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County Judge confirms he has COVID-19

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

In the middle of the worst spike yet in local coronavirus cases, Orange County Judge John Gothia has tested positive for COVID-19, he told the County Record and Penny Record newspapers Tuesday.

Gothia missed last Tuesday's every-other-week meeting of Commissioners Court because he was ill, then canceled a meeting with city mayors Friday because he wasn't feeling well. He missed Tuesday's specially called Commissioners Court meeting.

"I found out [Monday] night," said the county's top elected official. "Now I have seven more days of quarantine."

The judge said he hadn't



Gothia

been able to determine how the respiratory illness was passed on to him.

"We haven't been able to figure out anybody sick that I've been around," he said.

Gothia said Tuesday morning he had a headache, fever, sore throat and body aches.

"It's the typical flu," he said. "I've got no energy. I can't do anything."

Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Orange County basically doubled in June, going from a total of 98 confirmed cases as of May 28 to 191 cases on June 23, the last report released by the Orange County Public Health Department.

The Texas Department of

Health and Human Services puts out daily county-by-county lists and it reported 212 confirmed cases in Orange County on June 30.

Active cases in the county had skyrocketed from 12 on May 28 to 79 on June 23.

A new weekly report is expected in a day or two and Joel Ardoin, county emergency management coordinator, said he expected the numbers to keep trending up in July's first report.

"I look for the numbers to

spike again," he said. "In my opinion, it'll be a big spike judging from the number of people wanting to be tested."

The county had its biggest single-day testing event Sunday, as the walk-in testing at the Bridge City Community

Center Sunday saw 267 residents tested in just seven hours.

Another three testing dates have been set for the county in mid-July, Ardoin

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State Rep seeks 'duty to intervene' for cops

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For The Record

State Rep. James White wants to make it clear: a law enforcement officer must intervene to stop a fellow law enforcement officer who is using unreasonable force or otherwise violating a citizen's constitutional and civic rights.

But the Republican from Hillister, who is Black, says the Texas Constitution leaves some wiggle room on the subject and he wants all the dots connected.

"There seems to be an assumption that since there is not specific state statutory guidance [in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure] for one Texas peace officer to ascertain if another peace officer is violating the rights of a detainee, there is not a requirement for any Texas peace officer to guarantee any constitutional protections," White wrote Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton June 14.

A Houston native and an Army veteran who served in Germany during the final years of the Cold War, White was teaching government and coaching in Woodville prior to being elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 2010. He is chairman of the House Committee on Corrections and sits on the Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee, among others.

His June 14 letter to Paxton was a request for the Attorney General to interpret language in the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Texas Penal Code as a "duty to intervene" policy such as the one recently adopted by



White

the Dallas Police Department to hold law enforcement officials accountable.

The letter came in the middle of a national protest aimed at holding law enforcers accountable for their treatment of people in their custody. The May 25 death, videotaped by a bystander, of a man Minneapolis police suspected of passing a counterfeit \$20 bill touched off marches and demonstrations around the globe.

In Minneapolis, three of the four police officers involved stood by as fellow officer Derek Chauvin caused Floyd's death by kneeling on his neck for nearly nine minutes.

Ultimately, all four were fired and charged criminally. But the question lingering was how many times had a similar abuse of police authority gone unpunished because videotape was unavailable to the public?

"We know it's usually a very small few that are abusing citizens' rights under the cover of law in the presence of a law enforcement officer," White said in an interview with The Record Newspapers.

"The question is, 'Are law enforcement officers held to a standard that they must intervene when they see other law enforcement officers violating a citizen's rights?'"

"If we don't have that basic fundamental concept, it doesn't matter what laws we change, because at the end of

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Cleanups to 'Make Bailey's Great Again'

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For The Record

Linsey Williamson is a new mother who hopes to let her child learn the joys of fishing in the marsh below the Rainbow Bridge, like she did.

"I've always come to Bailey Road since I've lived in Bridge City," she said.

"I want my child to be able to be with me out here, but then you come down and see all the broken glass and fishing hooks everywhere.

"It's our little hidden gem in Bridge City. For the people who live here to come out and trash it like they do ..."

Native Americans fished the waters hundreds of years ago and longtime Bridge City residents tell stories of all the artifacts they found.

For more than 100 years, on a 2.5-mile road that appears on various maps under three names - Lake Street, Old Ferry Road and Bailey Road -- the area has been a recreation area for Orange Countians.

Bailey's Fish Camp was a



Cleanup organizer Joe Henry points out old appliances dumped off Bailey Road in Bridge City. He and a neighbor are leading a 'Let's Make Bailey's Great Again' campaign.

RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

home to both trappers and fishermen in the first half of the 20th century. Members of the Bailey family operated a restaurant, gas station, liquor store and dance hall on

the road. The ferry boat and landing, which was the only way across the Neches River to Port Arthur before the Rainbow Bridge opened in 1938,

was located along the road. Most refer to the area as "Bailey's." It is part of the Lower Neches River Wildlife

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Abbott bans elective surgeries in four more Texas counties to preserve hospital capacity

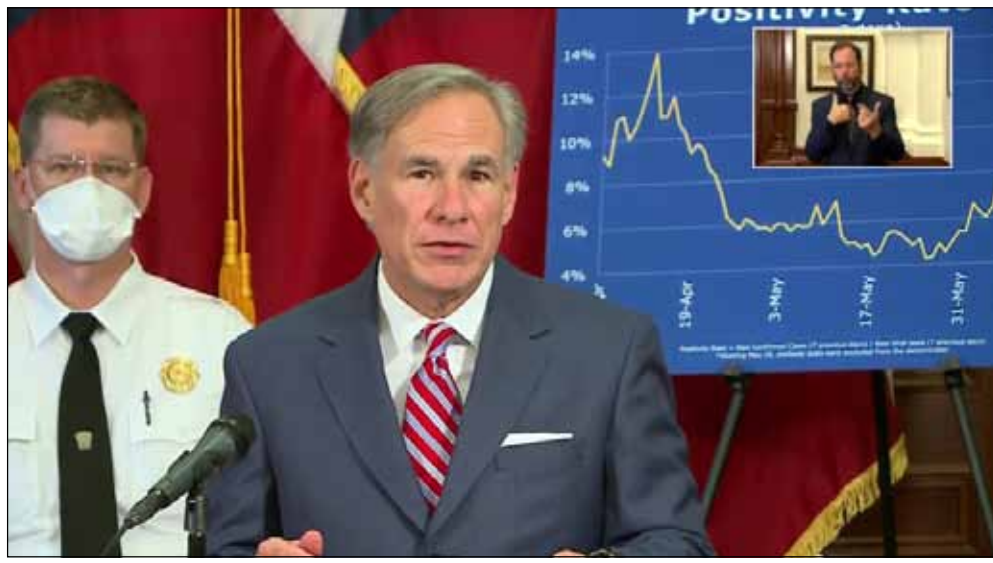
Sarah R. Champagne
The Texas Tribune

Gov. Greg Abbott said Tuesday morning that he is putting a stop to elective surgeries and other procedures in four South Texas counties that are seeing a rapid surge of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

The latest ban on elective procedures applies to Cameron, Hidalgo, Nueces and Webb counties. Last week, Abbott banned those procedures in Bexar, Dallas, Harris and Travis counties.

"I want to remind all Texans that each of us have a responsibility to help slow the spread of this virus, and I urge everyone to wear a mask, wash their hands regularly, practice social distancing, and stay home if possible," Abbott wrote in a press release.

Statewide, more than 5,900 patients in Texas were hospitalized with coronavirus on Monday, a record-breaking number and a figure that has been going up nearly every day since June 1. According to data from Texas Department of State Health Services, there were 1,411 available intensive care unit beds and 13,825 avail-



Abbott is banning elective procedures to preserve space for coronavirus patients.

able hospital beds, but with regional disparities.

The four counties added Tuesday to the ban are the hardest hit by COVID-19 in South Texas. As of Monday, Nueces County had total 1,915 cases; Cameron County had 2,183 cases; Hidalgo County 3,294 cases, and Webb County 1,457 cases.

In the Lower Rio Grande Valley, a trauma service region that includes Cameron and Hidalgo counties, 45 ICU beds were available as of Monday.

On Monday, two South

Texas Democrats, U.S. Reps. Filemon Vela and Vicente Gonzalez, asked Abbott in a letter to send National Guard forces in the Rio Grande Valley and shift the troops that are there for border protection to provide medical support. On the same day, Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño implemented a curfew and closed beaches, given the "exponential rate of people being admitted to area hospitals due to COVID-19."

The city of Laredo, in Webb County along the U.S.-

Mexico border, reinstated similar protective measures with currently 69 people hospitalized, including 29 under intensive care, a rise from previous weeks.

Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez has asked the state to send nurses to support medical staffing.

"We have been monitoring our hospital capacity and have concluded that the medical workers who are working tirelessly in our community could use additional help," Cortez wrote in a release Sunday.

In the Coastal Bend trauma service region, comprising the city of Corpus Christi in Nueces County, only 9 ICU beds were recorded as available on Monday. Nueces County Judge Barbara Canales has asked citizens to stay home through a text message: "Our local hospitals and clinics are strained as hospitalizations rapidly increase," Canales wrote.

Abbott previously issued a statewide elective surgery

ban. That one lasted about a month before Abbott eased it in late April, allowing hospitals to resume nonessential procedures under certain conditions, as long as 15% of beds were reserved for coronavirus patients.

Under the current ban, medical procedures required for "a serious medical condition, or to preserve life," can still take place, at the decision of a patient's physician.

Work-search requirement delayed for unemployment benefits

The Texas Workforce Commission decided Tuesday to postpone reinstating a work-search requirement for out-of-work Texans receiving unemployment benefits.

The requirement that Texans be actively searching for a job in order to receive benefits was initially slated to go into effect Monday. But the TWC's executive director cited rising numbers of coronavirus cases and hospitalizations across Texas — as

well as Gov. Greg Abbott's June 26 executive order scaling back the reopening of Texas businesses — in the commission's decision to postpone the reinstatement, according to TWC spokesperson Cisco Gamez.

"Work search requirements have been paused," Gamez wrote in an email. "We will continue to monitor the situation [and] come back to the commission in late July with recommenda-

tions regarding reinstatement."

The requirement would have mandated that when requesting unemployment benefits, out-of-work Texans prove they engaged in at least three work-search activities. Self-employed workers would have had to prove they took at least three steps to reopen their businesses.

Gamez originally defended the July 6 reinstatement of the work-search require-

ment, noting that the searches can be performed remotely in order to avoid exposure to the coronavirus.

"Work search activities can be completed at home without potential exposure to COVID-19," he wrote in a June 16 email to the Texas Tribune.

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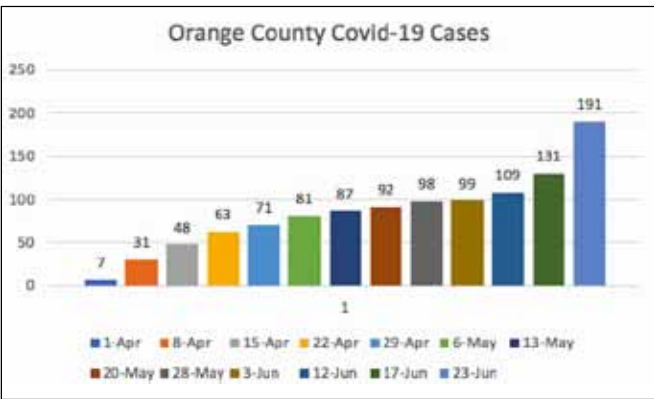
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said, though details are still to be worked out. He said the Texas military mobile unit that conducted the Bridge City testing would be at the Orange Armory on July 12 and other testing dates are July 15-16, at least one of which will be in Vidor.

Both Ardoin and Dr. Calvin Parker, county health director, said the huge increase of 60 new cases reported June 23 was due largely to a nursing home in Vidor that had reported 28 positive cas-

es. "But out of that, only one case was symptomatic," Ardoin said, meaning the patient had the symptoms of COVID-19.

The state was supposed to have tested all the county's nursing homes weeks ago, but somehow didn't report the numbers from this one.

"The big jump came when all those numbers dumped in at one time," Parker said.

The good news of all is the fact that of the 79 active cas-

es noted on the June 23 report only 3 citizens were listed as hospitalized. And best of all, only 3 Orange County residents have died of the 200-plus cases recorded.

"I haven't seen as many sick people as I was early on, even though there are more positives," Parker said. "It could be because more tests are available and people are more open to testing."

Ardoin opined: "We're seeing more positives from the younger group, and COVID's not affecting them as much. That's been the trend nationwide."

Parker was pleased by the relative lack of deaths.

"Orange County has been very fortunate in the death rate," he said, "although the families of those who died may not feel fortunate. Only three of four dead over six months, that's pretty amazing."

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Management Area.

"We want to make the area real nice again, but it's going to take time to do it and we need help doing it," said Joe Henry, who has teamed up with Williamson and others for an effort they're calling "Let's Make Bailey's Great Again."

There's a Facebook page under that name and the first group effort will be a pair of trash-off events from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. July 11 and July 25.

He's aiming for anywhere from 30 to 50 people showing up to help each of those days.

"We hope to go from the entrance to the old ferry landing the first day, and from there to the end of the road, where the trash is 10 times worse, the next time," Henry said.

The organizers are signing up sponsors and volunteers. They've already lined up a meal plan.

"We'll have boudain and links," Henry said.

Williamson said she's reaching out to local Scouts and Henry said he was getting a good response from flyers posted at three high-volume establishments.

Until those establishments – all bars – were shut down last week, again, by the state's Covid-19 social distancing rules.

But Henry says both Bridge City Mayor David Rutledge and Orange County officials are backing his play.

"Bridge City is taking all the trash we pick up, and if they get full, the county will take it," Henry said. "Orange County is providing a truck and trailer."

Rutledge has plans for improvements as well.

Five small handicap accessible family-size fishing piers have been built on one end of the road.

"I want to put three to five more on that long stretch and make it look good," Henry said.

"The mayor wants to put a boat ramp out here, make this a place where everyone can come, make it look like it used to," he said.

His dreams include some lights and more trash cans, which Henry pledges to empty every day.

The group is looking for Bridge City business owners to pay \$40 each to sponsor one of eight signs bearing the messages "Do Not Litter" and "Slow Down-Families at Play" he plans to erect.

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the day it will still involve a law enforcement officer protecting the rights of citizens when those rights are being abused by other law enforcement officer," White said.

White said when he was in the military, there was no question about a soldier's responsibilities.

"As a soldier, whether you're a private or a general and everybody in between, you have a responsibility to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and other treaties this country has signed off on. If you see someone about to do a war crime, you're required not to participate; and 2, do something."

In his letter requesting an Attorney General opinion, White quoted statutes that said, "a Texas peace officer has the duty to preserve the peace within the officer's jurisdiction," "the officer shall

[act] to prevent or suppress crime," and, the Texas Penal Code "strongly prohibits a public servant acting under the color of his office [to] intentionally subject another to mistreatment or to arrest, detention, search, seizure ..."

Connecting the statutes, White asked Paxton, "Is there a current duty to intervene and if so what is the punishment/sanction for a Texas peace officer who fails to intervene and attempt to protect the federal and state constitutional rights of a Texas citizen?"

He told The Record Newspapers that waiting for the next meeting of the state Legislature to convene next year wasn't good enough.

"With so many of our citizens going to the street exercising their constitutional rights to emphasize changes that need to be made, we

elected officials don't need to just be looking for what we're going to do in January 2021. We need to look at what we can do now," White said.

He said what they need to do now is make sure all of the state's law enforcement officers know they have duty to intervene.

"Members of the Legislature need to look at state-sponsored law enforcement agencies to make sure they know this is the case, and that the Legislature will better support our police chiefs, mayors and city councils that have oversight of these law enforcement agencies.

"This is definitely not about defunding police. This is about valuing and strengthening our law enforcement officers. It doesn't matter how many laws I pass if there's no one there to enforce the law."



An appeal has been launched after a dog was snatched by a seagull and carried away in the bird's beak.

Becca Hill, 24, of Paignton, Devon, said she hopes her four-year-old miniature chihuahua, Gizmo, is still alive after the incident.

Hill said the dog was grabbed and carried "a fair way" away by the seagull.

"My partner was in the garden putting the washing out at the time and suddenly he saw it swoop down. It carried Gizmo a fair way as we couldn't see him anymore. I have no idea if he was dropped or where he is now," Hill told the Devon Live website.

She also posted about Giz-

mo on Facebook. "Please, please, please, anyone finds a chihuahua he's mine, a seagull took him from my garden," she wrote.

Hill said her six-year-old daughter is "really upset"

and "missing her dog".

Fortunately, the child did not witness Gizmo being taken away. Anyone with information on where Gizmo is is asked to call 07774724797.

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THE CHAOS CONTINUES

Back before **Donald Trump** was elected president I said, "If elected president it would be four years of chaos." That's how his entire life had been, with over 4,000 lawsuits. I also predicted that two things he would never do was release his taxes and fall out with **Russian President Putin**. I added maybe both for same reason. From day one, when **Trump** exaggerated the number of people who attended his inauguration, it's been daily chaos. **Fact Check** says along the way he has told **20,000 lies**. He's an impeached president and he brought most of it on himself. He joined at the hip with **Putin** and that is really scary. If **Trump** gets re-elected there is much more chaos to come. ****For now I have to move on. **Come along, I promise it won't do you no harm.**

RUSSIAN BOUNTY ON TROOPS— WHAT WE KNOW

United States intelligence officials said **Russian operatives** secretly offered cash payments to **Taliban**, linked militants, to kill coalition troops including **Americans in Afghanistan**. The **New York Times**, which first reported the story Friday, said a unit of **Russia's** military intelligence agency, the **GRU**, which is known for orchestrating assassinations and destabilization efforts against **Western** democracies, was behind the bounties on **American** troops. **President Donald Trump** said he didn't know about the reported bounties. Suspicions about **Russia** deepened when members of the elite **Navel Special Warfare Development Group**, known to the public as **SEAL Team 6**, raided a **Taliban** outpost and recovered roughly \$500,000 in early 2020. Some **U.S.** officials have long accused **Russian President Vladimir Putin** of acting against **American** interest in **Afghanistan**. The **Times** and **AP** reported that **Trump** was briefed on the intelligence assessment. According to the **Times**, the briefing took place in late March. The **Times** defended its reporting, "We stand by our story, the details of which have not been denied by the **President's** own **National Security** agencies," spokeswoman **Eileen Murphy** said. **Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell** said in a statement that he has "long warned about **Russia's** efforts to undermine **U.S.** interests in the **Middle East** from **Syria** to **Afghanistan**." Presumptive **Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden** seized on the reports, which he called "shocking." "The commander in chief of **American** troops, serving in the dangerous theater of war, has known about this for months, according to **The Times**, and done worse than nothing." **Biden** said **Trump's** entire presidency "has been a gift" to **Putin**, "but this is beyond the pale."

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2010 SAYING GOODBYE TO 'BUCKSHOT'

Lester "Buckshot" Winfree passed away July 2, 2010. His father **Laurence** had nicknamed him "Buckshot" as a baby and he proudly carried the name until death. Many of his friends and family overflowed **Winfree Baptist Church** Tuesday, July 6, for his final farewell. "Buck" had touched many lives and they had come to pay their respects. Starting as a young man, "Buckshot" built a successful business from the ground up. Three of his friends, **Jerry Davidson**, **Wayne Peveto** and **Roy Dunn**, spoke at his service but there were many in attendance that had traveled down life's trail with him. They all have great stories and memories. I thought of **Lynwood Sanders**, who was sitting there, eyes filled with tears. **Lynwood**, an attorney, had participated in almost every deal "Buck" had made. **Bobby Cormier** and "Buckshot" were like brothers. "Buck" the older, had taught **Bobby** how to ride a horse. They had been inseparable most of their lives. **Johnny Montagne**, over the last couple of years, was a daily companion, taking him to exercise, haircuts etc. "Buck" told him "When you go to visit someone don't stay long, they won't like you because you'll wear your welcome out." His beautiful wife, **Barbara**, had lost the love of her life, her partner for 46 years and she knew life would never be the same again. The children, sons **Will** and **Kirk**, daughters **Leslie** and **Elizabeth** and their families, along with mother-in-law **Dorothy**, were saying goodbye to the greatest man they had known. He was always there through their good and bad times; their world will never be the same. **Buckshot** was laid to rest in the family cemetery, alongside the family he had so much pride in. His heritage was very important to him, going back to the day when **Claiborne West** had spent the night with his great-grandfather there in **Winfree Community**. He loved his church, family and the community he had spent an entire life in. He was an unselfish person whose concerns were always about others regardless of their status in life. He treated all the same. A quite mannered fellow who was always fair, a man of principle who was so smooth people never thought of him as a politician yet he was never defeated for public office and served as president of the **Port of Orange** for many years. We at **The Record** are proud that a couple of months ago he was named as our **Person of the Year**. ******Pat Pate** has had surgery for her back at **Houston Methodist**. **H.D.** has been with her and says they are looking forward to coming home by the weekend. ****Last week we reported that **Walter Toronjo** had a stroke and was in grave condition. We are sad to report he passed away June

30 at age 87. Services were Monday, July 5, at **Winfree Baptist Church**. To **Juanita** and her family, we send our deepest condolences. We were also saddened to learn about the death of **Flora Lynn Gisclair**, 82. She died July 4. Services are pending. ****Special folks celebrating birthdays this week: **David Peck**, incoming **Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1**, celebrates Wednesday, July 7. ****Our bud at **Bridge City High**, **Donna Riley**, celebrates this week. She has been a valuable friend through the years. **Lovely **Donna Peterson** celebrated this week also. She just doesn't age. *****Coach Billy Bryant** is a year older as is **Patrick Halliburton**. **A great guy, **Cleon Hogan**, takes another step up the ladder of life. *****Lanna Griffith and Elizabeth Dupuis** both celebrate next week. Nice ladies. ******Chelsea Clinton** and finance, **Marc Mezvinsky** will wed July 31 in upstate New York at a private mansion in the village of **Rhinebeck**. Her parents, former **President Bill** and **Secretary of State Hillary Clinton**, will both be part of the wedding ceremony. ******Tiger Woods'** divorce from **Elin Nordegren** cost him around \$100 million. That's more than the pre-nuptial agreement. **Tiger** was worth \$600 million before last week's divorce. ****Scientists have found that a single gene guides the development of all brain cells and central nervous system. It may make it possible to treat and rejuvenate brain stem cells inside the both rather than in a lab.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN Obituaries 10 Years Ago-2010

Lois Foreman Frederick, 59, of **Orange**, died Wednesday, June 30. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 3. She was secretary for **Little Cypress Mauriceville High School** for 27 years. **Lois** is survived by her daughter **Deedie Frederick Mooney** and sons, **Dylan** and **John Roy Frederick Jr.**; grandsons, **Drew** and **Matt Frederick**. **Lois** is also survived by her former husband and best of friend, **John Roy Frederick Sr.** of **Mauriceville**; and her loving companion of 20 years, **Jim Cornish** of **Vidor**. ******Gail Powell Guelker**, 59, of **Orange**, died Tuesday, June 29. **Gail** is survived by her husband, **W.F. "Pete" Guelker**; parents, **John T. "Pete"** and **Lois Powell**; sons **Eli**, **Keith** and **Allen**; grandchildren, **Amanda** and **Ashley Guelker**. ******Steve Simon**, 52, of **Bridge City**, died Wednesday, June 30. **Steve** is survived by his daughter, **Elizabeth Anne Simon**; and six brothers, **Joseph Arthur Simon**, **John E. Simon**, **Raymond Simon**, **Jim Simon**, **Chester Simon** and **Edward Simon**.

40 Years Ago-1980

H.D. Pate took daughters, **Shelly** and **Penny**, to see **Jersey Jeff** at the **Palace**, in **Beaumont**. **Penny** knew all the words to all of the songs. **H.D.'s** favorite **Jeff** song is "L.A. Freeway." ******Dave Wiltshire** of **Port Arthur** swears in **Barney Morris** as **Orange Rotary** president. **Morris** replaces **Jim Stelly**. **Barney** joined **Orange Rotary** in 1952 sponsored by the late **Johnny McGee**. **Barney** is a **CPA** in both **Texas** and **Missouri**, where he's a **Washington University** grad. He is a former manager for **Price Waterhouse and Co.** in its **St. Louis** office. He was a **Navy** combat intelligence officer in the **Pacific Ocean** in **WW II**. **Stelly** presented the **Stark** pin to **Barney**, who promised to keep it under lock and key. ****A few items from **Danny's Food Center** are boneless briskets, \$1.18 per lb. *****Hormel Bacon**, 3 lb. box, ends only, 98 cents. *****Side of beef**, \$1.38 lb., cut and wrapped free. *****Chuck roast**, \$1.18 lb. *****Danny's Boudain**, \$1.58 lb. ***Three quart bottle **Coca Cola**, \$1. **** Owners sell **Opportunity Valley News, Community Post**, in **Port Arthur** and **Triangle Press**, in **Beaumont** to **Cox Enterprises**. Owner **Roy Dunn** will remain as a consultant for five years. The business became **Golden Triangle Publications** as of July 1. **Bill Maroney**, publisher of the **Port Arthur News**, is president, **John Dubose**, treasurer and **Ken Murrell**, vice president and general manager. **Cox** is an **Atlanta** based company with newspapers and cable companies throughout the country. (Editor's note: The **OVN**, distributed in the **Orange County** market, enjoyed tremendous popularity. The **Community Post** was an overnight success and **Triangle Press** printed weekly newspapers and circulars throughout east **Texas**. **Dunn** said, "They paid him a lot of money as a consultant and never took one word of advice. They lasted for four or five years. They also bought the **Orange Leader** and later sold the **Port Arthur** and **Orange** papers).

ECONOMY SHRANK TOUGHER TIMES AHEAD

The **United States** economy shrank at a 5.0% rate in the first quarter and a vastly worse performance is expected in the current three-month period. Thursday the **Commerce Department** reported that the decline in the gross domestic product, in the January and March quarter, was the sharpest quarterly decline since an 8.4% tumble in the fourth quarter of 2006. In the last two months of the **George W. Bush** administration nine million jobs were lost. By January 20, 2009, under **President Barack Obama**, the 44th president, unemployment was at an all time high of 10.2 percent. **Obama** had inherited two active wars and an economy on the brink. Two auto makers, **G.M.** and **Chrysler**, were on the verge of bankruptcy and **Ford Motor Company** was barely hanging on. Home owners were upside down on their mortgages, millions of citizens were losing their homes. Small businesses were filing for bankruptcy. The **Obama Administration**, through their economic plan, produced millions of jobs and the largest job growth since the Great Depression. The new administration had come from a great recession to a steady growing economy that produced record breaking job growth each month. The economy, on-the-grow and producing 2.6 million new jobs, was designed to keep growing. On the last day of office unemployment was at a low 4.6 percent. The incoming administration of **Donald Trump**, the 45th president, inherited a growing and stable economy. Unemployment came down by one percentage point to 3.6 percent before the recent crash that matches the large unemployment numbers of the Great Depression. In the next term the occupant of the **White House** will face as dark an economic crisis as the **Obama Administration** did. **Trump** didn't build a strong economy as he claims but he does bare the blame for the present downfall of the great economy he inherited. If it's on your watch, you own it. Every president has crisis, the bottom line is leadership and how they handle it.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

By **Mark Cuban**
"Donald Trump doesn't want to run a country; he wants to run a campaign. **Joe Biden** actually wants to run a country."

A FEW HAPPENINGS

Welcome **Sabine River Ford** to our **Advertising Family**. **Trey Smith** and his staff are offering low-mileage, certified, pre-owned cars and trucks at large savings. Right now you can save thousands of dollars on like-new, barely used vehicles. **Trey** and **Ross Smith** are great hometown folks to do business with. Check them out. You'll love the savings. ****Doctors **Amber** and **Clay Greeson** are the proud parents of their third son, **Rowan Knox**, born Thursday, June 25, in **Vero Beach, Florida**. He joins brothers, 3-year-old **Luke** and **Liam**, almost two. **Rowan** is **Mark Dunn's** fifth grandson, to go with his two granddaughters. Daughter **Amber** is an **Orange County** native and **Bridge City High** graduate. The new baby is **Roy** and **Phyl's** ninth great-grandchild, six boys, three girls and not a **Dunn** in the bunch. ****A few folks celebrating birthdays. I've misplaced my birthday calendar but here are a few I recall. **July 3:** Today **Judge Pete Runnels**, former county judge and **Pinehurst** mayor, celebrates. Also a guy **Pete** help to get elected as county judge **Dean Crooks** shares his birthday. After just a few months **Dean** decided it wasn't his cup of tea and gave it up. **Judge Carl Thibodeaux** returned to serve as interim judge. **John Gothia** is now county judge. ******July 4:** Today is **Independence Day** in the **United States**. **Kellie Derouen** celebrates her birthday today. ******July 5:** One of the good guys **Dr. Rod Fiset** celebrates today. As far as I know **Rod** still lives on **Cow Bayou**. He has been low key; in fact I don't know what happened to any of the **Fiset** brothers. All great guys. ******July 6:** Former president **George W. Bush** turns 74. **A pretty lady, **Lori Winstead**, also celebrates a birthday today. ******July 7:** A good friend, a lovely lady **Donna Peterson** celebrates a birthday today. Also getting a year older is former judge **David Peck**. We think of **David** often and wish him the best. **** Tuesday, June 30, marked the six month anniversary of the first **United States Coronavirus** case. It took 70 days for our federal government to act and still continue to be in denial. On Tuesday, for the first time, **Vice-president Mike Pence** urged citizens to wear face mask. The **President** will still not recommend social distancing and wearing mask. Since that first case the **U.S.** is approaching three million cases, 130 thousand deaths and getting worse. Despite all the sickness the **Trump Administration** is pushing to dismantle the **Affordable Care Act** through the **Supreme Court**. Twenty million Americans would be left with no coverage. Ten other cases remain to be voted on by the court. ****I've been craving some of **Danny's boudain** and have been promised some. It's my opinion that there is none better, not even **Louisiana boudain**, with too much rice and not enough ingredients. I will give the **Blue Ribbon** to **Danny's Boudain** that I have been eating 40 years. ****My favorite fruits are fresh, raw figs and **Ruby Red** grapefruit when in season. Strange combination ain't it. Anyway, our friends **Sue** and **Tommy Simar** and **Sue's son Bud**, came by with fresh figs. They know I love them raw. I'll eat my fill. We thank these kind friends for their extra effort. It is appreciated.

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

July 1: **Charlie Learned**, **Dian Arnold** and **Jeff Eby** celebrate today. ******July 2:** **Nancy Dupuis**, **Maria Garcia**, **Brennon Mitchell** and **Lisa Wilson**. ******July 3:** **Betty Richard**, **Jeanne Donahey**, **Kathy Simmons** and **Ellen Ray**. ******July 4:** Today is **Independence Day**... Celebrating birthdays are **Katy Maloney**, **Lillie Mar Henderson** and **Kellie Derouen**. ******July 5:** A year older today are **Shane Hanks**, **Susie Bickham**, **Charlotte Pruter** and **Debbie Moreau**. ******July 6:** **Makayla Peveto**, **Aaron Myers**, **David May** celebrate. ******July 7:** Celebrating today **Edith Peet**, **Levy Hartman**, and **Jennifer Martinez**.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

July 1: Rapper **Missy Elliott** turns 49, actress **Pam Anderson**, 53 and actor **Dan Ackroyd**, 68. ******July 2:** Actress **Lindsay Lohan**, 34, Race car driver **Richard Petty**, 83 and actor **Kurt Long**, 47. ******July 3:** Actors **Tom Cruise**, 58, **Andrea Barber**, 44 and Chef **Sandra Lee**, 54. ******July 4:** Rapper **Post Malone**, 24, Actors **Neil Morrissey**, 58 and **Angelique Boyer**, 23. ******July 5:** Actress **Edie Falco**, 57, Rock singer **Huey Lewis**, 70 and TV host **Judge Joe Brown**, 73. ******July 6:** Comedian **Kevin Hart**, 41, Actor **Sylvester Stallone**, 74 and Actress **Tamera Mowry**, 41. ******July 7:** Actors **Kirsten Vangsness**, 48 and **Jack Whitehall**, 32 and Comedian **Jim Gaffigan**, 54.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Clotile Brasseaux, 82 years old, her, is a resident of **Sunny Side Nursing Home in Abbeville**. One day last week, she put on her best robe, put a lot of rouge on her cheeks and painted her lips bright red wit da lipstick. She waltzed herself down to where all the men's were in da recreation room, swinging her hips side to side. She stop an announce, "Anyone of you mens who can guess wat's in my hand, can have da pleasure of spending da night wit me." **Old man Bosco Boudreaux** wat is sitting in da back of da room shouts out his answer him. "It's an elephant?" **Clo-**tile her tinks a minute and wit no other guesses, says, "Close enough."

C'EST TOUT THE HEIGHT OF IGNORANCE

On Monday, the **United States Supreme Court** overturned a Louisiana abortion law. Six years ago it overturned the same law in **Texas**. The **Court**, over the years, has had several opportunities to overturn **Roe v Wade**. A republican president, with a republican senate, also could have introduced a bill to overturn **Roe v Wade** and chose not to. It is absolute ignorance for anyone to say such an awful thing as "Democrats are baby killers." Anyone who would say that about fellow Americans, neighbors, friends or family members, who happen to favor a different political party, are not acting like true **Christians**. "Vengeance is mine" said the **Lord**. I'm sure there have been as many republican women as democratic women who have had abortions. That is between them and their **Maker**. Most democrats I know don't favor abortion and are good **Christians**. If you sit in the front pew of the church and accuse half of your brothers and sisters of being killers you are not a true **Christian** and sound very ignorant. **Stop it**. Chances are, long after me and you are gone, **Roe v Wade** will continue to be the law of the land regardless of who we elect as president in the future. ****My time is up. Thanks for yours. Please wear your mask and practice hand washing faithfully. Take can and God bless.

Princess Blue: 30 year old remains found to be Orange woman

DEBBY SCHAMBER
For The Record

Almost every little girl wants to be known as a princess, but for 30 years Julie Gwenn Davis, was actually known as "Princess Blue" since her real identity was unknown.

The discovery of Julie's remains began when a man was headed home after a long day at work in Brazoria County near the city of Manvel on Sept. 10, 1990. Along the way he needed to relieve himself and searched for a place to quickly do it. He decided a dead end road, which was sparsely populated, was the best choice. He pulled onto Highway 288 and parked near a barricade. He noticed a pile of debris and a human skull resting inside the rim of a tire. The man went home and informed his wife of what he had found and the pair called local law enforcement.

Investigators at the scene found about 60 percent of her bones. But, missing were any traces of hair, clothes or any other source of identification. Given the condition of the bones, it is believed the body was there at least six months to a year.

Brazoria County did not have a medical examiner so the case was forwarded to Harris County. The autopsy revealed an upper left front tooth had been surgically removed. Also revealed were two fractured ribs and a tumor under her left knee. The medical ex-

aminer also reported there were no opiates found in her bone marrow. He believed the victim to have died due to foul play although he was unable to determine the manner of death. What would lead the case in a different direction was he concluded she was Hispanic, between the ages of 15-19 and her height was 4'8" to 5'2" tall. Later a forensic artist would say because of her facial structure she was of African American descent.

Found along with the bones were various pieces of jewelry. These included a silver scroll ring, a gold ring with six clear stones, a pearl banded bracelet, a silver ring with a turquoise stone horse and a 1975 Robert E. Lee High School class ring with a blue stone.

According to Detective Sgt. Anthony Meshell, of the Manvel Police Department, DNA testing at the time was not available and without knowing her identity they named her Princess Blue because of the blue stones in the rings.

The case went unsolved. Time moved forward and Julie's family still wondering what had become of her.

Two years ago, Meshell obtained her case file and took a closer look at it. Originally, the jewelry was only noted without much de-



One of few photos that exist of Julie Gwenn Davis

tail. He began by checking into information about the high school ring and found the school in Houston. Alumni was interviewed, but nobody recognized her. This led to another dead end.

Technology evolved and as part of the investigation Meshell obtained the DNA from the remains. In addition, local media was contacted in order to generate new leads.

But, it would be a little longer before this case would show any promise and not in the way they thought it would.

Danny, Roland, Stephanie, Shelly and Craig Davis never gave up hope of finding their sister Julie.

About seven months ago Texas Rangers were conducting an investigation on a case they had named "Corona Girl." This too was a 30 year old cold case of remains found in 1989 of an unidentified female. She was named the Corona Girl because of a Corona Beer T-Shirt she was wearing at the time of her death. The Corona Girl's body was found in Jarell located in Williamson County. They asked Danny to submit his DNA to see if he was a match. It was determined he was not and the remains were later identified as Sue Ann Huskey.

However, the DNA did match another cold case, Princess Blue. This was not the outcome the siblings expected. In addition, this answer only lead to more questions.

Julie Davis was the oldest child of six children and born October 21, 1968. Her family refers to her as a "free spirit." She had wavy strawberry blonde hair and sparkling green eyes. Her pale skin was sprinkled with freckles. She had a petite build, but stood about 5-foot 9-inches tall.

The busy family lived a nomadic life and lived in various housing in the Gilmer Homes and Riverside Addition when they lived in Orange.

The children attended area elementary schools such as Cove, Anderson, and Curtis. Times were tough as the parents, Danny Da-

vis who worked as pipefitter/welder with the Local Union 195 and his wife, Edna Ray worked at a nursing home as a nurse's aide.

Julie began leaving home around the age of 12 and traveling between Houston and Orange, but would mostly frequent New Orleans.

The siblings remember good times too. Especially camping as a family at Cow Creek.

Julie came in and out of their lives over the years. During one of her visits she suddenly arrived at the Jack Tar Hotel to see her family who was staying there. She was with a tall man with dark hair and dark colored full beard.

Julie told her family the man was her husband. But, detectives have been unable to find a marriage license. It is believed to have been possibly a "common law" marriage, according to Meshell.

This would be the last time they would ever see her. But, this visit would leave a lasting impression on Danny Davis who was 17 years old at the time.

Within the next three years, her remains would be discovered. The exact date is difficult to pinpoint, but investigators believe Julie was 18 to 21 years old at the time of her death.

"Over the years I have wondered where she was and if she was still walking this Earth," Danny Davis said. "She had gone before, but always came back home."

Her family believes the mistaken identity and lack of correct information has stalled the case over the years. They are saddened to realize their parents died in 1993 without getting the chance to learn what became of their little girl.

"It always felt like big hole," Shelly Davis said of her big sister being gone. "I always wondered what it would be like just to pick up the phone and talk to her and let our kids play together."

However, they are grateful to finally know where she is located. The family is hoping her remains will be released soon so Julie can be buried by their mother.

"We are still working this case as a homicide," Meshell said. "We are following up on all leads."

Deaths & Memorials

Helen Walles Clark, 81, Orange

Helen Walles Clark, 81, started packing her bags for her last adventure on May 31. She caught the last flight out on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. Services were held at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange, Friday, June 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Visitation was held prior to the service. Burial will follow at Mary Williams Cemetery in Orangefield. Born March 24, 1939 to Alma and Pete Heath, Helen lead a full life. She completed her bucket list in 2018, when she zip lined over Freemont Street in Las Vegas at the age of 79. One of the big items on her list was to visit all 50 states, which she finished with a planes, trains and automobiles tour. She knocked out her last three states by ending in North Dakota, where she got to join the Best for Last Club and was awarded a t-shirt. Helen left school in the 9th grade at 15, to marry the love of her life, Hilton Walles. She had six children by the age of 25. She later returned to school to finish her education, and all six of her children attended her high school graduation. She also attended Lamar University. She supplemented the household income by working as a florist, tax preparer, school bus driver, and at one time, owned a dump truck business. She loved to travel,



crochet, play 42, and of course, bingo! Besides the United States, Helen also traveled to Mexico and much of Europe. The last few years, she enjoyed spending time with friends at the Bridge City Senior Center. Helen is predeceased by her parents; three husbands, Hilton Walles, Philip Goins and Lewis Clark; a daughter, Joy Vidrine McNeely; son, Charles David (Chuck) Walles; sister and brother-in-law, Nelle and Wallace Quimby; and her brother, Tommy Heath. Those left to cherish her memory are daughters, Penny LeLeux and husband Gerald, Sherry Walles, and Mary Tate and husband John; son, Mark Walles and wife Charlotte; grandchildren, Jason LeLeux, Janet LeLeux, Clint Vidrine, Charlie Vidrine, Michael Walles, David Orton, Terry Walles, John-David Walles, Alayna George, Ben Walles, and Hannah Johnson. She also had a slew of great-grandchildren. The family would like to thank the nurses at St. Elizabeth Hospital and the staff of Best Hospice and Synergy that cared for her in the end.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations for the Bridge City Senior Center to: BC City Hall, Helen Clark Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 846, Bridge City, Texas 77611.

Louis Scott, 78, Orange

Louis Scott, 78, of Orange passed away on June 17, 2020 at his home in Orange. Cremation will be held under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.



Born in Orange, TX on February 19, 1942 he was the son of Martin Scott and Clotile (Davis) Scott. He was of the Catholic faith and an Army Veteran. Louis enjoyed dancing, watching TV and walking his dog "Buttons". He will be dearly missed by all those who came to know and love him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin & Clotile Scott; son, Jeffery Powell; brother, John T. Scott; sisters, Joyce M. Scott and Lucille Scott; 4 nieces, 1 great niece and 2 nephews.

Louis is survived by his loving wife of 39

years, Sylvia Scott; son, Bobby Lee Scott & wife Belinda of Mauriceville, TX; 2 daughters, Lucinda Lee Yust & partner, Freddie Yust, Jr; Tabitha Yust & partner Marty Dunaway, both of Orange; numerous grandchildren, 6 great granddaughters, 5 great grandsons. Also a brother, Lennis Scott & wife Tena of Orange; Sisters Bernice Grimes of Orange & Elizabeth Sonnier of Vinton, LA; along with numerous nieces & nephews.

Louis's family would like to thank Kindred Hospice for the care they provided during his final days and a special thank you to grandson, John Wilson; great-niece April Carter and special loving friend, Sue Thomas for the constant love & care they showered Louis with.

Louis Gail Miller, 90, Orangefield

Louis Gail Miller, 90, of Orangefield, passed away Friday, June 26, 2020, at home. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 2, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be Pastor Ben Moore of First United Pentecostal Church. Burial will follow at Bob Herrin Cemetery in Bon Weir. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.



Born in Bessmay, Texas, on January 30, 1930, he was the son of Gail Miller and Alma (Herrin) Miller. L.G. proudly served in the National Guard for six years, achieving the rank of Sgt. Hq Co 49th Armed Division. He was a very hard worker and was a part of the maintenance department at Firestone for 32 years and was also a former Scout Master for over ten years. L.G. could always be found spending his spare time outdoors RVing and camping. He was a very faithful man and devoted member of the United Pentecostal Church in Bridge City for 44 years and was also a part of United Pentecostal Church in Port Arthur for twenty years prior. L.G. was

generous and loved helping people whenever he could. He left an imprint on many lives and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gail and Alma Miller; siblings, Velma Klipstein, Wayne Miller, Raymond Miller, Maxine Tankersley, Floyd Miller, Jackie Miller, and Melba Pemberton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Vianna Miller of Orangefield; children, Veronica Miller of Houston, Arnae Vianna Strong and husband Rodney of Draper, Utah, and Louis C. Miller of Orangefield; grandchildren, Megan Nicole Choate of Draper, Utah and Aaron Nathaniel Miller of Orangefield; nieces and nephews; and numerous other loving family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Louis Miller, Aaron Miller, Rodney Strong, Joe Sypole, Mark Choate, and Donnie Rogers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the United Pentecostal Church in Bridge City at 2056 West Round Bunch Rd. Orange, Texas 77630.

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What Sin Will Never Quench

WHY WE TRUST IN BROKEN CISTERNS

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What exactly is “evil”? Given that the first manifestation of human evil recorded in Scripture involved a desire for this kind of knowledge, the question itself should inspire some trembling. Only God has the capacity to comprehend and the wisdom to administrate the depths, dimensions, expressions, and purposes of evil.

Yet Scripture makes clear that God wants us to understand that it means for us to commit evil. The whole Bible, from the fall in Eden onward, is one long account of the catastrophic fallout of evil’s infection of the human race and God’s unfolding plan to ultimately overcome that unfathomable evil with an even more unfathomably wonderful good. God can give us the strength to sufficiently comprehend what he wants us to comprehend (Ephesians 3:18). In fact, God wants our “powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil” (Hebrews 5:14) so that we might “turn away from evil and do good” (Psalm 34:14).

One of the wonderful things Scripture teaches us is that turning away from evil is not, at its essence, mastering a long list of bad things to stop doing and good things to start doing. Rather, at its essence, God is inviting us to abandon what will ultimately impoverish us and increase our misery, and to choose instead what will ultimately enrich us and increase our joy.

Essence of Evil

One of God’s clearest explanations of this reality comes through the prophet Jeremiah. This man had a very hard calling, spending his forty-year public ministry preaching to stubborn, stony hearts and weeping as God brought his



long-forewarned judgment on Israel for centuries of idolatrous rebellion (2 Kings 17:7–14). Through Jeremiah, God expressed his profound dismay and grief over how, in spite of all he had done to create, redeem, establish, protect, and provide for them, as well as warn them over and over, his people had abandoned him and sought their protection and prosperity in the false “gods” of the nations around them:

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and see, or send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. (Jeremiah 2:10–11)

Not even the pagan nations, whose gods didn’t even exist, had done what Israel had done. Which led God to exclaim in pained exasperation, Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. (Jeremiah 2:12–13)

This is a remarkable statement. God lays open the human heart and shows us what evil really looks like. Evil is when the creatures of God, his own image-bearers, forsake him, their very source of life, the source of all that quenches their deepest thirsts, and try to quench those

thirsts apart from him. Evil is trying to find life anywhere but in God.

We hear echoes of Eden in the Lord’s words. Like Adam and Eve eating the forbidden fruit, Israel’s sin wasn’t merely that they disobeyed God’s commands. Their disobedience exposed a deeper, deadly problem: treachery against God had taken root in the deepest places of their hearts. Sin revealed that they placed their trust, pledged their allegiance, and sought their satisfaction in something or someone other than God. They exchanged God for things that were no gods (Romans 1:23).

And this has always been the core evil of every sin — of all our sins: forsaking the Source of greatest joy (Psalm 16:11), believing we’ll find more joy elsewhere.

Broken-Cistern Builders Meet the Fountain

But God did not leave us to perish beside our broken cisterns. Although we forsook the Source of living water to slake our thirst in empty wells, the Source, rich in mercy, sent the Fountain to bring us living water.

On a hot Samaritan midday, just outside of Sychar, an experienced builder of broken cisterns was on her way to Jacob’s well. In her heart were the ruins of five relational cisterns she had tried so hard to make, each now desolate and bone-dry. If nothing changed, soon there

would be a sixth.

When she arrived at the well, she found the Fountain sitting beside it. The Fountain was waiting for her. He had come to save her from all her futile hewing and to give her “living water” that would “become in [her] a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:10, 14). She was skeptical till he gave her a taste. Then she drank deeply, and for joy went and told all her fellow townsfolk about the Fountain. Many of them drank deeply too.

In the woman at the well, we see ourselves. The cisterns she tried to make may be different than ours, but ours are no less futile and empty. Apart from God, everything becomes a dry well. Nothing in this world can channel or store the water we long for most. Everything here leaks and eventually breaks apart and ends. And choosing such broken cisterns over the Fountain of living water is the essence of human evil, evil that appalls the heavens.

But in Jesus’s encounter with this woman, we see the heart of God for broken-cistern builders. Like ancient Israel, we all are warned that a judgment is coming upon those who prefer arid dirt to God’s living water (2 Corinthians 5:10). The Fountain has come first, though, not to bring judgment, but to seek and save all who will repent of the evil of forsaking God, turn away from their dry wells, and receive the water the Fountain will give them (John 12:47). And it’s not uncommon that we find the Fountain waiting for us beside one of our ruined wells.

Choose the Greatest Joy

The core evil of the original sin was believing the forbidden knowledge of good and evil would yield more satisfaction than God. The core evil of ancient Israel was believing idols would yield more protection and prosperity than God. The core evil in all our sins is believ-

ing some broken cistern will give us greater life and joy than God.

Which means the fight between good and evil in the human heart is a fountain-fight: Which fountain do we believe will really satisfy us — right now, in this moment of temptation? The struggle to discern good from evil is a joy-struggle: Which well has the most real and longest-lasting joy in it? Christian Hedonism is a serious and essential enterprise, because everything hangs on choosing the superior joy.

Which is what the Fountain of living water holds out to us. He offers us the deepest satisfaction, the sweetest refreshment, and life forever (John 4:15), and he offers to fully pay

the wages of our sin, the appalling evil of our futile broken-cistern hewing (Romans 6:23). And as with the man who found a treasure in a field or the merchant who found the pearl of great price (Matthew 13:44–46), what he essentially requires of us is almost unbelievably wonderful: to forsake what will lead us only to misery and despair, and to choose the greatest joy.

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CAPT. DICKIE COLBURN
For The Record



Dickie Colburn

It seems like every time I have convinced myself that we have turned the corner on Covid-19, another individual I know tests positive and it becomes a little more real. If you can safely make it to the water, there is probably no safer place to be than fishing in the middle of the lake!

Sooo.....the most viable preventative options until a vaccine is developed is to wear a mask and go fishing. I'll bet that is not a reason you ever thought you would use to escape to your favorite fishing hole every day.

Over the past couple of weeks, the middle of the lake has, however, been a foot or two deeper due to a run of higher than usual incoming tides and a stiff south wind that aids in stacking up the water. No place is this more evident than the local marshes and several recent incidents confirm this phenomenon.

"I knew the open marsh ponds had been grassing up too bad to fish," said Doyle Leger, "but the higher water kind of extended a really good bite on bass and redbfish." Leger and his brother bogged down in the thick grass a foot or so beneath the surface and overheated their engine last Thursday.

"The problem was that we couldn't find the open trail again. My brother got out and pulled the boat while I push poled and by the time he walked off into deeper water our motor had cooled down, added Leger. "We idled along and felt our way out with the push pole."

It took the worn out brothers the better part of five hours to wind their way into Johnson Bayou. Fortunately they were fishing in a 16 foot aluminum boat and not a performance bass boat.

Several years back, I received a call from a tuckered out Brian Sandow saying they were stuck in a marsh pond and there was no way they were going to free his 23 foot Bay Boat. They had missed a trail as well at a high rate of speed and had lodged their boat so deeply in the soft mud that they couldn't even turn the boat around.

"We are not real sure where we are," said Bryan, "but we fished this area with you in the past." After eliminating several spots, Gene Locke, Bob Crew and I found them indeed buried in the muck in the back of a shallow pond. They were buried so deeply that all I could do was wallow through the chest deep mud and tie our bow rope to a cleat on their boat.

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Beat the heat with summer variety



Chuck Uzzle
CAPT. CHUCK UZZLE
OUTDOORS
For The Record

Easily one of the most alluring features of Sabine Lake area is the fact that you can catch so many different species of fish in a relatively small area. The brackish water holds both fresh and saltwater fish in good numbers as well as quality.

It's never uncommon to see a stringer of fish include flounder, redbfish, speckled trout, and an occasional really nice largemouth bass. The potential for all these fish to be in the same body of water makes each strike that much more exciting because you never know who will show up to crash the party.

Speaking of not knowing who will show up, it's really going to get interesting as the summer progresses and rainfall gets scarce. In years past when we have had dry spring seasons with little or no significant run off from either Toledo Bend or Sam Rayburn a whole new group of fish begins to show up. Species like Jack Crevalle, sharks, rays, and even tarpon will make the trek up the river as the saltwater slowly creeps farther inland.



Fisjermen taking advantage of the bite after dark is a solid summer program.

RECORD PHOTO: Capt. Chuck Uzzle

These party crashers often show up and make their presence known in the form of screaming drags and great "the one that got away" stories. Nothing gets your attention like the prospect of getting spooled and actually having to chase a fish down.

In areas where lots of local anglers congregate it's often an absolute circus when someone hooks up with a stud jack in the mid-

dle of the armada of boats. The chase scene that ensues is like something from the Bourne Identity, boats weaving in and out avoiding everything from anchor lines to fishing lines. Nothing like the prospect of catching "the big one", it's why we fish.

Speaking of big fish and areas where people congregate you can bet that this month there will be some great fish taken at the jet-

ties. A few very dedicated anglers will take advantage of the ultra early bite before the masses reach the rocks. Good tide changes a few hours before dawn and all the traffic is a

winning recipe to help tangle with some big fish, especially trout. There are very few strikes that are as vicious as speckled trout at the jetties on topwater plugs

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Summer (Spring) training starts for 2020 MLB short season

KAZ'S KORNER Joe Kazmar For The Record

For the second time this year training for the 2020 Major League Baseball season began today when players reported to their respective 30 teams.

Commissioner Bob Manfred on June 22 made a conference call with all major league owners and has decided to schedule a 60-game season that will have "opening day" July 23 or 24 and will end Sept. 27, covering 66 or 67 days.

The shortened-season format will have teams playing 10 games against each of their four division foes and four games against each of the five teams from the other league's corresponding division, according to an article appearing last week in the Houston Chronicle.

The rosters will start at 30 players before cutting down to 28 and then the agreed-upon 26 for this season.

The article points out that the season will be 102 games shorter than the regular 182-game season and will cost



JOE KAZMAR

the players \$2.52 billion.

A couple of new wrinkles put into the games for this season include a designated hitter for the first time ever in the National League games and for extra-inning games after the ninth inning, teams will begin each half inning with a runner on second base. However, there will be no change in the post-season as each league will have its three division winners plus two wild cards in the playoffs.

So, just like that, after nearly three months of ugly and bitter negotiations that became national news, we finally have a baseball season—if the pandemic allows it.

According to this week's edition of USA Today Sports Weekly, the 38-member executive board of the MLB Players Union voted 33-5 not to accept MLB's proposal of 60 games early in the day.

"There finally will be a season, but the acrimony

sure has sucked the soul out of the joy of the announcement.

"There will be lower-paid players who actually will be playing for free the rest of the year, considering they already received their \$285,000 in upfront money and will earn less with just 60 games remaining," the article pointed out.

There may be no bonuses for players making the World Series, let alone the post-season if fans still aren't permitted in the stadiums.

Players typically receive their bonuses from the gate receipts in the first three games of the Division Series and the first four games of the League Championship Series and the World Series.

Players and coaches will be prohibited from entering the video replay room during the 2020 season, potentially depriving them of the technology some need to make mid-game adjustments.

MLB will allow radio broadcasters to travel with their teams, but the Houston Astros say they have not decided if Robert Ford and Steve Sparks will make West

Coast road trips.

The Astros' television crew of play-by-play announcers Todd Kalas and Geoff Blum and reporter Julia Morales will call home games at Minute Maid Park but will not travel with the team. They will call road games off monitors from the AT&T SportsNet Southwest studios in downtown Houston, according to the Chronicle.

The Astros last week informed season ticket holders that their 2020 accounts will be rolled over to 2021 and that they can use money from those accounts to buy 2020 tickets if games with fans are allowed at Minute Maid Park this season.

The four-paragraph notice did not instruct ticket holders how to request or obtain refunds for 2020 season ticket purchases. A spokesperson said ticket holders can request refunds through the ballclub's ticket office.

They forgot to add the clause "the money will come in handy just in time for your Christmas shopping."

KWICKIES...

Now that Cam Newton is with the New England Patri-

ots, the big debate on ESPN's "First Take" Monday was whether Newton will take the Pats farther in the playoffs than Tom Brady will take his new team the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. I'm putting my money on the 41-year-old Brady because I believe he has many more offensive weapons to work with.

And speaking of the Patriots, they were fined \$1.1 million and will lose a 2021 third-round draft pick for inappropriately filming the Cincinnati Bengals' sideline during a game between the Bengals and the Browns last season. The team's production crew will not be allowed to shoot games in the 2020 season.

Dustin Johnson caught fire last weekend while second-round leader Phil Mickelson fizzled on the final two rounds with a pair of 71s as Johnson won the PGA Tour-Travelers Championship by one stroke over Kevin Streelman at the fan-free TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn. Mickelson, who was playing for the first time since turning 50, was red-hot Thursday and Friday with

rounds of 64 and 63 but faltered Saturday and Sunday to finish tied for 24th at 11 under.

Former Washington Assistant coach Joe Bugel, regarded as one of the top offensive line coaches in NFL history, died Sunday at age 80. Bugel was the creator of "The Hogs", the dominant offensive lines that led the team to three Super Bowls. Bugel also was the head coach of the Phoenix Cardinals for four seasons.

JUST BETWEEN US...

Oldtimers like myself will have a difficult time dropping the "Chain Gang" moniker from West Orange-Stark's state-prominent defense that has helped give the Mustangs the winningest percentage and making them one of the most feared high school football teams in the state of Texas. Now they will be known as the "Blue Link" defense, the choice of Head Coach Cornel Thompson who has made the stellar defense what it has been over the past few decades.

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They exited the boat and we used the rope to pull ourselves back to Gene's boat. The following day we returned to the spot of the crime and managed to free their boat on a higher tide.

The bottom line is that while the bite in the marshes has been very good lately, don't be fooled by the higher than usual tides. The thick vegetation is lurking just beneath the surface and it isn't overly forgiving!

Over the years, July has not been a very fisherman-friendly month, but don't try to sell that to the bass fishermen that gather up at the public launch every Tuesday afternoon. The field of local com-

petitors has slimmed down a little of late, but that could be due to heat as much as anything else.

What hasn't fallen off is the catching. If you don't return to the weigh-in with nine to ten pounds you are probably not going to win. And, while they are not fooling many bass in the five pound class right now, three and four pound fish are not that uncommon.

Bobby Flynn of Houston and his wife, Peggy, intended to fish Sabine lake Wednesday, but the wind pinned them down in Cow bayou. "I never knew Cow bayou had so many crooks and turns," said Flynn, "but it also has a lot of

fish!"

"We weren't prepared to bass fish and I only had a couple of chatterbaits and two shallow running crankbaits in my box," added Flynn. "Peggy quickly broke off the crankbaits on her lighter spinning gear so we were stuck with the Chatterbaits."

By the time they put their boat back on the trailer that afternoon due to a thunderstorm they had caught and released several undersized redfish and in Flynn's words, a pile of bass. "I only bass fish at the golf course at home so I am not a great judge as to how big the bass we caught were, but I know we released at least four or five fish over

Tips to Spend Less Money on Cooling Your Home

Staff Report For The Record

Keeping your home cool and comfortable on hot summer days doesn't need to cost a fortune. These tips can ensure your heating and cooling equipment lasts a long time and operates at maximum efficiency:


- Clean and change filters: Dirty air filters can cause a system to suffer from pressure drop, which can lead to reduced air flow or "blow-out," which can result in no air infiltration at all. When this occurs, your HVAC equipment is working hard-

er, which means increased energy bills and ultimately, more wear and tear. To avoid costly repairs and replacements and enjoy lower utility bills, clean your air filters monthly.

As far as replacing air filters is concerned, one general guideline to follow is to change them every three months. However, the truth is that optimal frequency for this maintenance task depends on a variety of factors, including the type of filter in your HVAC unit, the size of your home, if anyone in your family has allergies and whether or not you have pets.


- Get annual service: Your HVAC or furnace technician should service your unit annually in order to check that all its various components are in working order.

- Replace older units: Consider whether it's time to replace your unit, factoring in its age and regularity of service. Newer units, especially those with ENERGY STAR labels, operate more efficiently. Indeed, a properly sized and installed ENERGY STAR air conditioner uses up to 20 percent less electricity than older models.




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Game Warden Field Notes

AUSTIN — The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife law enforcement reports.

Bare Necessities

While patrolling near Lake Sam Rayburn, a Sabine County game warden noticed a naked man running across the road from the water into a makeshift tent. The man soon emerged wearing an oversized pair of pants. The warden then contacted dispatch, who advised that the subject was wanted on three felony warrants out of Sabine County. The man's actions and demeanor led the warden to ask a female subject with the man for consent to search their vehicle but was denied. A canine officer was called and upon arriving to the scene quickly alerted to the presence of narcotics. Meth, along with the man's wallet, was located inside a pair of pants in a bookbag found in the bed of the truck. He was arrested and taken to Sabine County Jail. The case is pending.

Having a Baaaad Day

Game wardens were conducting water safety patrols of Lake Amistad when they encountered a baby goat in the water near shore. The goat had fallen into the lake and due to a broken leg was unable to get back out. The game wardens found the goat in the nick of time and saved it from potential starvation or drowning.

Grin and Bear It

A Titus County game warden and a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist responded to a call about a black bear that had been photographed from a homeowner's back porch. This was one of five bears that had been photographed in the northeast Texas region this season alone.

Pier Pressure

Two Polk County game wardens were patrolling Lake Livingston when they began watching a vessel as it approached a boat ramp nearby. Onboard, the male operating the boat switched places with a female subject before switching again once they approached the dock. When the wardens contacted the male subject, they detected a strong smell of alcohol. A standard field sobriety test was conducted, and the male was arrested for Boating While Intoxicated. His charges were enhanced to a Class A misdemeanor due to this being his second intoxication offense. Charges are pending.

Whiskey River

While patrolling the Neches River, a Hardin County game warden stopped a small aluminum boat for not displaying navigation lights. Three men were in the boat, one of whom was passed out on the floor of the boat. The warden performed a water safety

inspection and in addition to there not being enough life jackets on board, the warden found beer cans and whiskey bottles strewn about the boat. The boat's operator admitted that he had consumed several beers, and had taken a couple of shots of whiskey, prior to operating the boat. The warden conducted a standard field sobriety test once the subject was on shore. The man operating the boat was placed under arrest for Boating While Intoxicated and then booked into the Hardin County Jail. His case is pending.

Up to the Gills in Trouble

After observing signs of possible illegal gill netting activities along the Nueces River, game wardens patrolled the area for two days before observing two men launching a small paddle boat into the river. The men had no fishing poles but instead had two large buckets with lids. The wardens walked the shoreline, following the boat for over a mile, obtaining video of the individuals actively gill netting from the concealment of brush. The men attempted to hide the gill nets in the buckets upriver, prior to loading up the boat. Once the boat was loaded, one of the subjects returned to retrieve the buckets. Wardens contacted the men and found 200 yards of gill net along with six large alligator gar. The boat and illegal fishing devices were seized. Multiple cases were filed including Over the Daily Bag Limit on alligator gar, Illegal Means and Methods and Insufficient Number of PFDs. One of the men had been caught by wardens before for the same violations.

Tell Tailed Sign

After an initial complainant of a Felon in Possession of Firearms and Taking a Deer in Closed Season, a Williamson County game warden obtained a search warrant on a local residence. Assisted by wardens from Travis County, Bell County and Milam County, the team executed the search and secured the house. They located a .410 shotgun with 15 boxes of ammo, meth, three deer antlers and deer meat in the freezer. A white-tailed deer carcass was also dug up in the backyard of the home. Two of the wardens received information of the suspect's possible location along with a description of the suspect's girlfriend's vehicle. Wardens intercepted the vehicle and conducted a field interview. The girlfriend confessed that she had dropped her boyfriend off nearby and that he had recently shot a white-tailed deer and a feral hog. The Williamson County warden obtained a felony arrest warrant for the suspect and the case is still under investigation.

Noodle Over It

Hill and Bosque County game wardens were hidden among trees while patrolling the

Brazos River when an airboat approached. The two occupants, a male and a female, stopped along the shoreline to swim. One of the wardens watched the subjects with binoculars and it appeared that the two may have been noodling. The subjects then left the airboat, returning to the shoreline just below where the wardens were staged. Once the male subject walked back into the water, it became evident that he had a pole with a hook on it. The wardens approached and the man dropped the pole but admitted that he was noodling. Charges for illegal means and methods were filed.

On the Fence

A Colorado County game warden received a call of a large alligator that had climbed the fence of a residential home and made itself comfortable in the backyard. The game warden, along with a DPS Trooper, were able to capture and relocate the alligator to a safe place outside of town.

Guard Gator

In Cameron County, game wardens received a call regarding an alligator that was roaming around inside a detention center facility. A facility staff member had reportedly stepped on its tail while exiting his vehicle in the parking lot. With the assistance of the facility staff, the wardens were able to safely relocate the almost 11-foot-long alligator.

Common sense heartburn relief

Staff Report
For The Record

Indigestion is on the rise worldwide and is especially prevalent in the U.S. According to the American College of Gastroenterology, 60 million Americans suffer from heartburn at least once a month. While it's a common issue for older people due to aging, it's now a growing problem for younger adults as well.

- When embarking on a new diet to improve health and wellness, the last thing you may expect to suffer from are digestive issues. But a sudden change to one's diet is frequently the source of heartburn.

- Indigestion from travel is common, as being away from home often means eating unfamiliar foods and keeping odd hours. When on the go, (or all the time) stick mostly with tried-and-true foods you know that sit well, attempt to keep a regular eating schedule, and wear loose, comfortable clothing.

- Eating too fast or too much can also contribute to indigestion. Slow down and savor your food. Also, consider consuming smaller portions at a time.

- Try to incorporate some movement into your daily routine.

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in the dark. I used to wonder what those boats were doing heading back to the dock as the sun was just breaking the horizon until I got a chance to try out the pattern myself. All I can say is the reward is well worth the effort.

Now if fishing in the dark is not your favorite don't worry because you can still be successful during daylight hours with a just a small variation to the pattern. Top-water plugs worked in and around the rocks will still produce some fish when the sun comes up but swim baits will just flat wear those fish out. There are several styles of swim bait you can use and

they all work. The conventional plastic swim bait with a paddle tail is a great option, especially when it's fished on a light jig head to allow for a slower fall and more subtle presentation. The other "swim bait" is a shallow running crank bait like the

Swimming Image, Mann's 1 Minus, or Rapala. These plugs are really user friendly and allow the fishermen the opportunity to dig around in and or bounce off the rocks triggering brutal strikes from some hefty speckled trout and redfish. The other great thing about all the swim baits is that they allow you to cover lots and lots of

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Warning of “COVID slide,” Texas Education Agency reports 1 in 10 students have disengaged during the pandemic

Aliyya Swaby
The Texas Tribune

More than 600,000 Texas public school students, about 11.3% of the overall student population, either didn't complete assignments or respond to teacher outreach for some period of time this spring during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Texas Education Agency released a report Tuesday showing that higher percentages of low-income, Black and Hispanic students were not completing assignments or responsive to teacher outreach compared with higher-income, white and Asian peers. Texas collected the data from school districts in early May, and districts have until July 16 to update their numbers.

The report comes as Texas, like states across the country, puzzle through decisions on what the upcoming academic year will look like for students and staff. Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath has stressed that schools should be prepared this fall to address the effects of the “COVID slide,” the likely academic backslide due to the pandemic.

After the pandemic forced all school buildings to shut down in April, Texas public schools had reported losing contact with thousands of students, including some of their most vulnerable. Many students did not have access to the internet, while others, especially older students, went to work to re-

place income their families had lost during the economic decline.

According to the TEA report, about 16.9% of Texas black public school students were not fully engaged with their schoolwork or teachers during the pandemic, the largest percentage of any racial or ethnic subgroup. And about 13.3% of Hispanic students were not fully engaged, the next largest percentage. Only 6.4% of white students were not fully engaged, according to the report.

And about 15.5% of economically disadvantaged students were not fully engaged during school closures, compared with less than 5% of higher-income students. The majority of Texas public school students are Hispanic and low-income.

The report shows that students in younger grades, especially pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, were less likely than older students to complete assignments or be in touch with their teachers. The report breaks down the data by race, economic disadvantage and grade level, but not by school district or geographic region.

Texas charged local school districts with the difficult task of finding students who entirely disengaged from their teachers and administrators while school buildings were closed, including some who completed no assignments. The state advised them to meticulously document the number of students who are rarely or never in communication with their teachers and arrange home visits

to ensure students were safe.

As Texas civil courts resume evictions proceedings, and businesses shut down again, school officials are expecting to see more students in vulnerable situations, including living in hotels, one of the last resorts for families who cannot afford hefty deposits.

School districts are funded based on the number of students in their seats. This year, Texas fully funded them as long as they promised they were teaching students re-

motely while their buildings were closed.

School districts will continue to receive funding for students they teach virtually in the upcoming school year, state officials announced last week. They can offer live video instruction for students, and submit the number of students who show up to receive funding. Or they can provide students with prerecorded videos and worksheets, and track students' daily progress, if they submit a plan to the state and get permission.

Texas delays health guidelines for schools

Staff Report
The Texas Tribune

Texas public schools will be required to provide in-person instruction for students this fall, but state education officials have delayed releasing final public health guidelines for keeping them safe on campuses during the pandemic.

“We are unable to give final guidance today on on-campus instruction. We are actively monitoring the situation, and we will try to get out final information as quickly as possible,” Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath said during a Tuesday briefing of school superintendents who had been expecting him to outline the agency's reopening guidelines.

A draft document found on the Texas Education Agency's website Tuesday showed

agency officials are envisioning a largely hands-off approach to helping school districts bring students back to campus this fall, imposing few mandatory safety precautions but recommending that staff and students wear masks, sanitize their hands regularly and stay 6 feet away from one another.

“These are draft documents. They were posted in the staging portion of the TEA website by mistake as part of an internal document review,” the agency said in a statement. “As we continue to closely monitor the public health situation, we are, in fact, still soliciting feedback on this guidance. No final decisions have yet been made. Additional guidance will be provided soon.”

Local schools have been waiting on state guidance so they can begin making decisions as they plan for the start of a new school year.



Orange County Happenings & Events

Food Safety Conference July 28

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is holding a Food Safety Conference. It will be held on July 28, 2020 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This was previously scheduled for August 4th but had to be changed. There will be a continental breakfast and lunch provided. The conference will have: Hand's on Activities, Round Table Talk, and Active Shooter Scenarios. Some topics that will be covered are: Rodent Control, Vent-a-hood Maintenance, and there will be Health Department Speakers. The conference is free to attend but a Food Handlers' Course is offered from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The Food Handlers' Course will cost \$20 if you choose to attend the course. To register go to Orange.agrilife.

org and click on the Food Safety Registration Tab.

First Baptist Bridge City 80th Anniversary July 11

First Baptist Church, Bridge City, invites you to join us in celebrating our 80th anniversary. We will begin with a Night of Worship (N.O.W.) on

Saturday, July 11th, at 6 p.m. This will be a time of praising the Lord through songs. Then on Sunday, July 12th, we will continue to celebrate through Bible study at 9:15 a.m. and through testimonies and songs from former and current members, as well as the sharing of God's Word by current pastor Keith Royal at 10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church has a rich heritage in our community. In 1940, twenty-eight char-

ter members organized a Baptist church in the community of Prairie View. Though worshippers had met for services in the area since 1877, the community had lacked an organized church. When Central

Baptist Church, Port Arthur, led a Vacation Bible School for the community, interest in forming a church led local residents to organize.

J.B. Perry was the first pastor for the congregation, which was known as Blandale Baptist Church. Churches in Orange and Port Arthur helped through donations and service. When Prairie View changed its name to

Bridge City, Blandale Baptist Church became Bridge Ci Baptist Church in 1943 and then First Baptist Church in 1948. The church has had 12 pastors and has been active in the community serving families in financial need and during storms. Focus on missions led to the establishment of

Second Baptist Church and Liberty Baptist Church. First Baptist continues to serve as a spiritual and social leader for Bridge City, a community with which it is inextricably connected.

Edward Jones supports local schools

Karen Collier, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Bridge City, is supporting the local schools by using her office as a drop-off location for a school supplies drive. Local residents may help support this effort by bringing in items to the Edward Jones branch office during regular business hours from July 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020. The branch address is located at 675 W Round Bunch Rd, Bridge City TX 77611.

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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: **Larry C. Hunter**
Attorney at Law
350 Pine Street St 1440
Beaumont, TX 77701

Dated the 9th day of June, 2020.

Larry C. Hunter
Larry C, Hunter
Attorney for Executor
350 Pine Street St 1440
Beaumont, TX 77701

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **MARY JANE SMITH, Deceased,** were issued on **JUNE 22, 2020, in Cause No. P18757,** pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **MARY KATHRYN KLINKHAMMER.**

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

Dated the 24th day of June, 2020.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **GARY JOSEPH WATTS, Deceased,** were issued on **JUNE 22, 2020, in Cause No. P18735,** pending in the County Court at Law of Orange County, Texas, to: **NANCY JANE AUSTIN.**

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.

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Dated the 24th day of June, 2020.

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NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PROJECT: ALABAMA STREET TERMINAL REPAIRS – PHASE II: Dock Fender Rehabilitation

OWNER: Orange County Navigation and Port District; dba Port of Orange

Location: Port of Orange Administration Building
1201 Childers Road
Orange, Texas 77630

BID DEADLINE: Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. Local Time
Location: Port of Orange Administration Building
1201 Childers Road
Orange, Texas 77630

BID OPENING: Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 10:10 A.M. Local Time
Location: Port of Orange Administration Building - Boardroom
1201 Childers Road
Orange, Texas 77630

SEALED BIDS in duplicate, clearly marked and addressed to Port of Orange, Alabama Street Terminal Repairs – Phase II, Project Administrator, Orange County Navigation and Port District (the "Owner"), will be received at the Port of Orange Administration Office, 1201 Childers Road, Orange, Texas, 77630 until 10:00 A.M., local time on Thursday, July 30, 2020; and then publicly opened and read aloud in the Port of Orange Administration Office Boardroom, 1st Floor, for "Alabama Street Terminal Repairs – Phase II". Bids received after 10:00 A.M. local time will be returned unopened. Project is located in Orange County, Texas at 1006 Alabama Street.

The Alabama Street Terminal Repairs – Phase II: Dock Fender Rehabilitation Project consists of furnishing all materials, equipment, tools, labor, supervision, services, and performing all operations in connection with the construction. The BID consists of installation of new timber pilings at discrete locations along the face of the wharves, forming new concrete pile caps to incorporate the new piles into the dock; repair existing concrete pile caps, and replacement of deteriorated fendering with new timber fendering along the face of the concrete wharves as shown on the contract documents. Bids are to also include any other work associated with the Alabama Street Terminal, located at the Port of Orange identified in the Alabama Street Terminal Repairs – Phase II Manual/Bid Package issued by the Port of Orange and dated June 29, 2020.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Port of Orange Administration Office located at 1201 Childers Road Orange Texas 77630 at 8:30 A.M. local time on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. All prime contractors are **required to be in attendance** at the Pre-Bid Conference. Questions pertaining to the project and bidding procedures will be discussed. The bid packets will be available at the mandatory pre-bid conference and a job site inspection will be offered to interested attendees. Bid packets may be attained ahead of the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference by contacting the Port of Orange at (409) 883-4363.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified or Cashier's Check, payable without recourse to the order of the Orange County Navigation and Port District, or a Bid Bond for at least five percent (5%), of the total amount bid, and the bank or bonding company certifying the same shall be liable therefore to the Orange County Navigation and Port District in the event such successful bidder shall fail or refuse to enter into proper contract therefore or shall fail or refuse to furnish bonds therefore as required by law and as hereafter mentioned within ten (10) days after receipt of NOTICE of AWARD. Bid surety of all except the three (3) lowest responsible Bidders will be returned when award is made; when the contract is executed, the surety of the two (2) remaining unsuccessful Bidders will be returned; that of the successful Bidder will be returned when formal contract, bonds and insurance are approved, and work has commenced within the time specified.

The successful bidder must furnish **PERFORMANCE and PAYMENT BONDS** on the forms furnished with the bid documents, in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract price. All insurance companies issuing **PERFORMANCE and PAYMENT BONDS** and any reinsurance companies utilized by such insurance companies, in order to issue **PERFORMANCE and PAYMENT BONDS** to the Owner, shall have at least an "A" rating according to the Best's Key Guide and must be authorized to transact business in Texas. Additionally, such insurance companies shall be on the current list of "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies" as published in Circulars 570 (as amended) by the Audit Staff, Bureau of Government Financial Operations and United States Treasury Department.

Bidder is hereby advised that the work shall be subject to equal employment opportunity requirements, local prevailing wage rates, and Executive Order No.11246 as amended. In conformance with applicable statutes, the general prevailing wage rates in the locality in which the work is to be performed have been ascertained, and such rates shall be minimum paid for labor employed upon this project.

In accordance with Texas State law, including Local Government Code Chapter 176, each **BIDDER MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT WITH THEIR BID A COPY OF THE VENDOR'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE** CONTAINED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

The Owner is a sales tax-exempt governmental entity. A sales tax exemption notice will be issued to the Contractor when the contract is awarded in order that he does not have to pay sales taxes on labor and/or materials utilized in or consumed in connection with the Owner's project.

The Contractor performing this contract must issue to his suppliers an exemption certificate in lieu of the tax, said exemption certificate complying with all applicable State Comptroller's rulings along with a copy of the sales tax exemption notice issued to him by the Owner.

The Orange County Navigation and Port District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in bidding to the fullest extent permitted by law. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in any bid, the OWNER reserves the right to consider and accept the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid.

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Hello Everyone,

One of my favorite books in the Bible is Matthew. My favorite verse in Matthew is Matthew 7: 1-2. "Do not judge others and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others." I try not to judge other people and their actions. Sometimes it is really hard, but in the end that is God's job and not ours.

Roses

Last week there was a mistake, Your soil Ph should be between 6.0 and 7.0

The best time to plant roses is in February and March. Although, they can be planted any time when the roots can grow and become well established before extreme weather occurs. Good root establishment takes 2 to 4 months.

Plant roses soon after purchasing them if possible. Early spring planting allows root time to become established. This will allow the rose to absorb plenty of water during the heat of the summer.

- July 1-2: This is a very fruitful time. These days are good for planting and transplanting. It is also a good time to irrigate, bud, graft, and prepare seed beds.
- July 3-4: These days are good for destroying weeds.
- July 6: This is fairly productive. It is a good time to plant bulbs, biennials and perennials.
- July 7: This is a good time to cultivate and kill pest.

Recipes of the Week

Pound Cake

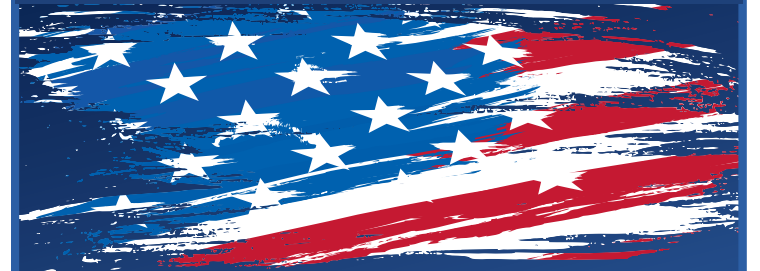
3 c sugar
4 c flour
2 c butter, softened
6 eggs, room temperature
3/4 C milk
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp almond extract
Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Grease and flour a bundt cake pan. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Add flour and milk, alternately, beating well. Add vanilla and almond extract, mixing well. Pour into prepared pan and bake for 1 hour and 40 minutes, or until done.

Hominy Casserole

2 14oz. Cans hominy, drained
1/2 c celery, chopped
1 c onion, chopped
2 Tblsp. Salsa
1 stick butter
1/2 c bell pepper, chopped
1 jar pimentos, diced
1 can cheddar cheese soup
Saute' hominy in 1/2 stick butter, stirring until liquid is absorbed. Set aside. Saute' vegetables in remaining butter. Add pimentos, salsa, and soup, stirring until blended. Mix hominy and pour into a 2 qt. Casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees until hot and bubbly.

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