1923. His family lived on a houseboat barge. While they were docked at Abbeville, his mother gave birth to the little red head. His family then floated their home to Orange, docked on the Sabine, where they lived on the barge for several years. This week, on Monday, July 16, 'Coco' reached the age of 84. He has always been one of Orange's lovable characters. His hot shot flashy dressing and sharp hats had old timers calling him 'The Cat's Meow.' Happy birthday 'Coco' and many more. (Editor's note: CoCo passed away in 2021.) Our sincere condolences to the family of Bridgett Gearen, who was brutally murdered at Crystal Beach Sunday. Dr. David and Barbara Olson just returned from Nova Scotia. Doc. says he found a few people with an X at the end of their names. So a few of those folk had ancestors who couldn't read or write. He learned a lot about the Cajun history and enjoyed the friendly people. He learned from a priest that the Cajun dialect in South Louisiana originally started in France. When Cajuns began their own style of language, the French exiled them to Canada. The British threw them out of there. When in New Orleans, the French again ran them off because of how they spoke French. They ended up in the Louisiana swamp and carved out their own territory. The Texans didn't put a fence up at the Sabine River and they crossed the river, and took over this part of Texas. That's the way David said it happened.

45 Years Ago-1977

Golden Triangle Savings and Loan holds grand opening in Bridge City. Bickham Lincoln-Mercury is selling a 1977 Lincoln Towncar, loaded, \$10,700. A 1977 Mercury Marque, loaded, \$5,959. On Friday, July 29, the new million-dollar Orange Library will hold opening ceremonies. Jan Curlyo celebrates a birthday, also Judy's brother, Randy Annaud. Lewis Gay celebrates another one. Several Orange Countians attended the Doug Kershaw performance in Lake Charles. Doug introduced members of his family, including Mama Rita, Una, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Kershaw and Howard Mayo. After his show finished, Doug sang a couple of songs at another club. He was on ABC Monday night and the next week on the Dinah Shore Show. Doug, along with Lightning Hopkins and Clifton Chenier, performed an outdoor concert at Broussard's Ranch in the Lafayette area. Flo and Gene Edgerly, along with sons, Todd, John and friend Necey Gauthier, are attending the state AFL-CIO convention in Austin. Necey called Charles, from Sen. Carl Parker's office, to wish him Happy Birthday. Dr. David Olson and Tim Lieby ventured to Freeport for a fishing trip. They left Friday morning for a Saturday departure. No one knows how many stops they made along the way.

50 Years Ago-1972

J.D. Standfield and Paul Hale both announced that they are candidates for mayor of Orange. The Houston Oilers quarterback hopefuls Lynn Dickey and Dan Pastorini are staging a two-way battle to oust Charley Johnson as number one quarterback. An armed robbery occurred at the Warehouse Liquor Store, Second Street, Orange. A large sum of money was taken and Ms. Allie Broussard, clerk, was knocked in the head requiring hospitalization. Owner of the store is Roy Dunn. Friday specials at Burger Chef, 3009 MacArthur, are Fish Sandwich, 29 cents, with lettuce, cheese and tartar sauce, 39 cents. By popular demand Max Fennell will return to the Jack Tar Hotel Club. On July 22, Brown Claybar takes a bride. The beautiful young lady is the former Linda Sue Anderson. They plan to make their home in Houston. (Editors Note: Happy Anniversary, 50 years have gone by and a lot of water under the bridge. Brown became mayor of Orange, his hometown, raised a family and became owner of the family business Claybar Funeral Home, established by his father Lannie. Today Brown and Linda's son Warren operates the expanded Claybar Funeral Homes.) Attorney Don Burgess is a new Assistant District Attorney. Louis Dugas, Jr., District Attorney is elected Secretary of the Criminal Law Procedure Section by the State Bar in a meeting in Houston. Orange County Democratic Chairman Pete Runnels has announced that a gigantic party/shrimp boil will be held for gubernatorial candidate Dolph Briscoe in October. At the Democratic National Convention, Runnels voted with Briscoe in casting his ballot first for Alabama's governor George Wallace, then switched to Senator George McGovern, the eventual winner of the Democratic nomination for president. Returning home Runnels said he didn't think McGovern had a chance but he would support the nominee.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

This week, 108 years ago, July 11, 1914, Babe Ruth made his Major League baseball debut. On June 2, 1935, after playing in 10 World Series, he played his last game. Wedding Bells. Our friends, County Treasurer Christy Kourey and County Commissioner Kirk Roccaforte, have set the date of Oct. 22, as their wedding day. Two good friends, two good public servants, two good folks who deserve each other. The American Legion, Post #49, 108 Green Ave., in Orange, will be having a Fish Fry lunch on Thursday, July 14th. The meal will cost \$10.00 each and you

may get delivered by calling 409-886-1241. Good cause and good eats. Congratulations to Ethel and Mark Dunn celebrating their sixth anniversary. The couple was wed in Guatemala July 16, 2022. May they have many more happy and healthy years. We heard from Doyle Morse, Jr., who is now living in Tyler. Doyle updated us on his dad Wayne, who has been in St. E's due to a bout with Diabetes. Wayne is doing better now and will possibly be discharged by Wednesday. He is a former Bridge City resident and was manager of Howard's Big Red Pantry. We wish Wayne a speedy recovery and hope to hear from him soon. West Orange Mayor Randy Branch (who's also a proud grandpa) celebrated 72 years old, while Lou Moore turned 60. Some people are ageless and don't need all the candles. This week that includes Belinda Huerta, Nancy Byers (who has a new grandbaby), and Paris Rodriguez. People celebrating wedding anniversaries this week included Donald and Chantell Frazier, along with Scott and April Goodman. The Goodmans were celebrating at the Isla Mujeres in Mexico. At least Gina and Sipper Yeaman left some tequila after their trip. James Scales also hit the blue waters of Mexico last week with a trip to Cancun. Paul and Raul Burch, along with buddies Caroline and Mike Hennigan, traveled to the Hill Country and the Marriott Resort Hotel. They made it to the River Walk and other San Antonio sights. No word on how many margaritas were consumed. Paul and Caroline are at-large members of the Orange City Council. Steve and Gail Maddux went on another international trip now that the pandemic restrictions have been lifted. They went to Great Britain, touring castles and driving through the Cotswolds. No word on whether he's bought any old English traffic lights. Jill and Ronnie Turner had anniversary number 23 last week, and this week took their kids and grandkids on vacation to Port Aransas. Group included Jessica and Ryan Crowell with daughters Harper and Haylin. County Clerk Brandy Robertson has been traveling again after a trip earlier this summer to San Antonio with husband Roderick Robertson, a West Orange-Cove school board member. This week, she traveled with sons to Chicago, and the trip included a signature deep-dish pizza. Laura Floyd made a trip to Dripping Springs to see new grandson, Brock James Terry, son of daughter Abby Terry and her husband Mike. Chris and Valerie Axelson had to travel all the way to London, England, to see their new grandchild. Longtime friends Rosalie Eason and Cindy Claybar are on an extended road trip with husbands Karl and Ambrose. Stops included San Antonio and drinks and dinner on the River Walk. They've also traveled along the historic Route 66 into New Mexico and are now into the Western states. The Ragsdales and Sanders gathered at Cow Creek again at the old McClelland cabin. McClelland sisters Paula Ragsdale and Myra Sanders now have grandchildren. A total of 11 great-grandchildren of the late Joe and Judy McClelland were at the holiday gathering. Charlotte Chiasson enjoyed a home brunch this past weekend with longtime friends Eric Andrus, Beverly Perry, Lou Raburn, Judy Leblanc, Shirley Vicknair, and Peggy Foreman. Men, you know your old when you realize there were THREE hot women on 'Gilligan's Island.'

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

A few folks we know celebrating birthdays in the next few days. July 13: Happy Birthday to our friends Donna Peterson, Coach Billy Bryant and George Millsap. July 14: Pretty Brenda Ellender celebrates today, also longtime educator Ella Stuebing and Mayor David's big brother Calvin Rutledge. July 15: Longtime friend, the last Harmon brother, Tommy Harmon, celebrates today. Happy Birthday also to Orange mayor Larry Spears Jr., Melissa Eshbach, Peggy Claybar and Melissa Darbonne. July 16: Brad's longtime bride, pretty Carlis Roy, celebrates today, also Preston Fuller and Coach Jimmy Johnson who will be 79 today. July 17: Our longtime friend Edee Pratt celebrates her 84th today. We haven't heard from her in awhile. Hope she's doing well. Also Happy Birthday also to Daniel Eaves and Deborah Ashcroft. July 18: former city manager Don Fields celebrates today. Happy Birthday to Cheryl Richard and Cynthia Chataignier. July 10: Celebrating are Pam Scales Honeycutt, Paige Williams, Richard Turkel, Diane Grooters, Shirley McCall, Robin Thibodeaux and Kent Moerbe. (For birthdays or anniversaries email news@therecordlive.com or call 409-735-5305.)

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Joe Desomeaux had been a rounder all of his married life to Agnes Marie. She had put up wit his running around, coming home with perfume smell and lipstick on his collar. Now da kids were all grown and gone and poor Joe him, now was very sick and dying. Agnes Marie sat by his side.

Joe looked up at her and said weakly, "Honey, I got something I must confess me."

"Dere's no need Joe," Agnes Marie replied.

"No," Joe insisted, I want to die in peace. Babe, I slept wit you best friend, Laura Mae, also wit Clotile, wat live across da street, plus a pick up at Tee-Boy's Bar. Honey, I'm sorry me."

Agnes Marie said, "I know Joe, now jus rest and let da poison work."

C'EST TOUT

Sweltering days have settled in across Texas. The National Weather Service had a 117 degree heat index with a thermometer reading of 96 degrees at the Orange County Airport on Monday afternoon. The blazing hot days are drying things out again. The county got four to six inches of rain on July 1, which led to the county lifting a burn ban. Even with all the rain, the U.S. Drought Monitor put Orange County in the moderate drought category, up from severe drought. Scattered thunderstorms could cross the county this week, but as we know, some places don't get the rain. Best not to do outdoors burning now. That's all for me today. I've been watching the Jan. 6 hearing. The noose gets tighter around Trump's neck. He's a felon waiting to get charged. Take care and stay cool. God bless America.

Dupont at 75 From Page 1

ed. The second nylon plant opened in late 1941, but in February 1942, the federal War Production Board took over nylon and all that was produced was for the military. The war ended in August 1945.

By that time, DuPont had already announced plans to build a plant outside of Orange. The city had boomed with people coming to work in the wartime shipyard production. Population estimates during World War II go from about 60,000 to 70,000. Rooming houses even rented beds by shifts.

The Orange Leader July 6, 1947, said Lutch Stark gave up some of the land he raised his prize Brahma bulls on to accommodate DuPont. He and his first cousin, Edgar Brown, Jr., sold land to the company with legend saying at bargain rates. The two cousins did not talk to each other much since a dispute about their grandmother's will in the 1920s, but they posed for photographs with the plant manager when the plant opened.

The opening manager was H.L. Wolcott, who was already a member of the Orange Chamber of Commerce and vice president of the Orange Rotary Club. He was living at 610 Eighth Street in Orange, which is now in the Old Orange Historic District.

Some of the new executives at the plant, though, were living in new houses built especially for the company. The Cape Cod-style woodframe houses along Hart, Burton, and Rein avenues west of 16th Street are known as "The DuPont Houses" and were added to Orange's historic district in 2004.

The special publication when DuPont opened reported the plant was on a 1,000 acre tract of land about three miles southwest of the city. Orange at the time was the only incorporated city in the county at the time.

Gulf States Utilities, predecessor to Entergy, welcomed DuPont in an ad and described Orange as "one of the nation's fastest growing cities."

The new plant had a man-made 214-acre lake holding 435 million gallons of water to provide the plant's needs. The plant's water and pumping system was big enough to provide a water supply for a city of 450,000 people.

The plant used enough pipe for construction that if it was laid in a line, would reach from Orange to Oklahoma City. The foundation pilings totaled 234,000 feet, about 45 miles worth. And 48,000 cubic yards of concrete were used, enough to cover a 1,000 square-foot block of land with concrete 54 feet deep.

Women were important local employees DuPont hired. Frances and Julia Brown of Orange (no relation to the timber heir) were among the first people with jobs. Frances started as a receptionist on March 14, 1946, and was an accounting clerk in 1947. Julia started as a stenographer and was promoted to oversee the stenograph office and mail room. The sisters had attended the University of Texas and lived at 410 Tenth Street.

The company was proud of hiring World War II veterans with 56 percent of the operators having served in the military. Of those, 4 percent had had disabling injuries.

Some of those veterans included Douglas Gager, Robert M. Wood, Jim Steussy, Leroy J. Engsdahl, and Cletus M. Jones.

Jones had joined the Army Air Corps in 1940 and was in the Phillipines when the Japanese invaded in 1942. He was captured and survived the Bataan Death March. He was a prisoner of war for two years and survived a U.S. Navy attack on a Japanese ship on which he was being transported.

Engdahl had been in the Army Air Corps and flew 30 bombing runs in a B-54 over Europe, including among the first run over Berlin.

Wood had been a navigator on a B-24 that had been forced to land in enemy-held territory in France. He was held for 14 months in a prisoner of war camp.

Steussy had been in the Naval Air Corps and had been shot down over Guadalcanal in the Pacific. He and the bombardier had to ditch the plane and they survived four days on a life raft.

Gager had been on a B-24 bombing flight and was shot down. He spend 12 months in a German prisoner of war camp.

DuPont led the way for Orange to become a center of the petrochemical industry and led to the highway FM 1006 being known as "Chemical Row." Through the years, corporate name changes went across the sites of other plants built in the 1950s and 1960s. The named DuPont stayed up longer than the others.

In 2002, DuPont sold off its textile division, including parts of the original plant, to Envista of Koch Industries. Still, the DuPont name stayed prominent along Chemical Row.

It ended in April 2019. After Dow Chemical had announced it was acquiring DuPont, the name officially changed to Dow on that date during a ceremony attended by local business and government officials.

Deaths & Memorials

Larry Joe "Moe" Moreland, 77, Orange

Larry Joe "Moe" Moreland, 77, of Orange left his earthly life on the wings of angels, at home, surrounded by his family on July 7, 2022.



Larry Moreland

Funeral services were held, Monday, July 11, 2022, at First Baptist Church in Deweyville. Officiating will be Reverend Damon Bickham, Reverend Lynn Ashcraft, Reverend Chip Anthony. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange.

Visitation was Sunday at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

He was born in Jennings, Louisiana, on December 21, 1944, and was the son of Joe Burl Moreland and Lottie Granger Moreland.

A native of Vinton, Louisiana, where he graduated high school, he was known by all his classmates as "Larry Joe" and was the funny bone of the class, always playing tricks on everyone and living life to the max. He loved all his classmates and kept up with them throughout his entire life. He was a member of the Vinton Lions track and field team. He later graduated from Louisiana School of Broadcasting in New Orleans, Louisiana. He worked as a disc jockey at KREH Radio in Oakdale, where he met Vergie, the love of his life. Larry also worked at WYMT Station in Blountstown, Florida. Music was a very important part of his life.

Larry was an active member of North

Orange Baptist Church for 42 years and, more recently, a member of First Baptist Church - Deweyville. He loved his Sunday School class and always had fun stories to inject as they studied God's Word. Larry was also a member of the LCM Lions Club, where he enjoyed working on community projects; and he especially enjoyed working the Lions Club Carnivals.

He began his career in Orange Livingston Shipyard in 1965 and for a short while at Dallas Beatle Furniture at Conn's Furniture, but his life career was the 38 years he spent at Temple Inland Orange. After retirement in 2007, he worked part-time at Claybar Funeral Home for 12 years where his coworkers kiddingly would say he put the "fun" in funerals. He enjoyed his years there because he loved people and felt that he assisted providing a service to grieving families.

Larry enjoyed spending time with his family (especially his grandkids and great-grandkids), traveling the world, watching Houston Astros baseball and Dallas Cowboys football. In his later years he spent his time painting and building birdhouses and feeders and drawing nature scenes from his native home, Louisiana. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joe Burl and Lottie (Granger) Moreland; granddaughter Haleigh Wolford; sister Jean Burlene Courmier; and his great-grandson Brooks Mason.

Betty June Maryanski, 78, Orange

Betty June Maryanski, 78, of Orange, passed away on July 6, 2022, at home.



Betty Maryanski

Born in San Antonio, Texas, on August 11, 1943, she was the daughter of Robert and Opal Pudifin. Betty was good at anything she put her mind to. She loved reading the bible, and was a well respected member of the Calvary Baptist Church. Betty was a caregiver to her daughter. She gave her all to anyone in need and loved life to her fullest. Betty will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her daughters, Crystal Sharp Smith and Melissa Maryanski; brother, Robert Pudifin; husband, George Maryanski; as well as her parents, Robert and Opal Pudifin.

She is survived by her sons, Robert Sharp of Lubbock and Jerry Sharp and wife Mary of Huntsville; grandchildren, Christopher Sharp and Misty Lawson; sister, Sheila Pudifin; close friends, Suzanne Skelton and Tiffany Cooper; as well as many great-grandchildren, family, and friends.

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The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce announced that Bridge City Lock and Key has been named Business of the Month for July 2022. Brady Garrett was presented the award, sponsored by Energy Country Ford, by Ambassador Rani Dillow at the July Networking Coffee hosted by Boren Construction. Pictured are: Brady Garrett, Ashley Jarbis and Rani Dillow.



The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that Barbara Moore, Best Day Spa, has been named July Employee of the Month. Pictured: Barbara Moore, DeeDee Viator and Wanda McGraw.

Thank you Orange County From Page 2A

Penny Record, which has been operating in Bridge City since 1960. In 1995, he opened the County Record in Orange.

"It's amazing that they've kept a local paper going so long with The Record," Toal said.

Mark Dunn, Roy's son, has been a fixture overseeing the advertising and production of his dad's papers for decades. I couldn't have made it lo, these several years, without the weekly guidance of Mark and Janelle Sehon, who combine on the magical, modern stuff that gets the stories we write both printed and uploaded to the internet.

Now, to each governmental entity I have tried to keep up with since 2016, God bless you all for being so welcoming and easy to deal with.

County Judge John Gothia has probably been on the receiving end of more of my questions than anybody, but Bridge City Mayor David Rutledge and Orange Mayor Larry Spears, Jr., are close.

Don Carona, OC Drainage District manager, has been a constant contact bearing good news, as reliable and informative as Dan Hooks and Cornel Thompson, West Orange-Stark football coaches I've known since the school opened in 1977.

Jessica Hill, Orange County's Economic

Development Corporation director, and Jay Trahan, who heads up the city of Orange EDC, have done their best to educate me on their alphabet soups and winning ways.

Speaking of winners, a special bunch I had the honor and privilege to report on were World War II veterans from Orange County, several of whom are still going strong at 100.

We haven't had a chance to gather as a group since COVID-19 hit in 2020, but my warmest thank-yous to the special men and women and families of these patriots headed by Pearl Harbor survivor Cedric Stout.

Of course, it's been great to work with all the mayors I've reported on - Jimmy Sims and Spears in Orange, Rutledge in Bridge City, Roy McDonald and Randy Branch in West Orange, Pete Runnels, Dan Mohon, J.W. Permenter and Sarah McClendon in Pinehurst.

They couldn't have done it without great council members and I couldn't have covered their cities without the aid of city managers or city secretaries: Shawn Oubre, Kelvin Knauf, Mike Kunst, Jim Wolf, Trisha Anderson and Jennifer Krummel in Orange; Mike Stelly and Theresa Van Meter in West Orange; Jerry Jones, Brent Walker and Jeanie McDowell in Bridge

City; and Robbie Hood, Jerry Hood and Debbie Cormier in Pinehurst.

Ditto for the school districts and their board members.

Special thanks to school district superintendents and their Dave wranglers: Dr. Rickie Harris, Lorraine Shannon, Dawn Martin, Trisha Spears and Thereze Sichko at West Orange-Cove CISD; Dr. Pauline Hargrove, Stacey Brister, Sherry Combs, Linda Ludwig and Diane Brown at Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD; Dr. Mike Kelly, Marzena Fuselier, Jean Magnuson and Cil Dixon at Bridge City ISD; and Dr. Shaun McAlpin, Brian Ousley and Marla Dubose at Orangefield ISD.

At the Port District, kudos are due Keith Wallace, Debbie Britnell and Lorrie Taylor, with Chief Appraiser Scott Overton my chief explainer at the OC Appraisal District.

Of course, Scott compiles and turns the taxable values over to OC Tax Assessor-Collector Karen Fisher to prepare and mail all the notices.

Karen is one of dozens of Orange County elected and non-elected employees who helped me downtown and out at the Expo Center and - if I did my job -- helped the paper's readers understand where their tax dollars go.

Don't let me forget all those who get it done for Orange County's non-profits - from the Red Cross to the Lions Club to the Salvation Army - and those who work

for the businesses big and small to promote Orange County, especially Ida Schossow. She has patiently answered my questions from my arrival on scene.

As I wrote on June 1, Orange County has at least \$16 billion in projects underway or "in the pipeline."

The biggest ones - a \$6 billion ethylene plant proposed by Chevron-Phillips Chemical, a \$6 billion ethylene plant by Enterprise Products, and a \$1.8 billion Entergy power plant - are awaiting final investment decisions or Public Utility Commission approval.

Vicki Derese, spokesperson for C-P Chem, confirms that her company's go/no-go decision is still expected by the end of 2022.

Shawn Sparrow of Houseman Companies tells me all the dirt work being done between Whataburger and the Social Security office on the I-10 eastbound feeder road is "no story yet."

He explained that the dirt is from digging the drainage detention ponds that are required to accompany the roadway for the Gisela Houseman Medical Center.

What he didn't say was if any of the lots surrounding the Houseman Center footprint had been bought or set aside for future ancillary medical businesses.

An optimist sees a bustling future for Orange County. Good luck, Orange County. Stay in touch.

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with more experience from last year, so we're just hoping that will pay off for

them," Peevey evaluated. An important returning Lady Bobcat is junior Bri-

anna Moore at setter. Coach Peevey explained, "With the experience she

gained last year I expect her to be kind of our quarterback on the floor this

year if at all possible. She also plays really good de-

LADY BOBCATS Page 2B

The high school volleyball season officially starts in a month during the first week of August.



Dan Perrine

Coaches and players are allowed to do summer workouts once a week and attend camps before the season begins.

The Orangefield Lady Bobcats held a workout the first week of July with Ashlee Broussard Peevey who is starting her sixth year as the coach. Orangefield will play this coming season with a good group of girls returning.

Last year was a real battle in volleyball for Orangefield playing in a tough district that included strong teams at Bridge City, Little Cypress-Mauriceville, and Lumberton. Coach Peevey analyzed, "It tested our junior and sophomore classes a lot, and it allowed us to grow, but it was a very successful and fun season." The Lady Bobcats made the playoffs before being eliminated in the first round by a very good team from Splendora.

Peevey especially enjoyed the team chemistry on last year's squad. "We enjoyed coming to practice every day, we enjoyed being around each other every day, and with a group of teenage girls it's not always that way so you take those groups when you can, and we were very thankful for the season we had," Peevey expressed.

Madison Greenway was a leader for Orangefield last year, and she will be missed a lot according to Coach Peevey along with four other seniors because of graduation. Six Lady Bobcats who played on the varsity last year return for this season.

Libby Thurman is a defensive specialist who is very good on the back row for the Lady Bobcats. Thurman played significant time last season and is expected by Peevey to step up really well this year.

A six-rotation player should be Mackenzie Haley for the Lady Bobcats. Haley's goal is just to be able to attack from anywhere on the floor, and her serve is very good. "She's an outstanding leader on the floor for us," Peevey stated.

Multi-talented Harleigh Rawls does a little bit of everything for Orangefield on the volleyball court. During summer league Rawls did setting, and this could be her most important role this year for the Lady Bobcats. She previously served as the libero for the team and has played other positions. Peevey emphasized, "She's definitely our utility player, a hustling kid that you just want on the floor."

Returning as middle blockers are Kylie Mouton and Greenlea Oldham. "They are coming back

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Kolbie Sowell takes his homerun bat to Alvin Junior College

DAN PERRINE
For The Record

Last season was a great one for the Orangefield Bobcats in baseball as they won their second straight district championship and advanced to the fourth round of the state playoffs for the second year in a row. One of the leading Bobcats was Kolbie Sowell who was swinging his bat next season as a Dolphin at Alvin Junior College.

Sowell was first team All-District his senior year at Orangefield. He was a key defensive player at third base for the Bobcats and a clutch hitter in the middle of the lineup for the team.

A big thrill for Sowell was Orangefield winning back-to-back district titles his last two years there. "Competing the way we did in 4A while also being one of the

smallest schools in the classification against those bigger schools and really showing them it don't matter how big you are, it's how big your heart is," Kolbie reminded.

During his last year with the Bobcats Sowell hit six homeruns to lead all the players in District 22-4A. Kolbie's six homers tied him for ninth place in the state of Texas for the 4A Classification.

A couple of the homeruns he hit last year stand out for Sowell. One of them came during a district game against Little Cypress-Mauriceville which is where Kolbie grew up and had gone to school from kindergarten through eighth grade before moving his freshman year to Orangefield. Sowell responded, "It felt really good to do that against them."

The most memorable homer Kolbie insists was

very dramatic in the playoffs against the Navasota Rattlers. The Bobcats trailed in the bottom half of the last inning during the second game of their series with the Rattlers when Sowell hit a two-out, three-run, walk-off homerun to give Orangefield an exciting 8-6 win and to sweep the series.

Growing up Kolbie was a giant fan of another power hitting third baseman Chipper Jones. "I just loved the way he switch hit for power and the way he played third. He was real fun to watch," Sowell recalled.

This summer Sowell had hoped to play summer ball before classes started at Alvin Junior College. Working summer jobs to earn some extra money while attending college conflicted with the schedule for the summer league he wanted to participate in so Kolbie



Kolbie Sowell

has concentrated on keeping in shape and going to the batting cage to keep his hitting strong.

It will be about another month before Sowell reports to Alvin Junior College to play for the Dolphins. Two of his teammates at Orangefield pitcher Trent Eaves and catcher Macoy Marze also signed scholarships like Kolbie did to play at Alvin. The trio of former Bobcats will be joined by

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The most dramatic of Sowell's six homeruns last season was a two-out, three-run, walk-off homer for Orangefield against Navasota in the post season. RECORD PHOTO: Dan Perrine

Lady Bobcats warm up From Page 1B

fense for us."

There are some holes to fill for Coach Peevey because of graduation last year. "We lost an all-around player, we lost a setter, we lost a hitter, so we do have some really important roles to fill even though I bring back so many. We do have a very large junior class that continues to contribute to our volleyball program," Peevey advised.

Some younger hitters are possibly moving up to the Orangefield varsity this season that will be trying to win spots in the starting lineup. Riley Fuller is a senior moving up from last year's junior varsity, and she will compete for a position on the right side.

The competition for positions on the back row will be very intense. Peevey indicated, "We hope to bring up a few more back row players, but those spots are highly competitive with the junior class that we have. We'll have to make some changes and adjustments. We do have some very promising players that played very well on our junior varsity for us last year to hopefully fill in those holes for us."

A strength again this year for the Lady Bobcats volleyball team should be their team chemistry. "We are facilitating that all summer by getting these girls up here to learn and meet the newer players, to learn each other and new roles. I think we're focusing a lot on team chemistry because we know that no matter where your skill level is if you don't have that team chemistry and

that desire to play for each other you're not going to have the success that you should be having," Coach Peevey stipulated.

Another big focus in the summer workouts is serving. The coach wants her girls to be more consistent and threatening with their serves as the Lady Bobcats go through the lineup.

Leadership from the six returning Lady Bobcats on the varsity is expected. Peevey pointed out, "They have had a taste of success, they know what it takes, and they're very excited. This group at Orangefield is gradually getting more and more excited about volleyball which has been really fun to watch and to experience, so I think that pays off a lot for us. It allows us to have experienced players on the floor at any age and players that genuinely want to see our volleyball program have success. I think that's going to be part of what will help us this year."

This season will see a change in district opponents for the Orangefield Lady Bobcats. The University Interscholastic League (UIL) dropped Orangefield from the 4A classification to 3A because of the school district's enrollment numbers. The UIL did the same thing with Orangefield four seasons ago.

Coach Peevey is excited to be back in 3A with her Lady Bobcats. She predicts the new district will be competitive just like it was last year for Orangefield when it played in the higher classification. "I do think our time in 4A helps us. We're not afraid of those 4A teams, we're not

afraid of big schools, we just go out and compete on the floor," Peevey emphasized.

Expectations are high for the coach and the Lady Bobcats entering the new volleyball season. There are some very good teams in the new 3A district for Orangefield, and it's going to be a battle night in and night out according to Peevey.

Hardin is one of the favorites entering the new season and is always very competitive. The Lady Hornets are well coached and have a strong tradition in volleyball. East Chambers cannot be counted out either for a district title.

The rivalry between Orangefield and Buna is always intense no matter what the sport is. Kountze has a new coach and should be improved this season. Peevey added, "I feel like every team in this district you can't count them out. When they show up, especially to play the Orangefield Lady Bobcats, they're going to put it on you, they're going to try with all their might, so

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Colleges switching to bigger conference for almighty dollar

KAZ'S KORNER Joe Kazmar For The Record

The idea of football teams leaving the conference they have played football in for decades to join the two main "super-conferences" like the Southeastern Conference or the Big Ten came about after the Supreme Court's 1984 antitrust ruling in the case of NCAA vs. Oklahoma's Board of Regents.

This ruling stripped the NCAA of its ability to regulate college football's TV contracts and team appearances on the air, according to an article in Sunday's edition of the Washington Post and was intended to be a corrective to the NCAA's overbearing exercise of its powers.

"But the problem with it is that it failed to recognize there is a legitimate state regulatory interest in curbing the excess profiteering of athletic department scoundrels who are simply using the kids for skim," the article points out.

The big football schools wanted to end the idea that they should have to split airtime and media profits with a bunch of smaller colleges.

Even back then, the regents at the larger prominent schools were talking about forming a single "super-conference" that would compete solely against teams of its same talent caliber and brush aside the smaller schools and not have to share the profits with them. They've been trying to get this done for several decades.

And now with Texas and Oklahoma slipping away from the Big 12 and joining the SEC and UCLA and Southern Cal suddenly deciding to leave the Pac 12 for the Big Ten, this wish of the most prominent schools of both conferences are going where the big money will be available to them.

And with these four teams leaving their respective conferences, the future fate of the Big 12 and the Pac 12 is up in the air. The fan interest and more importantly the dollars will definitely drop if these two conferences can even survive.

There is fear that both of the conferences could end up "in the dustpan of history" and join the Southwest Conference after the Big 8 plucked Texas A&M, Texas, Texas Tech and Baylor and carried on as the Big 12, according to the Associated Press Sunday. The four remaining SWC members found new homes in less-prominent conferences.

The article points out that Washington and Ore-



Joe Kazmar

gon could soon follow USC and UCLA to the Big Ten, which has become a 16-school super-conference stretching from coast to coast. The Big 12 also is eyeing Washington and Oregon along with other less prominent members of the Pac 12—Arizona, Arizona State, Utah and Colorado.

"Pac 12 academic powerhouses Stanford and California-Berkeley may have to decide whether to downgrade their football programs rather than join de facto pro leagues, especially in the wild, wild world of name, image and likeness," the article stated.

There's a huge chance that Atlantic Coast Conference powerhouse Clemson will fill a long-time wish by joining the SEC along with Florida State, although the Seminoles football program has recently fallen on hard times, the article added.

"If the Big Ten wants to expand even more, North Carolina (perhaps in tandem with Duke), Virginia and Georgia Tech are potential targets," the article revealed.

Those teams fortunate to get invited to the two super-conferences should get much richer while those depleted conferences could proceed much in the same fashion as the defunct SWC.

KWICKIES...

The Houston Astros ended up with five players on the American League's All-Star team, with only Jose Altuve voted as a starter at second base. Those chosen by AL manager Dusty Baker were DH Jordan Alvarez, outfielder Kyle Tucker plus pitchers Justin Verlander and Framber Valdez. Alvarez will miss Tuesday night's classic due to a hurt hand.

Tiger Woods will be among the field that tees off tomorrow in the 150th British Open which can be seen on the Golf Channel, NBC, USA and Peacock if you like getting up early in the morning. Tiger said that St. Andrews' Old Course was his favorite golf course in the world. However, Tiger is a 60-1 shot to win the major event. Rory McIlroy is favored at 9-1, followed by Jon Rahm and Xander Schauffele at 14-1, Scottie Scheffler, Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas all at 16-1, Matt Fitzpatrick at 18-1 and Shane Lowry at 22-1.

Hall of Fame-bound Al-

bert Pujols whacked his 684th home run Sunday to help the St. Louis Cardinals to a 4-3 win over the Philadelphia Phillies. Pujols singled to start the go-ahead rally in the eighth inning, but his sixth-inning homer gave him 1,377 extra-base hits to tie legend Stan Musial for third place on the career list.

The Houston Astros may think their 12 ½ game lead is safe over Seattle, but the New York Mets led the National League East Division by 12 ½ games a while back and lead the world champion Atlanta Braves by only 1 ½ games through Sunday.

And speaking of the Braves, they just obtained second baseman Robinson Cano from the Padres for cash and considerations for a minor league deal. The Braves will be without second baseman Ozzie Albies for the next few weeks.

Detroit Tigers' outfielder Robbie Grossman's errorless streak came to an end Sunday after 821 chances since his last error in June 2018.

JUST BETWEEN US...

In a poll released by ESPN Monday morning rating the Top 10 NFL quarterbacks for the 2022 season, it was a close race

for No. 1 which went to Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers followed closely by Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes, then Buffalo's Josh Allen (3), Tampa Bay's Tom Brady (4), Cincinnati's Joe Burrow (5), LA Rams' Matthew Stafford (6), LA Chargers' Justin Herbert (7), Denver Broncos' Russell Wilson (8), Cleveland Browns' Deshaun Watson (9) and Dal-

las Cowboys' Dak Prescott (10). ESPN surveyed more than 50 NFL executives, coaches, scouts and players in revealing its Top 10 quarterbacks for 2022. Watson will be allowed to participate in Cleveland's training camp and play in the preseason games, but his fate for the regular season will be decided by the female judge in the next two weeks.



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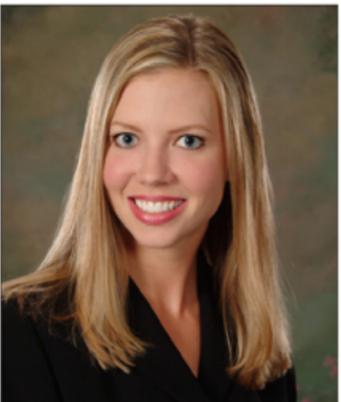


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Timing is Everything: Establishing a Wildflower Garden

John Green
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How quickly time passes us by! Another week has come and gone. Summer is going to be with us for several months, providing us ample opportunity to continue with our seasonal gardening tasks such as lawn maintenance, weeding flower beds, harvesting vegetables, replanting vegetable gardens and replacing faded spring flowers with summer plantings. Many gardeners also choose to undertake larger garden projects during the spring and summer months, often adding water features or ponds, lengthening flower beds, building raised vegetable gardens, creating functional outdoor space for entertaining, or in my case, building a greenhouse (inundated by material shortages, shipping delays and even weather events). Soon, I will write about how to build a greenhouse, including challenges and lessons learned but this is a topic for another day.

Today, I want to discuss Texas wildflowers, (of which there are many) but first, I want to share with you a vivid memory (my initial encounter) with one of Texas wildflowers. It was my first journey through Texas Hill Country during the spring of 2010. I had recently relocated from Mobile, AL to LaBelle, TX. Scheduled to attend multiple training sessions in Austin, I decided to drive rather than fly, to learn more about Texas byways and see a few sights along the way. I was not prepared for what I was going to see and for this gardener, it was humbling. I had never heard of or for that matter, seen a Texas Bluebonnet. I had the profound good fortune



Flowering Bluebonnets and Indian Paintbrush bloom along a roadside in Texas Hill Country. (Image courtesy of texashillcountry.com)

nate of witnessing Bluebonnets blooming en masse! A truly amazing sight to behold, which remains imprinted on my mind to this day!

How many times have you driven on Texas highways during the spring and wished to grow wildflowers in your own yard or pasture? For most of us, the thought of planting wildflowers occurs as we are viewing these beautiful flowers. Unfortunately, spring is the incorrect time to plant wildflower seeds. Wildflower seeds must be planted months before to establish healthy root systems before they can grow into plants which will provide stunning visual displays. You might have already guessed but now is the time to plan for your wildflower garden and to place orders for wildflower seeds.

Typically, August through December are the most favorable months for planting wildflower seeds. Many species will germinate during autumn allowing the plants enough time to establish healthy and robust root system before going dormant for the

winter. Some seeds will not germinate when the ground temperature is below 70°F and the seeds will remain dormant until it warms up in spring.

Create a Wildflower Garden following these steps:

- Select a location with at minimum 8 hours of full sun, which is well-drained.
- Remove weeds and mow existing vegetation as short as possible, remove clippings.
- Select and purchase the highest quality wildflower seeds.
- Prepared seedbed by raking or lightly tilling the surface to a 1-inch depth.
- Mix wildflower seed with sand, perlite, or potting soil to allow for even distribution (4 parts to 1 part).
- Increase seed coverage by broadcasting in one direction then the opposite direction.
- Press seed into the ground with a flat blade shovel, holding shovel parallel to the ground and tapping
- Lightly water multiple times in short time inter-

vals to mitigate runoff.

Wildflowers add an amazing amount of color and natural beauty to landscapes. They are low maintenance and require little water once established and they will seed themselves year after year. Adverse weather conditions such as drought, or excessive rainfall, can affect the success of wildflowers. Some years flowering will be plentiful and robust and other years flowering will be meager and sparse. Patience is key, they will return.

One final note, as fertilization of wildflowers is not recommended unless the soil where they are grown has been depleted of nutrients. Contact your local AgriLife County Extension office regarding a soil test. Remember fertilizing wildflowers encourages weed growth at the expense of wildflowers.

There are numerous companies where you can purchase wildflower seeds. Here are a few reputable Texas wildflower seed companies: Wildseed Farms in Fredericksburg, Douglas King Seed Company in San Antonio, Jus-

tin Seed Company in Justin, Native American Seed Farm in Junction, Turner Seed Company in Breckenridge, and David's Garden Seeds in San Antonio.

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 gar-

dening questions or would like more information, contact the Orange County Master Gardeners Help-line: (409) 882-7010 or visit our website: <https://txmg.org/orange>, Facebook: Orange County Texas Master Gardeners Association or Email: extension@co.orange.tx.us.

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other local ball players from southeast Texas including Reagan Weiblinger and Bryce Munoz from Vidor, Kaden Copes of Lumberton, and Hardin-Jefferson's Hunter Hill.

Sowell does have aspirations to play baseball after graduation from college. Kolbie admitted, "I'd really like to play baseball as far as I can to see where it takes me. I'd love that to happen, it would be a dream come true."

College and learning a trade is the top priority now for Kolbie. "But, if I can't make anything out of baseball I'm going to try to be a process technician which is what I plan to major in and go to work long term," Sowell concluded.

Kolbie Sowell is a hard worker and will be a success at whatever or on whatever field he applies his efforts. Good luck to him.

Lady Bobcats From Page 1

we've just got to be ready."

The coach described her expectations for the coming season. "My desire for the Lady Bobcats is always best to go out and give the best we can, compete on the floor every play, and where ever we end up in October, November hopefully that's first or second place in the district that's our goal, that's what we're looking for always a district championship. We just set our bar high and work towards it," Peevey concluded.

The season starts for Orangefield with scrimmages at Nederland and Vidor on August 5 and August 6. The Lady Bobcats will then host the

Lumberton Lady Raiders on Tuesday, August 9, at the Bobcat Gym for freshman, junior varsity, and varsity games.

The district games begin on Friday, September 9, for Orangefield against the Kirbyville Lady Wildcats. The varsity game starts the action in Bobcat Gym at 4:30 PM.

Throughout the district schedule Friday action will have the varsity game begin at 4:30 PM with the junior varsity and freshmen games to follow. Tuesdays the action begins with the freshmen playing at 4:30 PM followed by the junior varsity and concluding with the varsity game.

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Bite continues to heat up with the weather

OUTDOORS Capt. Chuck Uzzle For The Record

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

The "pre-dawn patrol" down in the channel south of the Causeway have really put together a pattern over the last couple of weeks and it's holding steady. Swim baits and topwater plugs are the most popular choices right now as the fish are super concentrated around various pieces of structure and bottom contours. One thing that many anglers overlook right now is how many fish will hold in one particular spot. If you are running shoreline or rocks and get bit don't leave too fast, you may be running



Chuck Uzzle

away from a bigger group of fish than you realize.

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

If you feel like venturing offshore to some of the short rigs you can make quick work of the trout and they have been great quality fish. Plenty of specks in the 18 to 24 inch class are coming from the short rigs on soft plastics when the wind allows. The Spanish mackerel are also



there in solid numbers so be prepared to lose a few baits as they will saw off everything that's not tied to wire.

Easily the folks who

should be the most excited about the conditions are the offshore folks. Pretty water and cooperative weather patterns are exactly what the anglers

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

Remember that next time you vote as you suffer from sticker shock at the pump.

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

A&M Forest Service warns large wildfires possible

Staff Report For The Record

COLLEGE STATION, Texas—Hot and dry conditions across the state of Texas will create high wildfire potential through the weekend.

Continued triple digit temperatures and dry conditions will reduce the moisture in vegetation across the landscape, increasing the possibility for wildfire ignitions to occur this week.

Today, the fire environment will support an increased potential for large wildfires that are resistant to control to occur near Wichita Falls, Fort Worth, Waco, Austin, San Antonio, San Angelo and Abilene. Portions of East Texas may be susceptible to large wildfires for areas near Athens, Tyler, Longview, Palestine and Huntsville.

"An added complexity to the fire environment this week is the potential for thunderstorms," said Luke Kanclerz, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Analyst. "Wildfire ignitions due to lightning will be possible because of the underlying drought and vegetation dryness. Increased wind speeds from nearby thunderstorms can cause a sudden increase in fire activity, creating safety concerns for firefighters."

State and local resources have been busy over recent weeks with wildfire response. Over the past 10 days, Texas A&M Forest Service resources have responded to 98 wildfires that burned 17,763 acres across the state. This includes 43 new wildfires from July 8-10.

Firefighters continue suppression efforts on several wildfires burning across the state, including the Blanket Fire in Brooks County (5,900 acres, 70% contained), Spade Ranch Fire in Mitchell County (500 acres, 50% contained), Hard Castle Fire in Bosque County (540 acres, 70% contained) and Deerhead Fire in Baylor County (500 acres, 75%

contained).

Texas A&M Forest Service continues to monitor the situation closely and has positioned personnel and equipment across the state for a quick and effective response to any requests for assistance.

"With persistent hot and dry conditions as well as an intensifying drought, many recent wildfires have required more time and resources to fully contain," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. "The job of our state and local firefighters becomes more difficult and dangerous under these circumstances, and we need Texans to be cautious of any activity that causes sparks and may ignite a wildfire."

Fireline supervisors, command staff and incident commanders with advanced qualifications are also strategically placed across the state to respond. Additionally, 391 personnel from 33 states are in Texas to support wildfire response efforts.

Aircraft continue to be a beneficial asset in supporting suppression efforts on the ground, aiding in the protection of structures and other valuable resources.

Thirty-six aviation aircraft are staged in state, including five large air tankers, 12 single engine air tankers, six air attack platforms, five type 1 helicopters, two type 2 helicopters and four type 3 helicopters.

Three strike teams, which include 42 personnel and 10 engines, are mobilized via Texas Intra-state Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) and are currently assigned to wildfires.

Stay wildfire aware. If a wildfire is spotted, immediately contact local authorities.

For current conditions and wildfire outlook, visit the Texas Fire Potential Outlook <https://bit.ly/3kemhbg>.

Texas A&M Forest Service does not own any aviation but instead uses federal aviation contracts.

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

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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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1. Verdant
5. Vietnamese neighbor
8. "Before" prefix
11. Curved molding
12. *It rings at midnight on Christmas Eve at church
13. Yarn store unit
15. Relating to armpit
16. Criminal's surprise
17. Nephew's sister
18. *4th of July spectacle
20. 1952 Olympics host
21. 1,000 kilograms
22. Meat sauce
23. Vacation location
26. French painter of "La Danse" fame
30. Menu words (2 words)
31. Lean
34. Wine valley
35. Impertinent
37. *Annual Assumption tradition blesses it
38. #2 Down, pl.
39. Highest volcano in Europe
40. Puppies
42. Bit of binary code
43. Dean's official residence
45. Small stream
47. Wine quality
48. Bilbo Baggins' land
50. Windsor family's sport
52. *Popular New Year's libation
56. Stored by bees

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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:
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59. Make laugh
60. Tear
61. Tibetan priest
62. Woolen cap
63. Banned insecticide
64. Big Bang's original matter
- DOWN**
1. Bakery serving
2. Tangelo
3. Scorch
4. Regarding this point
5. "Live and ____"
6. Description for twins
7. Auto pioneer
8. Banana remnant
9. Puerto ____
10. Compass bearing
12. "Jane Eyre" author
13. Pig part
14. *Action under mistletoe
19. Like a damaged apple, possibly
22. Jam container
23. Torn down
24. Fill with optimism
25. Sweating room
26. *Thanksgiving's main event?
27. Beauty parlor
28. Chiropractor's concern
29. Painting holder
32. Light gray
33. "Wow!"
36. *Birthday cake decorations
38. Seize the throne
40. Kind of humor
41. Ready
44. Deteriorate
46. Just about
48. Jumped aside
49. Lacked
50. Type of cotton
51. Female gamete
52. *Valentine's Day tradition
53. *New Year's resolution weight or savings target
54. One in a roster
55. Red-encased cheese
56. *Graduation flyer

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