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County officials urge voluntary evacuations



Orange County residents fill sand bags at the Precinct 2 station in anticipation of Hurricane Laura making landfall in 2020. RECORD FILE PHOTO: Mark Dunn

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Orange County officials joined Newton County Judge Ken Weeks in calling Tuesday afternoon for voluntary evacuations because of heavy rains expected to add to already flooded areas.

Though sunshine was abundant Tuesday evening, another stormfront was expected Wednesday.

"Based on what we've been told, [Wednesday] is supposed to be the worst," said Joel Ardoin, Orange County Emergency Management Coordinator.

"The it will start letting up."

West Orange-Cove CISD canceled school for Wednesday through Friday, saying all planned events would be rescheduled after students returned Monday. Port Arthur students were told to stay home and work virtually.

In Orange County, a voluntary evacuation was recommended for residents on the western, Neches River side, of the county: the Lake View area including Four Oaks Ranch Road, Loving Acres, Connelly Road and all other low-lying areas of the Neches River in Orange County.

The City of Orange announced Tuesday afternoon it was having to cancel its scheduled Shootout on the Sabine drag boat races, Zydeco concert and fire-

works show set for Saturday and Sunday, May 22-23.

"We feel it is in the best interest and safety of the DSRA racers to cancel this event due to unfavorable weather conditions and water levels on the Sabine River," said the release from the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

manager, said Orange would attempt to reschedule the events later this year.

The Sabine River Authority dam at Toledo Bend has had all 11 floodgates open one foot since Sunday, reducing the water flow from 33,000 cubic feet per second (11 gates open three feet

cf's Tuesday, May 18.

Weeks noted flooding had occurred throughout Jasper County after heavy rainfall Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and noted the danger from subsequent releases from the SRA dam.

He said a release "is expected to result in flooding

causing severe bodily injury or the loss of human life in the low-lying areas of the Sabine River corridor in Newton County."

As of 6 p.m. Tuesday, the Sabine River at Deweyville was nearly three feet above

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LSCO issues first EC, honorary degrees

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For The Record

Dr. Thomas Johnson, President at Lamar State College Orange, never misses a chance to express how important the role of a two-year college can be.

And at the school's Spring 2021 Commencement, he saw over and over the proof.

A spring semester record 175 students graduated and received their associate's degrees, or certificates of completion in two ceremonies held Saturday in the Carl Parker Center in Port Arthur.

Among the graduates were the first LSCO Early College High School graduates. They earned both their high school diplomas from West Orange-Cove CISD and a two-year associate's degree from LSCO that will enable them to continue their education by jumping from high school senior to college junior if they so desire.

Other students from the area's high schools earned dual credit via LSCO, knocking out courses for which they earned credit both at their high school and to apply to a college degree.

"This is the first face-to-face graduation we've had since December 2019 and it is so beautiful to see your faces," Johnson told the students before they flipped the tassels on their mortarboards.

"Not only is this the largest spring graduating class in Lamar State College Orange history, it's 40 percent larger than the spring class of last year.

"You see different colors in caps and gowns. The reason why is these young men and women are still in high school. They're going to get a certificate or award or degree before they actually



Lamar State College Orange awarded 263 degrees or certificates of completion at its Spring 2021 Commencement ceremonies Sunday. Red gown-wearing Bridge City High School students were among the dual credit (high school and college) students earning their EMS and pharmacy certificates. See related article page 5A. RECORD PHOTO: Dave Rogers

finish high school.

"But I love that they're wearing their high school colors. That way you can see that because we're working with school districts, we can give you a head start."

The graduating Early College High School students enrolled in LSCO's first ECHS class as ninth-graders four years ago and took LSCO classes each year while still in high school.

"We couldn't be prouder of what these students have accomplished as our first graduates of our Early College High School program.

The sky is the limit for these Gators."

Dr. Rickie Harris, WOC-CISD superintendent, was also on hand to congratulate the students. School board members Ruth Hancock, Linda Platt-Bryant and Tricia Stroud were on hand, as was Rolanda Holifield, West Orange-Stark High School principal.

At the day's second ceremony, Texas State University System Regents Bill Scott of Nederland and David Montagne of Beaumont joined Johnson and Dr. Betty Reynard, Lamar State

College President, in honoring former Texas State Senator Carl Parker.

Johnson surprised Parker, who wrote the legislation that brought LSCO into existence, with the very first honorary degree ever awarded by the Orange institution.

Parker thought he was there to honor Scott, a long-time friend.

"How great is that?" Johnson said. "That we get to celebrate the individual that wrote the legislation that

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Local businesses, from Reliable Cleaners, to Sonic, to Jack in the Box, to O'Reilly Auto Parts, are looking for workers. Spanky's, one of Orange's most popular dining destinations, has had to close on Tuesdays because of a shortage of workers. (See article below)

Business owners applaud Abbott's benefits cut

DAVE ROGERS
For The Record

Orange County business small owners are counting the days until June 26.

That's when the \$300-a-week Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation is set to run out in Texas after Gov. Greg Abbott announced Monday the state is dropping out of the federal program to help address a labor shortage.

"As a small business guy, that's big news for us," said Keith Wallace, owner of Orange County's Reliable Cleaners.

"It's next to impossible to get staffed up. You check all the avenues. One part of my work is fulltime and staffed, but I need some breathing

room. I have to have the right amount of people to pull it off.

"So many people have had a hard time getting people to show."

Everywhere you go these days, businesses have the "Help Wanted" signs out. Owners say it's because the federal government — under both Presidents Donald Trump and Joe Biden — has made it more lucrative to draw unemployment than to work for a paycheck.

The first CARES Act in 2020 included a \$600-per-week "unemployment enhancement" to help workers through what everyone hoped would be a short time off work.

The federal sweetener was cut to \$300-per-week in 2021.

Mike LeMoine, owner of Spanky's Bar and Grill, has recently started closing his popular 16th Street eatery on Tuesdays because of staffing shortages.

"We have really been super busy throughout the pandemic," said LeMoine, who employs 53 workers. "Even when we were shut down for inside dining, we've been working guys 80 hours per week, 12 to 14 hours per day for six days a week.

"That was truly taking a toll on the employees. You could see it in their faces. It wasn't worth it. Closing on Tuesdays has been good for morale. My people are smiling a lot more."

LeMoine is smiling more, too. "Things are starting to get a

little better," he said. "We're OK for waitresses and dishwashers, but we're short on cooks."

"I just hired two and I need a couple more. I think when they end the extra payments at the end of June, it'll cause things to open up."

Texas workers whose job ended last spring because of the COVID-19 forced closures were eligible for six months of weekly state unemployment checks, which equaled basically 50 percent of earnings at the previous job.

But then Congress provided the \$600-per-week "unemployment enhancement."

Suddenly, people who made \$8 per hour (\$320 per week) were collecting \$766 per week in unemployment, including

the \$600 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation. Restaurant cooks who used to make \$12.50 per hour (\$500 per week) were collecting \$860 per week in unemployment.

When restaurants and other service industry jobs were allowed to reopen in the summer, small businesses were unable to persuade their former employees to return to work, because they would effectively take a payout.

That \$600 per week "enhancement" expired last year but it was replaced in March by a \$300-per-week enhancement, which was supposed to run into September.

Abbott ended that. "I hired a guy this morning," Wallace said. "The only

requirement is that you have a pulse."

Wallace said his dry-cleaning business was devastated by the shutdown.

"Every reason you had to dress up was outlawed," he said. "You couldn't go to church, couldn't go out to eat, couldn't go on a date and people working at home don't have to dress up. Yet we were labeled an essential business. Why do you need me? Just to help the politicians dress up?"

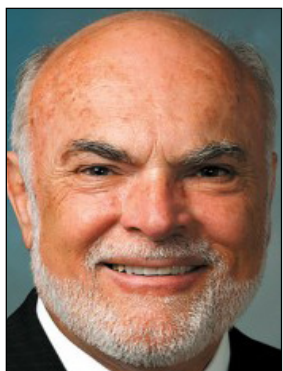
He said if not for his contracts with local police and fire departments, he might have closed his doors for good.

"I don't know how long it'll take to get back to what it was. But we're inching back."

My 5-Cents...

By State Senator Robert Nichols

One hundred and thirty-three years ago this month, the present Texas Capitol was formally dedicated. On May 16, 1888, the dedication ceremony was held with a service, parade, and a celebration to mark its opening. Over 20,000 people attended the week of festivities. There were military displays, concerts, drill team competitions, and fireworks. Senator Temple Houston, Sam Houston's youngest son, accepted the building on behalf of the state.



Sen. Robert Nichols

Here are five things happening around your state:

1. Texas launches mobile vaccine team

This week the Governor, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), and the Texas Military Department (TMD) announced the launch of the State Mobile Vaccination Team Call Center. The call center will allow businesses and civic organizations with 10 or more employees, visitors, or members to schedule a visit from a state mobile vaccine team to vaccinate those who voluntarily choose to be vaccinated. Homebound Texans can also call the hotline to request a vaccination team visit their home. These teams are made up of members from the Texas National Guard and coordinated by TDEM. This innovative program will increase access to vaccines across the state, especially in underserved areas. The phone number for the hotline is 844-90-TEXAS.

2. Governor signs House Bill 1195 exempting PPP loans from franchise tax

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government provided loans through the Paycheck Protection Program to help small businesses whose operations were impacted by the pandemic to keep their workers on their payroll. These loans were also eligible for loan forgiveness under

certain circumstances. Normally, the businesses receiving PPP loans or grants would still be taxed on the amount of money received as part of its total revenue subject to the franchise tax. To remedy that, Senator Kelly Hancock sponsored and Governor Abbott signed House Bill 1195.

Under this bill, businesses who received these loans will not have to pay franchise tax on the funds they received. This bill reflects our commitment to the recovery and support of our small businesses.

3. Texas named best state for business by leading CEOs

The nation's leading CEOs have once again named Texas the Best State for Business. This is the 17th year in a row that Texas has won the designation in a survey conducted by Chief Executive Magazine. The rankings are determined by CEOs assessment of each states tax policy and regulatory climate, talent pool size and availability, and quality of life. Coming in second was Florida, followed by Tennessee, North Carolina, and Indiana. California was once again ranked at the bottom. Texas has no corporate or personal income tax, which CEOs and business leaders look at carefully when deciding to start a business or move their company. People know Texas is the best place to start or lead a business.

4. Turkey super stocking program seeks to boost East Texas turkey population

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department created a program to reestablish the population of eastern wild turkeys in East Texas. According to TPWD, rapid changes in habitat and unregulated harvest of the eastern wild turkey near the turn of the 20th century led to such a severe depletion

that the turkeys were eliminated from the area. In 1979, TPWD began releasing wild eastern turkeys they had trapped in other states to the area. Now, the agency has started stocking the turkeys. The program began in 2014 and continues to this day. Super stocking means releasing a large number of birds in a specific area so they have a better chance of establishing a population. The department said they've released close to 1000 birds at 12 locations over the past seven years. The success in those areas has led to the expansion of the program, and this year they released over 100 birds in three locations. The eastern turkey hunting season runs until May 14th and is only allowed in 13 East Texas counties.

5. Texas receives \$15.8 billion in pandemic aid, more for counties and cities

The most recent round of pandemic stimulus funding brought in billions of dollars for Texas and local governments, including cities and counties. This money comes with less restrictions on what it can be used for and some of it will go directly to smaller cities for the first time. It can be

used to fill holes in municipal budgets; hire government employees including teachers, police officers, and firefighters; and fund housing, mental health services, and other government programs. It can also go toward some infrastructure projects, such as expanding broadband.

Abbott says no public schools or government entities will be allowed to require masks

Patrick Svitek
The Texas Tribune

Gov. Greg Abbott announced Tuesday that public schools can no longer require masks on their campuses starting June 5. The decision was part of a new executive order that bans governmental entities in Texas — like cities and counties — from mandating masks in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

Starting Friday, any government entity that tries to impose a mask mandate can face a fine of up to \$1,000, according to the order. The order exempts state-supported living centers, government-owned or -operated hospitals, Texas Department of Criminal Justice facilities, Texas Juvenile Justice Department facilities, and county and municipal jails.

The order is arguably the most consequential for public schools. After Abbott ended the statewide mask requirement in early March, school systems were allowed to continue with their own mask-wearing policies unchanged. But after June 4, "no student, teacher, parent, or other staff member or visitor may be required to wear a face covering," according to Abbott's new order.

While 30% of Texans have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, the vast majority of children are unvaccinated. The Pfizer vaccine was authorized last week for children as young as 12. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are still only authorized for those 18 and older. School-age children have seen lower

infection rates than other age groups. COVID-19 cases among those 5-17 years old make up 10% of total cases in the country, according to the latest CDC data.

Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said fully vaccinated people no longer have to wear masks outdoors in crowds and in most indoor places.

The Texas State Teachers Association called Abbott's latest move premature. In a statement, the head of the association, Ovidia Molina, said Abbott should have waited until the CDC issued updated guidance on masks for the 2021-22 school year. Molina acknowledged that some Texas school districts have already ended their mask requirements but said the association believes "that also is ill-advised."

"The health and safety of our students, educators and communities must remain our first priority as we attempt to emerge from this pandemic," Molina said.

Abbott's new rules will take effect as the school year is winding down for most students — or already over. The last day of classes for the state's biggest school district, Houston ISD, is June 11, while May 27 is the last day for most students in the state's second biggest district, Dallas ISD.

The governor's most recent order comes roughly two and a half months after Abbott lifted the statewide mask mandate. In that order, he said "no person may be required by any jurisdiction" to wear a mask. Now, he is saying a spe-

cific type of jurisdiction — governmental entities — can face a penalty for mandating masks.

Despite dire warnings about the potential impact of that decision, key pandemic metrics in Texas have not spiked since then and have gone down in most cases. On Sunday, the state health department had its first day in over a year without reporting a COVID-19 death.

"The Lone Star State continues to defeat COVID-19 through the use of widely-available vaccines, antibody therapeutic drugs, and safe practices utilized by Texans in our communities," Abbott said in a statement.

After Abbott initially lifted the statewide mask policy, some local governments said they would continue to require masks. Attorney Gener-

al Ken Paxton sued Austin and Travis County over their plan to continue mandating masks, and in late March, a district judge denied Paxton's request for a temporary halt of the local mask requirement.

Abbott's latest order leaves untouched the ability of private businesses to require their customers or workers to wear masks.

Despite ending the statewide mask requirement, Abbott has continued to take hits from some fellow Republicans over his pandemic response. One of them, former state Sen. Don Huffines of Dallas, launched a primary challenge to Abbott last week and said after Abbott's announcement Tuesday that Texas "never should have never allowed mask mandates in the first place."

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From left, Kiwanis President Shane Johns, John Paul Sulak, Spencer Layman, and Kiwanis Vice-President Harry Vine.

Kiwanis of Orange distributes scholarships

Little Cypress-Mauriceville seniors John Paul Sulak and Spencer Layman have received the Q.B. Culpepper and Ben Culpepper Leadership Awards from the Kiwanis Club of Orange.

The awards, which are given to Key Club students, carry a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

John Paul will attend Texas A&M University and Spencer has committed to Baylor University in the fall. Q.B. Culpepper was the founder of the Orange Kiwanis Club and a Superintendent of Mauriceville schools from 1931-1940. Ben Culpepper was his son and

long-time member of the Kiwanis Club of Orange.

The awards are based, in part, on the student's service to the community through Key Club and other organizations in which the student is active. Academics and need are also considerations.

The scholarship program is one project of the Kiwanis Club, whose emphasis is serving the children of this community. The club also sponsors the annual Christmas Parade in downtown Orange, as well as other programs that benefit children.

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26.9 feet and was expected to peak at 27.1 feet Sunday, still below the 28-foot major flood stage.

The Neches River at the Salt Water Barrier (north of I-10) was at 6.4 feet Tuesday evening and expected to crest at 11 feet Sunday. That's just upstream of Four Oaks Ranch Road, where water is over a roadway the county has been slowly rebuilding in recent years.

"The water's going to continue to rise," Joel Ardoin, Orange County Emergency Management Coordinator, said Tuesday afternoon.

"It looks like the west side of the county is getting the worst of it. Toledo Bend has, at this point, missed the worst of the rain.

"The people who live along the [Sabine] river have already experienced water, but it's over below [Lake] Sam Rayburn, at Town Bluff, where they're releasing now.

"It's not going to be anything like [Hurricane] Harvey, but those folks are going to have to boat in and out, for sure."

Orange County officials were monitoring the flood levels on both the east and west sides of Orange County in the low-lying areas.

To monitor the lake, river and flood stage levels for the Neches and Sabine Rivers go to <http://www.setexasrain.org/>

Sand and bags are available at the following Orange County locations:

-Precinct 1 Maintenance barn located on North Hwy 87 at North Teal;

-11897 State Hwy 62 in Mauriceville directly across from Market Basket on Hwy 62;

-Precinct 3 County Maintenance barn located on 2502 West Roundbunch Road;

-Precinct 4 County Maintenance barn located on 375 Claiborne Street.

Residents are welcome to bag the sand, but should bring their own shovels.

The Emergency Management Office offers these reminders from the Texas Department of Transportation:

There are many dangers of

driving into flooded roadways. When there is water across a road, drivers should always turn around and choose a different route. TxDOT has the following tips:

-Six inches of water can cause tires to lose traction and begin to slide.

-Twelve inches of water can float many cars. Two feet of rushing water will carry off pick-up trucks, SUV's and most other vehicles.

-Water across a road may hide a missing segment of roadbed or a missing bridge.

-In flash floods, waters rise so rapidly they may be far deeper by the time you are halfway across, trapping you in a vehicle.

-Flash floods are especially treacherous at night when it is very difficult to see how deep waters may be or how fast water is rising.

-Floodwater weakens roadbeds. Drivers should proceed cautiously after waters have receded, since the road may collapse under the weight of the vehicle.

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created the college 50 years ago?

"That's pretty neat," he said as the students, faculty and guests applauded.

Parker, 86, said, "I was [surprised by the honor].

But he hasn't been surprised by the success of LSCO, or LSC Port Arthur, which became eligible for state funding with the creation of the Lamar University System.

"I knew it would be suc-

cessful," he said Saturday evening. "The naysayers said we'd never have more than 250 people attend these places. They were wrong.

"The great thing that really fills me with pride is to see the young people [graduate]. It's just a great feeling."

Johnson, the LSCO leader, was the first in his family to graduate high school and he started a path to the five college degrees he holds at a two-year school.

So he was happy to share some stats with the new graduates. And with Parker.

"And you are record-breakers," he said. "Seventy-eight percent of our graduates here are first-generation."

Then, looking at Parker, Johnson said, "It's because you had the foresight to put a two-year school that was close, so that we could learn skills, trades or go on to university."

LCMCISD meetings for homeschool and private school parents

A meeting to discuss possible services for homeschooled and private school students that are eligible to attend LCM schools will be held at the Little Cypress-Mauriceville CISD Administration Building located at 6586 FM 1130, Orange, Texas on Monday, June 14th at 4:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to give representatives of private schools and parents who homeschool their children the opportunity to participate in planning and consultation for the federal Title 1, 2, & 4 programs. Following the presentation of this information, there will be a consultation meeting to discuss which eligible private school students will receive special education services, the services to be provided, how and where the services will be provided, and how the services provided will be evaluated. For more information, contact Laurie Gordon or Beverly Knight at the LCM Administration Office at 883-2232.

Bridge City Little League holds board elections May 27

Bridge City Little League will have there 2021-2022 Board of Director Elections on May 27th from 6pm to 8pm. If interested please sign up in the BCLL Board Room or see a board member.

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AND THE RAINS CAME

We needed a little rain but an entire week of rainfall is a little much for us. At **The Record** our worse day for rain is Wednesday, the day we home deliver the paper. When there is **90% falling water**, when the ground is soaked, some yards and streets underwater, there are some homes we are not going to be able to get to. We may have wait till the next day or two. We have however, increased the amount of papers that can be picked up at our regular stops. Example, **Super Wal-Mart** usually carries 700 papers, we'll increase that to 900. We'll do the same at other locations, plus the new issue each week is available at our offices on **Henrietta, in Orange and Roundbunch, in Bridge City**. Please tell your friends who didn't get home delivery this week how they can get **The Record**.****I hope the **Wednesday** rain won't prevent folks from attending the **Lunch Bunch** gathering at **Robert's**, 12 noon. I've really been out of pocket so I don't have much information about what's going on with the natives. We will do the best with what we have so hop on board and come along. I promise it won't do you no harm.

POLLS SHOW PRESIDENT AND HIS PLANS HAVE SUPPORT

After more than three months in office, **Biden** enjoys approval ratings of more than **50%** and polling shows support for his ambitious spending plans that include **\$1.9 trillion** approved for **COVID-19** relief and **\$2.3 trillion** proposed for jobs and infrastructure. Stepped up **Republican** attacks may not resonate, analysts said, especially if more people get back to work, inflation is checked, and the economy rebounds after the **COVID-19** pandemic. An average of polls compiled by **Real Clear Politics** gives **Biden** an average job approval rating of **54.2%**. The data in those polls shows a common theme. **Republicans** tend not to like **Biden**, and **Democrats** support him strongly, including those who backed more liberal candidates such as **Bernie Sanders** in last year's primaries. Americans have a generally positive view of the president who casts himself as the product of a working class environment in **Scranton, Pennsylvania**, a practical politician willing to work with **Republicans** on legislation to help **Americans**. "There's nothing new **Republicans** can say that's going to change anybody's mind," said **Patrick Murray**, director of the independent **Monmouth University Polling Institute**. "Trump never found a salient way to brand **Biden**, and **Republicans** continue to struggle after the election," **Republican** strategist **Alex Conant** said. "Conservatives' main angle of criticism is **Biden's** age," he said, "but nobody is afraid of their grandfather."

TURNING BACK THE HANDS OF TIME 10 Years Ago-2011

It is with sadness that we learned of the death of coach **Gary Birt Peveto**, who died in an auto accident while returning from the state track meet on May 14. **Peveto**, the son of the late coach **Ed Peveto** was raised in **Orangefield** where he was an all-state football player and all-state track star. He was a four-year football letterman at **SFA**. He followed in his dad and brother's footsteps and went into coaching and was a coach at **New Waverly** at the time of death.****City and school elections are over. In most cases Saturday saw a fair but overall low turnout. The biggest surprise to me was only a 238-vote turnout in **Orange's District 4**, city election. The poor turnout saw a good public servant, **Jimmy Sims**, defeated by 16 votes. A political unknown, **Annette Pernel**, won 127 votes to **Jimmy's** 111. **James**, who is serving as mayor pro-tem is very knowledgeable in city matters, very low key and dedicated worker for good changes. As for **Jimmy**, I think he would be a good mayor and maybe that chance will come. (Editor's note: The chance did come and **Jimmy** was a good mayor).******The West Orange-Stark Mustangs** win a third state track meet in a row and set new records in the 400 and 800 meter relays. Congrats to speedsters **Ed Ivory**, **Mark Roberts**, **Phillip Jones** and **Justin Thomas**. They ran the 400 in 40.89 and the 800 in 1:25.86 and that's flying. I learned Monday that **West Orange-Stark** track coach **Toby Forman** was going to announce his resignation Tuesday to accept a coaching job in **Texarkana**. That's no surprise; **Toby** wants to move up the coaching ladder.****Congrats also to **Little Cypress-Mauriceville's Hyden Reed** for winning gold in both the discus and shot put.****It was disappointing for **LC-M** not to have the opportunity to advance. **Coach Griff's** youngsters had the talent to go much farther but that's baseball. a great life. Baseball has taught them a lot about life, the ups and downs, the hard work and setting goals.****Congratulatory to the **Bridge City Cardinals** on their two out of three wins. The **Cards** are advancing to take on **Giddings**, Wednesday, at **College Park High** in the **Woodlands**. Game two will be Friday and if needed a third game will be played Saturday.****Two major events occurred 94 years ago, in 1927. **Babe Ruth** hit 60 homeruns and **Charles Lindbergh** crossed the Atlantic in 33.5 hours, arriving in **Paris** and was met by 100,000 admirers.****NFL kicker, **Matt Bryant**, celebrates another birthday. As a pro player, he needs birthdays to slow down.*****Billy Raymer** celebrates a birthday this week, also he and **Kristy's** little angel, **Kyndel**, turns 1-year-old on May 21. She's **Beverly** and **Jody Raymer's** grandchild and **Ms. Pearl Burgess'** great

grandchild.*****FaceBook** friends celebrating May 18, **Amy Copeland**, **Regan Lewis** and **Clarence Yarbrough**.*****Del Burke** celebrates May 19.*****George Gros**, **Grady Gray** and the wonderful **Tina Cotton** all celebrate May 23. Happy birthday to all.****Happy 56th anniversary to our friends **Les** and **Wanda Johnson**. **Coach** is now retired and he and **Wanda** spend a lot of time working out. (Ten years later they celebrate 66 years together.)******Blake Shelton** married **Miranda Lambert** Saturday in **Boerne, Texas**, northwest of **San Antonio**. Five hundred, fifty guests including **Reba**, **Martina** and many other country stars attended. Venison was served. **Lambert**, 27, is from **Longview**, **Blake**, 34, is from **Oklahoma**. It's her first wedding, his second. (Editor's note: **Blake** is headed to his third, he's now engaged to singer **Gwen Stefani**.)****Our condolences to **Sandy Kaufman**, **Judge Pat Clark's** Court Coordinator, who lost her mother Tuesday, May 10. **Sandy** was with her in **Missouri** when she passed.****Well, the news broke that over 10 years ago, **Arnold** was bedding the domestic help and one affair produced a child. That's no surprise. What is surprising is that the story held so long and through his political career he supported the child and not a leak. After leaving the **California** governor's office he told **Maria** and the split-up came. A ten-year secret in today's world is amazing.

22 Years Ago-1994

Louis Dugas, **Richard Turkel** and **Jay Tantzen**, local attorneys, argued before the entire **Fifth Federal Circuit**. Sixteen blacked robed judges heard the argument and many asked questions. The three said it was an exciting and grand experience. (Editor's note: I don't know if they won or not. **Louis** has gone to join **Beth** but **Richard** and **Jay** are still around. I'll have to ask. What an experience that must have been for those three country lawyers.****By the way, **Louis** says **Karen Jo Vance** gave him a book titled, "Why You Say It," that has been quite valuable to him.****At this time **Orange County** has 70 lawyers. (Editor's note: I wonder how many are left.)****Continuing with lawyers, a lady judge from Houston is pitch-hitting for **Judge Pat Clark** while he is recovering from surgery. Believe it or not, her name is **Judge Dunn**, giving **Orange County** two **Judge Dunn's**. The other is **Judge David Dunn**, who is planning to retire when this term is over.****While in **Orange**, the lady **Judge Dunn** attended **Sharon Bearden's** annual outdoor bar party. Tailgates of pickup trucks were used for sitting. **Judge Dunn**, the lady judge, enjoyed the outing but says, "You folks do bar parties quite differently than **Houston** bar parties." (Editor's note: I remember that gathering, **Bearden** was looking forward to **Jim Sharon** finishing law school at **Texas Tech** in December meaning **Sharon** would get a raise come January and next year he might be able to afford an indoor party.)******Evelyn Morse**, 73, passed away last week, May 11. She leaves behind husband **Howard**, sons **Gary**, **Wayne** and **Kenneth** and daughter **Kathleen**. A grandson she helped raise preached her service. (Editor's note: We've known the **Morse's** a long time. **Evelyn** was a fine lady. Husband **Howard** is still going strong and serves on the **Bridge City Bank Board**. (Editor's note: Since then **Howard** has passed away.)****Congrats to **Orangefield** pole-vaulter **Eric Eshbach**, who vaulted 18.21/4 feet at the state track meet. No high school vaulter in the history of the world has ever flown that high. His teammate **Jonathan Henley** won the silver with 17.3 foot vault. The boys are coached by **Joe Hester**.******Bruce Aven**, former **West Orange-Stark** star, now in the majors, hit a three-run homer in the **Marlin** 14-3 win over the **Brewers**. **Bruce** is hitting .372 in the majors.******The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears** knocked the **Carthage Bulldogs** out of the playoffs after a 5-4 loss in the first game. Senior lefthander, **Josh Gray**, pitched a shutout in game two. The **Bears** won 6-0. Then **Josh** came back to pitch three endings in game three, in a come from behind 11-5 victory. The **Bears**, of coach "Grif," meets **Brenham** next.******The Orangefield Bobcats**, coached by **Jeff Smith** beats **Huntington** 5-4 in a come from behind win to advance in 3-A Playoffs, winning two out of three games. The **Bobcats** will meet **Hudson** in **Jasper** in one game winner take all.******Orangefield** golf team are district champs. They are **Clifton English**, **Kevin Ernst**, **Jarred Marks**, **Dustin Williams** and **Chris Holbrook**. (Editor's note: I often wonder what became of so many of the young athletes I watched over the past 50 years in their high school triumphs. Some I've never heard about again. They just seem to vanish.)******The Bridge City Chamber SCORE Chapter 521** named **Lester "Buckshot" Winfree "Small Businessman of the Year"**. He is the owner of **Winfree Rice** and **Cattle Company**.******Mary Dorothea Smith** will celebrate a birthday May 21.******Gisela Houseman**, is attending a **CASA** convention in **Kansas City**. **Gisela** serves as **CASA** president.

A FEW HAPPENINGS

It doesn't make any sense not to get vaccinated. God has provided us a way to protect ourselves and others from this deadly pandemic. I still talk to some people who haven't gotten the shot. When I ask why, I find they really don't have a good reason. Most just shrug their shoulders. I don't know what their point is. People will still get sick and some will die.****After all the rain, next week it would be a good idea to call **Donna**, at **Pestco**, to get your home checked for termites. Also, you might do what **Karen Jo** and I do and get **Pestco** to spray the mosquitoes with their special herb formula. For six to eight weeks a **skeeter** won't come near your place.****May 19: Celebrating on this day are **Al Judice, Jr.**, a good guy with a lot of toys, also celebrating are **Flo's** brother, **Mark's** dad, **Leon Carter**, **Justin Knight**, **Mark Watts** and **Tommy Bouget**.***We wish a **Happy 66th Anniversary** to our friends **Les** and **Wanda Johnson**.****May 20: **Phyl** and **Roy's** youngest child, daughter **Karen Dunn Gros**, celebrates her special birthday. Also having birthdays are **Patty Dupuis**, **David Jones** and **Cher** who turns 75 today.****May 21: **Pretty June Gregory**, a special lady, celebrates as does **Rickey Land**, **Leah Chipman**, **Bill Pope** and **Mark's** better half **Babette Philpott**.****May 22: Longtime friend and former **Record** reporter and writer **Margaret Toal** celebrates today. She was once editor of the **Leader** in its heyday. Last I heard she was with **K.O.G.T**. Best wishes for many more healthy years. **Bailey McCurry** also celebrates today.****May 23: **Ray's** daughter, lawyer, CPA and all around boss, **Tina Cotton**, celebrates today as does **Billy Raymer**, **Justin Trahan** and **Amanda Uzzle**.***On this day in 1934 **Bonnie** and **Clyde** were killed in Louisiana.****May 24: Twins **Joey** and **Rusty Williams** are a year older today. Also celebrating are **Lance Faulkner** and **Chris Green**.****May 25: Happy Birthday to our friend **Jo Lynn Harris**, **Monica Stevens** and **Judy Duncan**. Best wishes to all.****I hear on **FOX News** that the

clowns are blaming **President Biden** for the gas shortage. **How stupid is that**. There is no one to blame but the hackers who hacked a private business. If your bank account was hacked who would you blame, certainly not the president.****The big freeze killed thousands of citrus trees in **Orange County**. I talked with my friend **John Heard**, who for several years has kept me supplied with oranges and grapefruit, he said he lost every tree. **Don Breaux** had a tree that produced the best orange I ever ate and now **Angie** says **Don** lost his tree. I lost grapefruit, satsuma and kumquat trees that were just starting to produce. I don't believe I can live long enough to ever see citrus as plentiful as they were.****I watched a congressional hearing where some idiot named **Andrew Clyde**, congressman from Georgia, testified that the big mob insurrection on the Capital wasn't what we thought we saw. **Crazy Clyde** says it just was a normal day with tourist just visiting the capital. He must think we're as stupid as the gang he hangs with. He knows damn well it was a mob invasion and who sent them. Over 400 of those "Clyde tourist" have been arrested and jailed and the **FBI** is looking for more. One guy, with his lawyer, on TV said they were just following their president's orders.****While the **COVID-19** pandemic was foremost on the minds of most Americans in 2020, another health crisis loomed across the country, drug overdose deaths increased from 2019 to 2020 by 27%, according to a report by **QuoteWizard.com**, a leading online site for insurance needs. Texas recorded a bleak 34.2% rise in year-over-year overdose fatalities.******Israel** is like a family member who keeps getting in trouble and the family has to bail him out. I'm not a fan of **Netanyahu**, he stays in too much trouble.****Our staff was thankful when our friend, **Yvonne Trahan** from the American Legion, stopped by with 2 chocolate pies and a pumpkin pie just for **Mark**. She has always been our go to for their fish fries and information for many years. Thank you for thinking of them on their busy Tuesday production day!

BREAUX BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays in the next few days are **Harry Dodge**, **Jean Duplantis**, **Bret Shuford**, **Dalayna Sandlin**, **John Sims**, **James Sims**, **James Batson**, **Lucie Rucker**, **Pat Bland**, **Alayna Womack**, **Charlotte Foreman**, **Sarah McClure**, **Lauren Parrish**, **Will Schisler**, **John Hanes**, **Louis Purifoy**, **Tracy Davis**, **Philip Douglas Thomas**, **Fran Bullard**, **Gracie Lemley**, **Jack James**, **Cutler Hubbard**, **Sheryl Fraizier** and **Archie McLellan**.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Celebrities celebrating birthdays this week. **May 19:** Football player **Archie Manning**, 72; Pop Singers **Sam Smith**, 29, **Grace Jones**, 73.******May 20:** Pop Singer **Cher**, 75; Race Car Driver **Tony Stewart**, 50; Country Singer **Jon Pardi**, 36.******May 21:** TV Actors **Mr. T**, 69; **Hutch Dano**, 29; **Kevin Quinn**, 24.******May 22:** Model **Naomi Campbell**, 51; Wrestler **Daniel Bryan**, 40; Actor **Maggie Q**, 42.******May 23:** Pop Singer **Jewel**, 47; Actor **Joan Collins**, 86.******May 24:** Folk Singer **Bob Dylan**, 80; Pop Singer **Pattie LaBelle**, 77; **Elvis's** widow, **Priscilla Presley**, 76.******May 25:** Actors **Anne Heche**, 52 and **Mike Myers**, 58; Wrestlers **Bo Dallas**, 31, **Roman Reigns**, 36 and **Alberto Del Rio**, 44.

CAJUN STORY OF THE WEEK

Clovis Robicheaux was having some mental issues so his friend **Oris Boudreaux** suggest he should go see **Dr. Chenier**, da philologist, for an evaluation. **Clovis** him, he make an appointment and Monday he went to see da doctor.

Da doctor him, drew a round picture on a sheet of paper an axe **Clovis** wat he tought of wen he see da circle, him?

Clovis say, "SEX."

Da doc drew a square and axe wat he see now.

Again **Clovis** say "SEX."

Next, da doc drew a rectangle, "Wat you see?" he axe.

"Me, I see **SEX**," **Clovis** answer.

Da doctor say, "Mr. **Robicheaux**, all you got on you brain is sex."

Clovis answer, "Well, Doc, it's not me drawing dem nasty pictures."

C'EST TOUT

Child tax credit payments to start arriving July 15

Millions of Americans with children will see more money in their bank accounts starting in July. The **Treasury Department** and the **Internal Revenue Service** will begin sending monthly advance payment of **\$250 or \$300** to low and moderate income families under the newly expanded **Child Tax Credit** starting July 15. The payments will continue on a monthly basis through December, and most eligible families will receive them via direct deposit. Families that didn't have direct deposit will receive the payment either as a paper checks or a debit card, Monthly advance payments under the **Child Tax Credit** are the result of **President Joe Biden's American Rescue Plan**, a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus-relief package that **Congress** passed in March. The law extended the tax credit, boosted the amount that eligible families could receive and provided for half of the money to be made available in monthly installments through December. Under the new law, families claiming the credit will receive up to **\$3,000** per qualifying children between ages 6-17 or **\$3,600** for each child younger than 6. Roughly **39-million** households, covering **88%** of children in the U.S., will receive the monthly payments. The payments will be calculated based on an eligible taxpayer's 2020 tax returns. If those returns haven't yet been filed or processed, 2019 tax returns will be used to determine eligibility and payment. The payments will be sent automatically, so eligible taxpayers who have already filed their taxes don't need to take any other action. The **Treasury Department** estimates that **80%** of eligible families will get the payments via direct deposit.****Gotta get out of here. Thanks for your time. **Take care and God bless.**



LSCO recognizes former Sen. Carl Parker with honorary degree

Staff Report
For The Record

Lamar State College Orange (LSCO) surprised former State Senator Carl A. Parker with its first honorary degree at graduation this Saturday at the Carl A. Parker Multipurpose Center on Lamar State College Port Arthur's (LSCPA) campus, in gratitude for the Senator authoring the legislation that created LSCO and LSCPA and in thanks for his faithful stewardship of LSCO over the years.

With LSCO President Thomas Johnson to witness the presentation of the honorary Associate of Science in Business degree were Texas State University System (TSUS) Regents Bill Scott and David Montagne, along with TSUS Vice Chancellor Daniel Harper. LSCPA President Betty Reynard, along with LSCO Provost and Executive Vice President Wendy Elmore, Dean Suzonne Crockett, and Dean Brian Hull, were also present.

"We conferred an all-time Spring record of 263 degrees this Saturday, and none of those life-changing moments would have been possible were it not for Senator Carl

Parker. His legislation, and his vision, for a college on the Sabine to transform lives in our community of Orange is one of his many great legacies. We are honored to award Senator Parker with our first-ever honorary Associate's Degree," said LSCO President Thomas Johnson.

A Port Arthur native, University of Texas graduate, and U.S. Navy veteran, Carl Parker was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1962 and served in the House until he was elected to the Texas Senate in 1977. He served as a senator of his district covering Orange and Port Arthur until 1995.

In his 33-year tenure, Parker authored or co-sponsored more than 400 measures that were enacted into state law, including the establishment of Lamar State College Orange and Lamar State College Port Arthur.

At his induction into the Hall of Fame at the Museum of the Gulf Coast, Parker said of LSCO and LSCPA, "Kids would never have graduated if we didn't have those institutions in their hometowns. If you don't have any method of transportation, you may as well be on the moon."



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Sheriff Mooney and the Orange County Sheriff's Office were presented with an American flag by SSG Brett Schexnider. This flag was flown during combat operations in the country of Syria and combat support operations in Jordan. SSG Schexnider is a member of the Orange County Sheriff's Office and is currently deployed overseas.



Chamber Ambassador President Kristen Placate, BCHS Counselor Nichole Harris, Mccain Molley, Tanya Molley, Mikail Molley, Robin Molley, grandparents Micaela and Judge Carl Thibodeaux.

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BCCC names Molley BCHS 'Student of the Month'

The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the May Student of the Month for Bridge City High School is Mclain Molley. Mclain is the son of Robin and Tanya Molley. When asked about his future plans, Mclain said he plans to attend Lamar State College Orange and pursue a degree in entrepreneurship/business. Mclain was presented his certificate and gift bag by our Bridge City Chamber Ambassador President, Kristen Placette, VP of Sabine Federal Credit Union. Upon receiving his award, he was surrounded and celebrated by his parents, grandparents Judge Carl Thibodeaux and wife Micaela, Ambassador President Kristen Placette, Bridge City Counselor Nichole Har-

ris and Bridge City Ambassador Wanda McGraw.

He received Cup and Flashlight as well as free graduation invitations from COS Printing, Insulated bag and other goodies from Wellspring Credit union, 1 month free on the mat training valued at \$225. From Tiger

Rock Martial Arts Bridge City, \$25 Visa Gift card and Pen from Sabine Federal Credit Union, Blue tote from Bridge City Bank, Notepad from big Red A/C heating, Tool Kit from Ohainweb.com, Koozie and office supplies from Port of Orange, Key Lanyard from Best Hospice Care, Pen from Neches federal Credit Union, Koozie from Capital Financial Group.



Kassidy Boyette of Orangefield High School is pictured with Bridge City Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and Orangefield school representatives.

BCCC names Boyett OFH 'Student of the Month'

The Bridge City Chamber of Commerce has announced that the May Student of the Month for Orangefield High School is Kassidy Boyett. Kassidy is the daughter of Taylor and Eric Boyett. Kassidy is ranked #34 of 111 with a GPA 3.73.

When asked about her future plans, Kassidy said she plans to follow her passion for music by seeking a degree in music education at Lamar University. She then plans to transfer to the University of Houston to complete her college education. Kassidy was presented his certificate and gift bag by our Bridge City Chamber Ambassador

President, Kristen Placette, VP of Sabine Federal Credit Union.

Upon receiving her award, she was surrounded and celebrated by her mother, Am-

bassador President Kristen Placette, Bridge City Chamber President Rani Dillow, Orangefield Counselor Crissa Bonnin and Bridge City Ambassadors Wanda McGraw, Lucy Fields, Principle Rea Winkle.

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We All Have Need of Endurance

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A few months ago, I met a friend for breakfast. When I asked him how he was doing, he answered, "I'm enduring."

If his response doesn't sound remarkable, it's only because you don't know the howling spiritual storm that had raged in his soul over the past year, and the relentless questions and doubts that pressed on him. He was wrestling "spiritual forces of evil" (Ephesians 6:12) in a fierce, disorienting fight for

and at times exactly what we should do. But we must be discerning and careful, because sometimes it isn't. In fact, we might be trying to take away something precious the Lord is giving: endurance.

Loving Gift in a Painful Package

The New Testament makes it clear that, for the Christian, developing endurance is essential. It tells us "the way is hard that leads to life" (Matthew 7:14), and fiery trials most certainly will befall

it. We attain every form of increased stamina only by the discipline of forcing ourselves (or being forced) to push beyond our current limits and persevere through an arduous, sometimes agonizing, experience of discomfort.

So, what package should we expect God's loving gift of endurance to arrive in? One that "seems painful rather than pleasant" (Hebrews 12:11): a season of discipline.

Need of Endurance

God's discipline can be a confusing, disorienting experience for Christians. It certainly was for the original recipients of the epistle to the Hebrews. As a church, they were suffering various forms of persecution and social alienation because of their faith in Christ. They too were in a howling spiritual storm, continually being pressed by their own questions and doubts. They were growing weary and discouraged.

And here's where the author of Hebrews exercised careful discernment in his response. As he listened to these Christians express their fatigue, he didn't hear endurance, like I did that morning from my friend. He heard them drifting away from the gospel (Hebrews 2:1). He heard them losing confidence in Christ, and beginning to shrink back in fearful unbelief (Hebrews 10:35, 39). He heard them

risking the loss of the better and abiding possession that once had given them such joy (Hebrews 10:34-35). They faced a clear and present danger. They surely needed encouragement. But this author knew they didn't need the soft, consoling kind. They needed a firm exhortation.

Therefore, he didn't mince words. He warned them of the danger and said, "You have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised" (Hebrews 10:36). Then he encouraged them at length to faithfully endure just as the great saints of the past had done (chapter 11), and just as "Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith" had done (Hebrews 12:1-2). And then he reminded them that their affliction was the painful package containing God's loving gift of endurance, a gift he gives to all his children (Hebrews 12:3-11).

God Treating You as Sons

God's children in every age need this reminder. That's why the author pointed his Hebrew readers back to an ancient proverb they all knew, and said, "Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?"

My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,

and chastises every son whom he receives. (Hebrews 12:5-6; Proverbs 3:11-12)

Years ago, when the Spirit directed me to Hebrews 12 during a confusing, disorienting, howling spiritual storm, it completely changed my perspective of my affliction.

"The Lord disciplines the one he loves" (Hebrews 12:6). This is an expression of God's love for me.

"God is treating you as sons" (Hebrews 12:7). I really am his child.

"He disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness" (Hebrews 12:10). There is a long-term, sanctifying, satisfying purpose to this agonizing experience.

This exhortation didn't immediately quiet my internal storm; it didn't alleviate all my anguish. But as I began to understand my suffering as the endurance-building discipline of my loving Father, I was able to "rejoice in [my] sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance" (Romans 5:3). The God of hope filled me with joy and peace in believing the promise in this exhortation (Romans 15:13). And that hope fueled my resolve to endure.

Endure for Joy

When my friend expressed his own resolve to endure, I was given a glimpse of the Father of spirits giving his son a precious gift in a very painful package — so his son would live (Hebrews 12:9). My friend was not regarding lightly the discipline of the Lord, but receiving it in humble faith, even though his tri-

als grieved him (1 Peter 1:6). He was considering the example of his Older Brother, Jesus, and seeking to endure for the joy set before him (Hebrews 12:2).

That's why we all "have need of endurance, so that when [we] have done the will of God [we] may receive what is promised" (Hebrews 10:36). And what is promised, what is set before us, is "fullness of joy" and "pleasures forevermore" (Psalm 16:11).

So, let us give each other the encouragement we most need — the encouragement that will help us receive that promise. At times it is tender comfort and consolation. But at other times, perhaps more than we think, we must strengthen one another's souls by "encouraging [each other] to continue in the faith, [since it is] through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22).

In the middle of a howling storm in the soul, in the agony of "a severe test of affliction" (2 Corinthians 8:2), it is easy to grow weary, and the temptation can be strong to just give up. At that point, what we often most need is an exhortation to "endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 2:3 KJV). Because "by [our] endurance [we] will gain [our] lives" (Luke 21:19).

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faith (1 Timothy 6:12), all while faithfully leading a young, growing family, helping to (bi-vocationally) lead a young, growing church, and helping to (vocationally) lead a young, growing, increasingly visible ministry. And on top of that were the taxing stresses of normal life. Few knew the fortitude this season required of him. He was enduring, and it was remarkable.

When we observe those like my friend enduring such a difficult struggle, we often feel the merciful impulse to try to relieve their anguish. This can be a loving impulse,

us (1 Peter 4:12). Therefore, it says, "you have need of endurance" (Hebrews 10:36) because "by your endurance you will gain your lives" (Luke 21:19). God promises to us the "eternal weight of glory" of knowing and being known by Christ (2 Corinthians 4:17; Philippians 3:8). But the promise has a crucial condition: our endurance.

When our heavenly Father determines to give us the gift of endurance, it is one of the most precious, loving gifts we can receive from him. But how is endurance gained? You may know the answer: pain. There's no way around

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A lot of those eight year old clients are now fifty-eight and still relying on spinning gear. Susan Hudson caught two personal bests between storms last week while most of us were stuck inside.

Flooding will change the game

FISHING
CAPT. DICKIE COLBURN
For The Record



Dickie Colburn

Prior to the recent flooding, I thought that conditions could not have been much tougher for the teams fishing the second of four tournaments in the Sabine Redfish Series last Saturday. If nothing else, the high water altered more than one game plan as only sixteen of the thirty-four teams weighed in fish.

After four days of torrential rains and even higher water, it looks as though they were fortunate to get this one in. The tough conditions apparently didn't bother the winning team of Brian Quebedeaux and Gary Sheppard too badly as they vaulted into the Team of the Year lead with 25.67-pounds.

Their impressive catch outdistanced the second place team of Robert Gross and Bob Purdy by six pounds. Gross and Purdy posted a respectable 19.50 catch narrowly edging out Tony Viator and Jeremy Reeves 19.23-pound bag.

The Series includes four events with the Team of the Year winners cashing a \$15,000 check. There is a lot of catching left to do with two remaining events, but a big lead can quick-

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Football news sneaking on to sports pages

KAZ'S KORNER
Joe Kazmar
For The Record



Joe Kazmar

Although major league baseball is well into its second month of play and high school and college teams are focused on their respective playoffs and the NBA also is set for its long playoff run, there has been plenty of attention by the sports media given to football.

Last week the National Football League announced its 17-game schedule for all teams, and closer to home Sam Houston State was successful in its FCS national championship game against No. 1 South Dakota State while the Houston Texans new head coach David Culley is impressed with his players at the rookie minicamp that began last week.

The Texans will open their 2021 season Sept. 12 against No. 1 draft pick Trevor Lawrence and his Jacksonville Jaguars while the Dallas Cowboys will see what they can do opening the NFL season Sept. 9 at Tampa Bay against Tom Brady and his world championship Buccaneers teammates.

The rebuilding process the Texans have begun this season has Culley liking what he's been seeing at the rookie minicamp.

He has been indoctrinating his new players and new coaches into the Texans' way of doing business on and off the field—a way that has changed considerably since Culley and general manager Nick Caserio were hired in January, according to Sunday's edition of the Houston Chronicle.

Most of Culley's meetings were of the virtual variety with his players and coaches, so he was happy to oversee on the field the three-day minicamp that began last Thursday.

A majority of the time was spent laying the groundwork, getting the players familiar with their new coaches and teammates, teaching them the basics of their new systems on both sides of the ball and introducing them



Sam Houston head coach K.C. Keeler, who has turned down several opportunities to coach at the next level, told his team before the game, "You're chasing immortality."

to the new terminology they will have to learn, the article pointed out.

Besides getting their first look at their five draft choices, undrafted free agents and players who weren't on the roster long enough last season to get credit for a season were also at the minicamp.

Monday Culley took the field to coach the second phase of the off-season program—a five-day period in which veterans get on-field instruction from the coaches for the first time, the article added.

The final college game of last season's split schedule featured the Southland Conference's undefeated champion Sam Houston Bearkats against the South Dakota State Jackrabbits Sunday at Toyota Stadium in Frisco, TX.

And in true form, the Bearkats fell behind in the first half and then came roaring back after the intermission to take over the lead and then hang on for dear life, winning the title game 23-21.

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Keeler used as an example a program like Michigan's which won multiple national titles in the early 1900's. "Those flags are flying 120 years later in that stadium," Keeler stated. "It's immortality for the rest of our lives and beyond that. Sam Houston is the national champion...and that's going

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Game Warden Field Notes . . .

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) law enforcement reports.

Texas Means Friendship

In late February, a Uvalde County game warden contacted the Uvalde County Emergency Management Chief about getting pallets of bottled water for the Rocksprings school. Uvalde County had just received several shipments of bottled water that they wanted to share with neighboring counties.

An Edwards County game warden said the Rocksprings school needed bottled water since the county was still without water in many places. The wardens, with the help of two other game wardens, loaded and delivered four pallets of water to the school. The Edwards County warden, his wife and several students worked together to unload the water at several locations around campus.

Lending a Helping Hand

In mid-February, two Zapata County game wardens collected more than 500 invasive tilapia and 50 plecostomus catfish from Falcon Lake that were stunned by the winter storm. All of the tilapia were donated to Zapata County residents, the majority of whom had been without power for more than 85 hours at the time.

Who Ya Gonna Call

A Jasper County game warden received a call about a deer killed out of season. Upon arriving at the residence, the warden and their partner noticed a bloody cooler with loppers lying next to it. The owner of the residence told the wardens that he picked up the deer from the side of the road. When asked if he notified anyone, the man said, "Yes. I called 911, but no one answered." It was later determined the individual shot the deer on his property. Citations were issued.

From the Mouths of Babies

Three Williamson County game wardens were checking night fisherman at Lake Granger and the San Gabriel River when one of the wardens spotted a man and child using a cast net along the bank of the Wilson Fox Fishing Pier. The wardens contacted the individuals and the child said they had several fish in a bucket and one was a really big fish. The warden inspected the fish and pulled out a largemouth bass measuring 14 inches and asked the child if he caught the big fish. The child replied, "No, my brother caught it with the cast net." When confronted, the adult admitted to catching one largemouth bass and a crappie. Citations and civil restitution

were filed.

Whoops

A Bexar County game warden was patrolling the southside of San Antonio when they saw vehicle tire tracks entering a water treatment facility. The warden entered the property to search for trespassers when he saw a man on a kayak along the banks of the private lake. The suspect caught a five-pound bass, weighed it, took a picture with his cell phone and then put the bass in to his kayak.

When the man saw the game warden truck, he said "Hi." The man told the warden he drove his vehicle around the gate and fence to enter the property. Water treatment security arrived at the scene to sign a non-consent form. The suspect was arrested and booked. The case is pending.

Adopt Don't Shop

A Mitchell/Howard County game warden received a call about a Howard County resident who admitted to being in possession of a juvenile American Alligator without a proper permit. The warden met with the resident and was able to take custody of the juvenile alligator. When interviewing the resident, the warden discovered that the resident was given the alligator by another individual who could not take care of it. Later that week, the warden met with the original owner who admitted having possession of the alligator. The juvenile alligator was relocated to a rehabilitation center and charges are pending.

Game Wardens' Best Friend

An Orange County game warden responded to a call from a petroleum company to report someone hunting without landowner consent. Upon arrival on the property, the warden identified and made contact with an individual that was within the property and admitted to hunting hogs with dogs. Another subject was hiding in the woods, but the warden was able to get his name and phone number from one of the dogs' collars. After more than an hour and a half, the subject came out of the woods. The warden identified and released both subjects to obtain non-consent affidavits from the landowner's agent. Cases pending on both subjects.

Oh, Crap(pie)

Three Williamson County game wardens were checking

night fishermen at Lake Granger and the San Gabriel River when they saw a man and woman loading up their fishing gear and getting ready to leave. The warden identified himself and asked if they had any luck, and the woman replied and said they had caught two fish. Both individuals showed the wardens their valid fishing licenses and let the warden see the two fish they had on the stringer. The warden saw a Styrofoam ice chest and asked them if they had any fish in there.

The man said, "Yes, we do but one might be small." The warden opened the ice chest and found two undersized crappies measuring nine inches. Citations and civil restitution were filed.

Caught Red Handed

A Matagorda County game warden received a call about a group of individuals keeping undersized redfish on Sargent Beach. The warden and their partner drove to the location and spotted the vehicle. While waiting for the initial vehicle to exit the beach, another call came in about another vehicle suspected of keeping too many redfish.

The wardens had both vehicles in their sight, so when contact was made with the first vehicle, the second vehicle turned around and started heading away from the wardens. One of the wardens made contact with the fleeing vehicle before it got away. A total of 26 separate violations were found. Appropriate citations were issued and the seized fish were donated. Cases and restitution are pending.

Fishin' for Trouble

An Orange County game warden and a Newton County game warden teamed up to conduct a Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) patrol out of Sabine Pass into the Gulf of Mexico. On their way back to the port, they spotted a boat doing some commercial fishing and conducted a patrol stop. During their inspection, they found the boat did not display commercial fishing plates. The captain also did not have written authorization to use the license and a helper on the boat was not licensed as a general commercial fisherman. Cases pending on both commercial fishermen.

Honesty Goes a Long Way

A Newton County game warden was patrolling southern Newton County when he saw an ATV being illegally operated on a public roadway while the occupants were holding rifles. When the warden contacted the suspects and noticed they had a spotlight with them. The warden asked them what they were doing, and the group said they were riding around looking for animals to shoot from the roadway, but they hadn't killed anything yet. Cases are pending.

Saltwater Weekly Fishing Report

Compiled this week by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

• Sabine Lake

Overall conditions: GOOD. 74 degrees. The best speckled trout fishing are along the shorelines or the jetties. Use a jig or soft plastics. Redfish are best around the jetties, the ship channel, or in the shallow marsh areas.

Mullet, mud minnows, or jigs and soft plastics will work. Black drum are good near vegetation on shrimp. Flounder are fair around rocks on minnow.

• Bolivar

GOOD. 76 Degrees. Speckled trout have been good near the bridge as well as along the surf. Redfish are in the pass and are good on shrimp or soft plastics. Black drum are good around vegetation or structure on crab or shrimp. Flounder are fair around the rocks on shrimp.

• Trinity Bay

GOOD. 74 degrees. Wade fish the shorelines with artificial baits or drift the open bay over shell reefs & wells from the boat for speckled trout and redfish. Flounder are fair on minnow around the rocks.

• East Galveston Bay

FAIR. 73 degrees. Speckled trout and Redfish will be found in the surf and around the jetties best using shrimp. Black drum are good in the channels on cut bait. Sheepshead are fair and will be found primarily around the jetties on shrimp.

• West Galveston Bay

FAIR TO GOOD. 77 degrees. Redfish and speckled trout are found in the surf, along the shorelines, and around the jetties and are best on shrimp. Sheepshead are fair and will be found primarily around the jetties using shrimp. Black drum are caught using shrimp or crab around structures or vegetation.

• Texas City

GOOD. 75 degrees. Redfish are fair over the flats on live shrimp. Flounder are good on live bait around the jetties and

• Freeport

GOOD. 77 degrees. Redfish will be found along the flats or shoreline and are best on shrimp. Speckled trout are fair on shrimp in the shallow water in less than 3 feet.

Sheepshead will be found around the oyster reefs and are good on live bait. Flounder are good around the rocks on mullet. Black drum are good on blue crab, slow bouncing off the bottom around vegetation.

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Super trout call for super tactics

**Outdoors
Captain Chuck Uzzle
For The Record**

Anywhere you go along the gulf coast there is an unwritten standard by which all fish are judged, the magic mark that each angler strives to attain. For inshore fishermen the glory fish that causes anglers to stop and take a second look has got to be a trophy speckled trout. A bona fide 30" class or 10 pound trout is the fish of a lifetime for the coastal pluggger. Fish in this class take on almost a mythical existence, just ask any serious trout angler about a fish of this magnitude and they will speak in almost a reverent tone that is punctuated with heavy doses of respect. For many years I personally have dreamed of that "trout of a lifetime", each time I could see myself wading into the fabled Laguna

Madre or Baffin Bay and wrestling with one of their famous giant specks. I still have this dream, but now the scenery has changed to our own Sabine lake.

Several years ago Capt. Dickie Colburn and I were fishing on Sabine Lake and our conversation turned to the topic of trophy trout. Each of us grudgingly admitted that we may have to indeed take a trip down south to land the kind of trout we had been in search of for many years. That conversation has now been long forgotten since some of these "super trout" have made their presence felt here at home. In years past it was nearly inconceivable that Sabine Lake would ever be capable of growing trout worthy of trophy status.

For many years anglers up and down the Texas coast have been wadefishing, this trend took off on Sabine after seeing the results. Wadefishing is perhaps the best way to consistently put yourself in range of big fish. The silent



approach and thorough manner in which the area is fished helps put some odds in the anglers favor. Some anglers go to serious extremes to keep noise to a minimum, special boats and other gear are part of their arsenals. Since wadefishing became an accepted practice here on Sabine Lake there have been more and more big fish being caught in places that nobody ever thought to fish.

Areas that once were basically ruled out as not able to hold fish are now looked at as prime spots for big fish. Ultra shallow waters that appear to be muddy or off color were once shunned by most fishermen, not anymore.

Dirty water is a great place to fish for big trout at certain times, the spring and late winter are two perfect examples. During colder months this water is generally warmer so it will have the most activity. This revolutionary thinking has many anglers running to instead of away from off colored water.

Chasing big fish is not for everybody, some folks don't have the patience or desire to go out and fish all day for maybe one or two bites. For those folks who do have the desire to get out there, the future looks better than ever. Heres hoping you get out and catch that fish of a lifetime right here in your own backyard, Sabine Lake.

Chronic Wasting Disease Discovered at Deer Breeding Facilities

AUSTIN – Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been discovered in deer breeding facilities in both Matagorda and Mason counties. This marks the first positive detection of the disease in these counties.

An epidemiological investigation found that both deer breeding facilities had received deer from a Uvalde County premises where CWD was found on March 29. Post-mortem tissues samples were submitted by the permitted deer breeders to assist the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) with the epidemiological investigation. The National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa, has since confirmed CWD in those tissue samples.

TPWD and TAHC officials have taken immediate action to secure all cervids at the Matagorda County and Mason County deer breeding facilities and plan to conduct additional investigations for CWD. In addition, other breeding facilities and release sites that have received deer from these facilities or shipped deer to these facilities during the last five years have been contacted by TPWD and cannot move or release deer at this time.

On March 31, TPWD and TAHC reported two CWD confirmations at breeding facilities in both Hunt and Uvalde counties. The Hunt facility underwent further DNA testing to confirm animal identification and origin, and on May 12 the DNA test results confirmed the deer's connection to the premises.

TPWD and TAHC continue to work together to determine the extent of the disease. Quick detection of CWD can help mitigate the disease's spread

TPWD: It's Invasive Species Awareness Week

**Staff Report
For The Record**

AUSTIN – During National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW) May 15-22, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) wants to help Texans learn more about how invasive species affect our state's natural resources and how everyone can help in slowing their spread. In honor of NISAW, May 15 is also designated National Clean, Drain, Dry Day to promote boater behaviors to prevent the spread of invasive species.

Invasive species are species that are non-native to an ecosystem and are causing, or are likely to cause, environmental or economic harm or impact human health and quality of life. In addition, invasive species are very expensive to prevent and control and cause costly damage to crops, fisheries, forests and more. Recent estimates suggest that the annual cost of invasive species in the U.S. is approximately \$219 billion. Many invasive species are spread inadvertently or intentionally by humans, who play an important role in preventing their spread.

A variety of plants, animals, insects, and even diseases can become invasive species. Invasive species often grow or reproduce rapid-

ly and outcompete native species, enabling them to spread and become established and problematic across large areas. They can be introduced in a variety of ways, including intentional introduction through aquarium dumping or bait releases, and accidental introduction as hitchhikers through recreational activities. Once introduced, some species become established and can have a variety of harmful impacts on our native species and ecosystems and even impact recreation and may require costly, long-term management in cases where control is possible.

This year for NISAW, TPWD is sharing the five easy actions below that you can take to help prevent or slow the spread of invasive species in Texas.

Never Dump Your Tank

Don't dump anything out of an aquarium, whether it's fish, animals, or plants, into any of Texas' waterbodies or flush them down the toilet. Whether saltwater or freshwater, there's a good chance that your aquarium fish, animals, and plants are not native to Texas. If they are dumped into the wild, they can quickly introduce diseases, harm native aquatic life, or harm native vegetation and reef systems. Learn

more on the Texas Invasives website.

Similarly, you should never release any animal that you have purchased as a pet into the wild. Most likely your pet is not a native Texas species and could cause serious harm to our native species and ecosystems. Find more resources on the Don't Let It Loose website.

Only Use Native Gulf Shrimp as Bait

Shrimp is a popular choice to use for bait when fishing, but not all shrimp species can be used as bait due to the potential to introduce diseases. While not harmful to humans when eaten, imported shrimp may carry several known viruses or diseases that can be transmitted to native Gulf shrimp species and other shellfish such as crabs and crawfish. This could cause considerable harm to Texas ecosystems in both saltwater and freshwater environments. Many of these viruses can survive the freezing process and therefore may be present in frozen imported shrimp sold in grocery stores.

Never use imported frozen shrimp in Texas waters. Imported shrimp includes all shrimp species not native to the Gulf of Mexico, including shrimp from other countries like Venezuela, or Thai-

land or from other non-Gulf states like California. Shrimp from a non-Gulf state or different country is considered imported and cannot be used as bait. Learn more about bait shrimp on the TPWD website.

Don't Carry Hitchhikers

You could be carrying invasive species with you and not even know it. Invasive species, like insects and plants, including plant seeds, can hitch a ride on your clothes, shoes, gear, or even in your firewood. You can help stop the spread by removing plants, animals, and mud from clothes, boots, gear, pets and vehicles, cleaning your gear before entering and leaving recreation sites, using only local firewood, and simply staying on

designated roads and trails. Learn more on the Play Clean, Go website.

Clean, Drain and Dry Your Boat and Gear

Boaters can help keep zebra mussels, giant salvinia, and other invasive species from being moved and harming more lakes by taking a few minutes to properly clean, drain and dry boats and equipment before they leave the lake. Remove plants, mud, and debris from the boat and trailer, drain all the water from the boat and gear, and then open up compartments once you get home and allow everything to dry completely.

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Entertainment: New shows will heat-up the summer



Country music star Jason Aldean announced a show for The Woodlands as part of his 2021 summer tour. Several other events have been announced for summer and fall and can be found in the list.

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TOMMY MANN JR. FOR THE RECORD

New shows have been announced for the summer and fall, such as Flo Rida in Lake Charles, Jason Aldean in The Woodlands and Shinedown in Sugarland, while others, such as the biggest show of the summer featuring Def Leppard, Motley Crue and Poison, has been delayed another year.

Regardless, there are plenty of events on tap around the region but be sure to check with the venue for confirmation or changes.

May 19 Circle Jerks, The Adolescents, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

May 22 Corey Taylor, The Cherry Bombs, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

May 27 Dwight Yoakam, Arena Theatre, Houston

May 28 Dwight Yoakam, Arena Theatre, Houston

May 29 2 Chainz, Coi Leray, Lil Durk, Toyota Center, Houston

June 3 Mike Tramp, Warehouse Live, Houston

June 11 Blackberry Smoke, House of Blues, Houston

June 12 Slaughter, Kix, Warehouse Live, Houston

June 16 Halsey, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

June 17 John Corabi, Warehouse Live, Houston

June 17 Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone, Dosey Doe, The Woodlands

June 18 Brett Scallions, Warehouse Live, Houston

June 18 Reckless Kelly, The Heights Theater, Houston

June 24 Flo Rida, LAuberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, La.

June 25 Warrant, Lita Ford, Bulletboys, Warehouse

Live, Houston

June 26 Jo'El Sonnier, Wayne Toups, Chris Bergeron, The Oaks Event Center, Vidor

June 26 Buckcherry, Hinder, Saliva, Drowning Pool, Red, Saving Abel, Tantric, Warehouse Live, Houston

June 27 Chicago, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

July 9 Clay Walker, Randall King, Laine Hardy, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

July 10 Los Aguilar, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

July 17 Santana, Earth, Wind and Fire, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

July 23 Rehab, The Oaks Event Center, Vidor

July 24 Lindsey Stirling, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

July 30 Foghat, Dosey Doe, The Woodlands

July 31 Faster Pussycat, Enuff Z Nuff, Warehouse Live, Houston

Aug. 5 Justin Bieber, Toyota Center, Houston

Aug. 12 Tame Impala, Perfume Genius, Toyota Center, Houston

Aug. 13 Matchbox Twenty, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

Aug. 14 Ian Moore, The Heights Theater, Houston

Aug. 14 The Black Crowes, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

Aug. 15 Brad Paisley, Jimmie Allen, Kameron Marlowe, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

Aug. 18 Disturbed, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

Aug. 20 Carvin Jones Band, Jefferson Theatre, Beaumont

Aug. 21 Rod Stewart, Cheap Trick, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

Aug. 22 Megadeth, Lamb of God, Trivium, In Flames, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

Aug. 31 Goo Goo Dolls, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land, Texas

Sept. 4 "BUZZFEST" feat. The Offspring, Chevelle, P.O.D., Candlebox, Mammoth WVH, Ayrton Jones, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

Sept. 8 Between the Buried and Me, Rise Rooftop, Houston

Sept. 11 Jason Aldean, Hardy, Lainey Wilson, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

Sept. 13 Harry Styles, Jenny Lewis, Toyota Center, Houston

Sept. 18 Kings of Leon, Cold War Kids, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

Sept. 19 Tanya Tucker, The Heights Theater, Houston

Sept. 19 Korn, Staind, Fire From the Gods, '68, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

Sept. 21 Pretty Boy Floyd, Warehouse Live, Houston

Sept. 26 Daryl Hall and John Oates, Squeeze, KT Tunstall, Cynthia Woods

Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

Sept. 28 Shinedown, The Struts, Zero 9:36, Smart Financial Center, Sugar Land

Oct. 2 Parker McCollum, Lainey Wilson, Flatland Cavalry, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

Oct. 6 Frank Marino and Mahogany Rush, Warehouse Live, Houston

Oct. 15 Kane Brown, Jordan Davis, Restless Road, Chase Rice, Toyota Center, Houston

Oct. 16 Anderson East, White Oak Music Hall, Houston

Oct. 21 L.A. Guns, Warehouse Live, Houston

Oct. 21 Andrea Bocelli, Toyota Center, Houston

Oct. 21 Doobie Brothers, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pa-

Oct. 24 Ministry, Helmet, Front Line Assembly, House of Blues, Houston

Oct. 30 King's X, Warehouse Live, Houston

Nov. 6 Chris Stapleton, Jamey Johnson, Yola, Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

Nov. 7 Loudness, Warehouse Live, Houston

Nov. 28 Postmodern Jukebox, House of Blues, Houston

Jan. 21, 2022 Elton John, Toyota Center, Houston

Jan. 22, 2022 Elton John, Toyota Center, Houston

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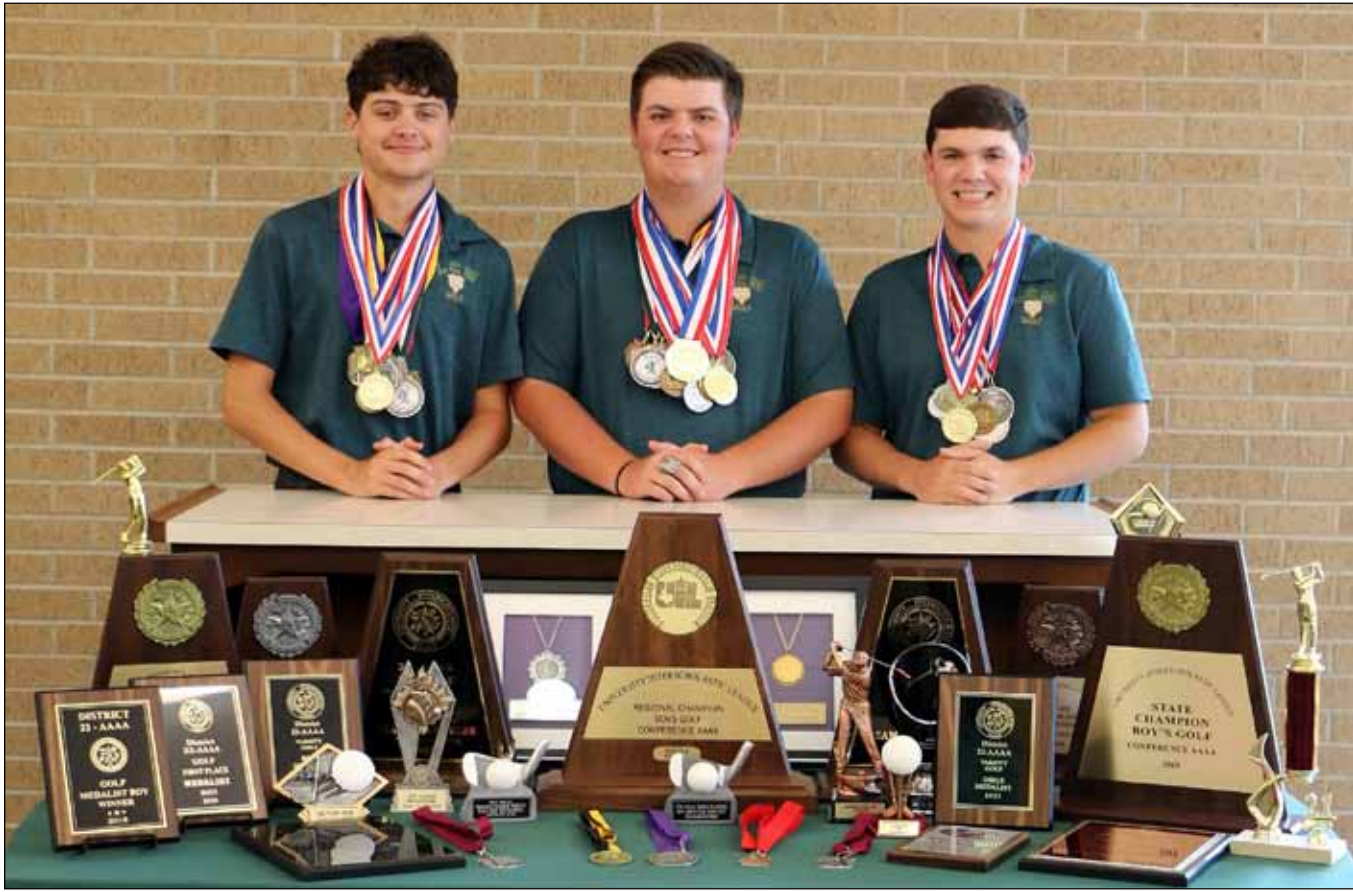
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The Little Cypress-Mauriceville Tennis and Golf programs celebrated their seniors last Thursday with a reception. The Boys Golf Team will lose graduates, from left below, Wyatt Wozniak, Jack Burke, and Travis Love. None of the Girls Team is graduating this year. Johnnie Harrell is the golf coach. The Tennis Team also recognized its seniors, from left below, Dakota Posey, Lizzy DeLaFuente, and Logan Gaddis. Mason Grizzaffi was unable to attend. Brett Nicholson is the tennis coach. The Boys Team plays for State on Monday and Tuesday in Kyle, Texas at the Plum Creek Golf Course. This is the first appearance of any LCM Golf Team in the State Contest.



LCM's DiLeo tied at 10th in state

LCM junior Montana DiLeo wrapped up her 2021 season tied for Tenth at the 4A Girl's State Golf Championship, held at Plum Creek Golf Course in Kyle. DiLeo fired an opening round of 79 on Monday and followed that up with a 38 on Tuesday for an overall score of 117. Tuesday's round was shortened to 9-holes because of lightning and storms in the Kyle area. DiLeo won the 22-4A District title and the 4A-Region III title earlier this spring.

Colburn From Page 1B

ly evaporate due to one bad decision or fickle fish. Quebedeaux and Sheppard are currently in the lead with 46.98-pounds followed by Viator and Reeves with 42-pounds and Purdy and Gross with 40 pounds.

The next event is set for June 26th. For more information call Andre Jenkins at 409-330-7745.

A pair of Lamar State College Gators took their bass fishing skills to Smith Lake in Alabama and got the job done. A quick change in tactics enabled the team to jump from the 30th spot to

10th earning them a shot at the Championship later this year.

The Lamar duo will join several Gator team mates in an effort to defend their home water in July. The tournament will be hosted on the Sabine River and is yet another qualifying event.

"We finally got a short break in the rain and Susan and I made a quick run to see if the bass would cooperate," stated Eddie Hudson. "I think I have created a monster and I couldn't be more pleased!"

The statement was in ref-

erence to his newest and quite possibly "now permanent" fishing partner. "When I crank the engine, she is already climbing in the boat." What Hudson recently discovered is that his wife, Susan, is as smitten with bass fishing as he is.

When cultivating a love of fishing it helps if you consistently get a swing at a fish or two and that is exactly what Eddie has provided. After spending the majority of his fishing time lately paying far more attention to his electronics, he has now been able to catch at least a few bass on

the toughest of days.

Very few people start their bass fishing learning to fish a drop shot or Carolina rig, but that is exactly what Susan has done. "She gets as excited over a thump at the end of her line as I do and it is fun just watching her go on point," added Hudson. "She doesn't miss many swings."

The fact that they keep their boat hanging in the sling means they are always less than a five minute run from his deep water honey holes. Even more important is the fact that they are also only five minutes from safety should another storm approach.

Aside from the fact that

Susan obviously had a passion for fishing and just didn't know it, a major factor in enhancing her "catching skills" has been choice of tackle. Eddie initially called me a couple of years ago looking for a spinning rod that would make his venture into drop-shooting more manageable.

Laguna Rods built him a pair of 6'10" medium heavy rods and they proved to be the ticket when paired with an open-face spinning reel and braided line. In Susan's case, she was able to spend more time fishing and determining what a bite felt like than picking out back lashes.

The Hudsons also Caroli-

na rig with the same rod which is a little unusual, but the medium heavy action and added length is up to the task. No single rod covers all of the bases, but I have never started a youngster or inexperienced client with anything other than a spinning rod.

A lot of those eight year old clients are now fifty-eight and still relying on spinning gear. Susan caught two personal bests between storms last week while most of us were stuck inside.

Nothing like discovering that your favorite fishing partner is also your favorite girl!

Kaz's Korner From Page 1B

to be celebrated in the stadium and at the institution."

Sam Houston played for an NAIA national championship in 1964, and wound up splitting the title with Concordia College of Moorhead, Minn. after a tie game.

The Bearcats, under then coach Willie Fritz in 2011 and 2012, lost consecutive championship games to perennial power North Dakota State also in Frisco.

KWICKIES...

It's good to hear that the major league's leading active home run hitter Albert Pujols didn't stay unemployed very long after getting released by the LA Angels last week. He moves over to the other side of town and will play with the mighty LA Dodgers.

And while on the subject of career reincarnations, Tim Tebow, who has played in both the NFL and major league baseball, will join his old college coach Urban Meyer at Jacksonville and will try to become a tight end with the Jaguars. The two reunite after a decade when the twosome was the hottest combination in college football.

After waiting out a rain delay of more than two hours, K.H. Lee played in an off-and-on downpour Sunday to fire a 6-under par 66 and win the AT&T Byron Nelson by three strokes to become the second consecutive South Korean golfer to win this tournament, finishing three strokes ahead of third-round leader Sam Burns. With the victory--Lee's first on the PGA Tour--he earned the final spot in this week's PGA Championship on the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island in South Carolina that begins tomorrow.

It's not a great surprise that Golden State sharp-

shooter Stephen Curry became the oldest NBA scoring champion since Michael Jordan at age 35 as the Warriors open the NBA playoffs tonight at the Los Angeles Lakers. At 33, Curry and Jordan are the only scoring champions age 33 or older.

The red-hot Houston Astros traveled to Oakland and opened their series last night for first-place dominance in the AL West Division which the A's lead by ½ game. The Astros, who have won six games in a row, hope to continue their dominance over

the A's in Oakland when they opened the season by sweeping the four-game series.

JUST BETWEEN US...

The Tennessee Volunteers lost only their second series of the season to No. 1-ranked Arkansas last weekend, losing Friday 6-5, winning Saturday 8-6 on a walk-off,

three-run homer by shortstop Max Ferguson and then lost 3-2 Sunday when the Razorbacks scored all three runs in the final three innings. Orange's Chad Dallas started Friday's game and was taken out in the fifth inning with the score tied at 5-5. Closer Sean Hunley surrendered a late-inning home run and was the losing pitcher for the Vols. Tennessee (39-13, 18-9 SEC), which still leads the SEC East by ½ game over Vanderbilt, closes out the regular season with a three-game series at South Carolina with Dallas expected to pitch the opener tomorrow. Arkansas and Vanderbilt are the only teams to win a series from the Vols this season.

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Garage Sale this Sat., 5/29 from 8 am to 3 pm at 5007 Lemonville, Orange, 1130 at Gilbert between Little Cypress & Mauriceville, follow signs. Masks required. Furniture, shop, farm items.

Garage Sale this Sat., 5/22 from 9 am to 3 pm at 9185 Parkwood Drive in Orange. Clothes, shoes, home decor, rugs, adjustable bed frame, tools, generator, rods & reels, Xbox & games and Lawn equipment.

The VFW Aux. Post 2775 is having it's Almost Summer Garage Sale this Sat., May 22 from 8 am to 2 pm at the VFW hall on 5303 N. 16th St. in Orange along with a link sale. The Life Share Blood Bus will be there from 9 am to 2 pm in the parking lot.

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The Dementia Care Givers' Support Group meets at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Canticle Building, 4300 Meeks Drive in Orange on the following days and times: Second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m., and Second Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm

Bridge City Little League will have there 2021-2022 Board of Director Elections on May 27th from 6pm to 8pm. If interested please sign up in the BCLL Board Room or see a board member.

Depot Day, the annual family fun day is rescheduled for Saturday, June 5, 10 am to 2 pm. Information can be obtained by calling Co-chairman Rose Simar at 409-330-1576, or by visiting the website www.orangetxdepot.org.

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Dated the 17th day of May, 2021.
Tommy Gunn
 Tommy Gunn Attorney for: **Arlen Sturges Haag** State Bar No.: 08623700 202 S. Border Street Orange, TX 77630 Phone: (409)882-9990 Fax: (409)882-0613 Email:tommy.gunn@gunnlaw.org

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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: **David Brian Austin P.O. Box 898 Vidor, TX 77670**
 Dated April 27, 2021
David Brian Austin
 P.O. Box 898 Vidor, TX 77670

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 8. Kiln for drying hops
 12. Marine eagle
 13. Muffin Man's Drury
 14. Zest
 15. Landlord's collection
 16. Chieftain in Arabia
 17. Frequently precedes "nonsense"
 18. "Tabletop fun (2 words)"
 20. Passage in a coal mine
 21. Clear the white-board
 22. Sean's mom Yoko
 23. Alpine structure
 26. Slabbered
 30. Clothing border
 31. Incense burning container
 34. Gauche or Droite, in Paris
 35. In a frenzy
 37. Unagi
 38. Fancy necktie
 39. Eye protection, sing.
 40. Not dangerous to health

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Dated the 12th day of May, 2021.
James R. Dunaway
 James R. Dunaway Attorney for: **Margie Morris** State Bar No.: 06208000 P.O. Box 100 Orange, TX 77631-0100 jrdunaway@sbcglobal.net

42. Dwight the President
 43. Worked the dough
 45. "Screen-free message"
 47. Hairpiece, slangily
 48. Libra symbol
 50. Buenos _____
 52. "Dirty hobby?"
 56. African prairie
 57. Like family lore
 58. Don't let it hit you on your way out
 59. "Ten-pin establishment"
 60. Challenge
 61. Purse to match a gown
 62. Lake of Scottish lore
 63. "Between 'game' and 'match'"
 64. Deliver a tirade
- DOWN**
1. Belgrade native
 2. Dessert sandwich
 3. Pavlova, e.g.
 4. Tube-nosed seabird
 5. Tibetan priests
 6. Japanese cartoon
 7. Used to be
 8. "Explore the great _____"
 9. _____ spumante
 10. Editor's mark
 11. Craggy peak
 13. Official emissary
 14. Bird-deposited fertilizer
 19. Same as schlock
 22. Famous Bobby, on ice
 23. "Sidewalk art medium"
 24. Macho man
 25. "Tell jokes, e.g."
 26. Sub station
 27. Permissible
 28. Extract a memory, e.g.
 29. Try to prevent
 32. It's not a want
 33. _____ Bernie Sanders, abbr.
 36. "Guessing game"
 38. Administer an oil
 40. "Don't make me _____"
 41. With pleasure
 44. Full of bunnies?
 46. Full of gentleness
 48. Rane's wrap
 49. "Macrame or wood carving, e.g."
 50. Expunge
 51. Bodily disorders
 52. Hermes and Apollo
 53. 'I' in Greek alphabet
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